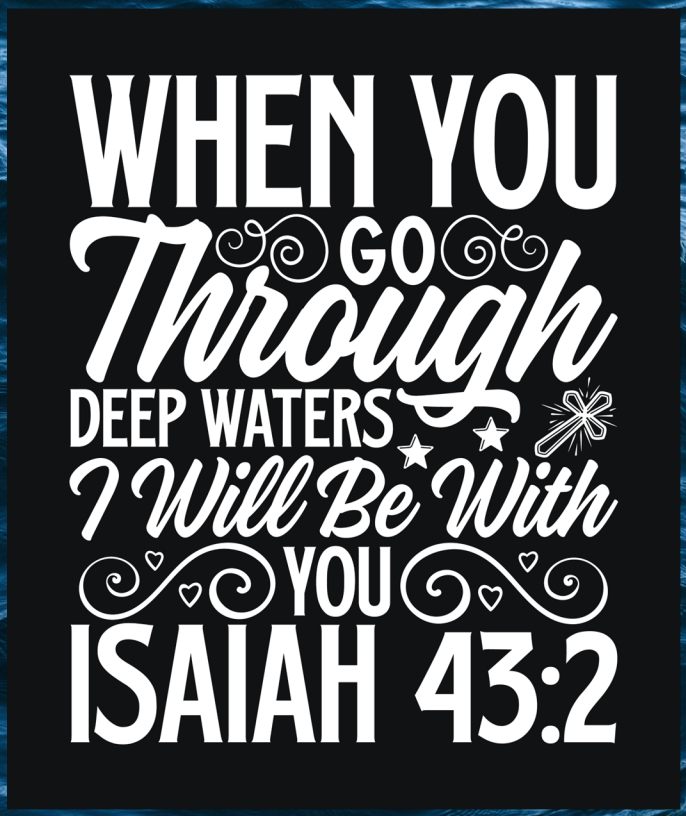
Weekly UPDATE
First Adventist Church of Tulsa



October 24, 2026

Our mission is helping people experience the love of Jesus

Opportunities

Come Grow with Us!

If you are looking for a change, or for a new church, we invite you to join our growing family. Here at First Tulsa we believe that everyone has something special and unique to add to our diverse congregation. We would love to welcome you into our church family! If this is your desire, please turn in a Connection Card (located on the tables at the back of the church sanctuary). Place it in the offering box on the wall by the doors at the back of the church sanctuary.

United Prayer Opportunities

Monday – Friday

● **6:00-6:15 am** ● Prayer Conference Call
Dial 605-468-8026, Access Code: 1013047#

Tuesday

● **7:00-8:00 pm** ● Oklahoma Prayer Line
● Dial 1-470-480-9256

Wednesday

● **6:00 pm** ● Midweek Prayer Meeting
● In the Board Room

Prayer Meeting



Prayer Meeting is held on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in the Board Room. Join us each week and be blessed as we meet together to enjoy Bible study, prayer, and fellowship!

Adventist Fellowship Fall Festival

Everyone's invited to the Fall Festival on Sunday, **October 25, 3-6 pm** at Adventist Fellowship. The event will include inflatables, hay rides, food, games, crafts, and more. Admission is free.

Special Guest Speaker October 31

Guest speaker **Christopher Findley** will focus our thoughts on Christian mission during the Worship Hour on **October 31**. You won't want to miss this inspiring mission themed church service!

Outdoor Church Video

Last Sabbath's Outdoor Church at Rowland and Lori Knight's place was a blessing with beautiful weather and 77 in attendance. A video of Outdoor Church with videography by Austin Paddock will be posted soon on the usual platforms.

Three Ways to Give

Online

tulsasda.com
Click on "Online Giving"

Church

Place your offering in a tithe envelope and put it in the offering box at the back of the Sanctuary

Mail

First SDA Church of Tulsa
920 S. New Haven Ave.
Tulsa, OK 74112

Worship Service

October 24, 2026

11:00 a.m.



Music for Worship Meditation
Bruce Carrico

Welcome and Announcements
Pastor Samson Sembeba

Worship Through Giving
Onward Oklahoma 2% | David Miller

Children's Offering and Story
Lisa Peugh

Invocation
David Miller

Scripture Call to Worship
The Lord is My Rock | 2 Samuel 22



Songs for Worship
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less, Hymn 522
Unto Thee O Lord (Ps. 25)
We Have This Hope, Hymn 214
Olivia Chuckluck, Gary Dies, Hillary McGehee-Weems

Prayer
David Miller

Scripture Recitation
Pathfinder Bible Experience | Mark 14:1-36
Levi Pontiflet

Song of Consecration
Come Thou Fount, Hymn 334



Sermon
Sermon Series | *Leaders Love*
Pastor Samson Sembeba

Song of Response
Great Is Thy Faithfulness, Hymn 100

Benediction
Pastor Samson Sembeba

Postlude
Bruce Carrico

Announcements

Welcome!

A heartfelt welcome to everyone who is with us for Bible study, worship, and Christian fellowship here at Tulsa First Adventist Church this morning. We pray you will be blessed and enjoy your time together with our church family.

Serve Our Community November 7

Pastor Samson says that everyone who attends our church on Sabbath, **November 7** will have the opportunity to join one of the projects serving the community near our church that will be happening later that morning. After Sabbath School and a shortened worship service, all who want to will go out to do the service projects.



Sign up sheets are available for several different community service projects initiated by Pastor Samson that will be done on November 7. **Please sign up TODAY to participate in the service project of your choice!**

Compassion Ministries | Donate Socks

Next Sabbath, **October 31**, is the last day to bring your Socktober sock donation. The collection box is in the lobby outside the rear Sanctuary doors. These socks will benefit our homeless neighbors in Tulsa. — *Jenni Hembry*



Church Potluck Schedule

DATE	THEME & HOSTS
November 28	Thanksgiving **HOSTS: Anthony Team**
December 19	Holiday Dishes (Your Family Traditions) **HOSTS: Duffy Team**
January 23	Soups, Salads, Breads **HOSTS: Davison Team**
February 27	Southern Style (Cornbread, Potatoes, Gravy, etc.) **HOSTS: Anthony Team**
March 27	Soups, Salads, Breads **HOSTS: Vargas Team**
April 24	Haystacks / Nachos / Tacos **HOSTS: OPEN**
May 22	Memorial Day Dishes **HOSTS: OPEN**
June 26	Pasta, Pizza, Salads **HOSTS: Anthony Team**

Tulsa First SDA Community Services

Clothing, food, and houseware items we've given out for January - April, 2026: Total is 1,198 Items

Community Services Hours: Tuesdays, 8-11 a.m.

Items we could use:

- Socks (men's and women's)
- Baby Diapers (all sizes)
- Sheets (king and queen)
- Plastic Hangers

We appreciate all donations from our church family.

"*And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me*." — Matthew 25:40

Lopez Baby Shower



Prayer Requests

Joe Barranco
Minnie Bork
Church Building Committee
Discover Bible School
Missing Members
America
Baby Malone
Lynn Silkey
Native New Day
Church Finances
Tulsa Adventist Academy

Special Prayer

For special prayer contact Prayer Ministries Coordinator James Davison at 603-801-7172.

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

26 Mandy Ellis
26 Joshua & Josheline Ray
29 Justin Vargas
31 Anja-Lisa Childress



Incoming Membership Transfers

FIRST READING

- **Sagrario Gonzales Escobedo** from the Independence Spanish SDA Church in Tulsa, OK
- **Adamari Martinez Gonzales** from the Independence Spanish SDA Church in Tulsa, OK
- **Sabrina L. Hunzelman** from the Simi Valley SDA Church in Simi Valley, CA
- **Hugo Matias Martinez** from the Independence Spanish SDA Church in Tulsa, OK
- **Bernardo Reyes** from the Independence Spanish SDA Church in Tulsa, OK
- **José Reyes** from the Independence Spanish SDA Church in Tulsa, OK

Local Church Budget Summary

July - September, 2026

Amount planned for budget	$31,050
Amount received for budget	$27,054

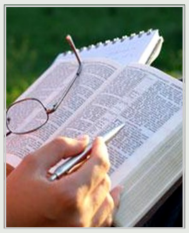
"Through faithful stewardship we acknowledge that everything we possess ultimately belongs to God. Offerings beyond the tithe allow believers to express gratitude, care for others, and support particular ministries or mission projects."
Quote from nadadventist.org

Thank you for making a difference!

Calendar

Today, October 24

Breakfast in Board Room	9:15 am	Offering	Onward Oklahoma 2%
Family Bible Study	9:45 am	Elder	David Miller
Worship Service	11:00 am	Deacon	Mitch McGehee
Sunset	6:37 pm	Deaconess	Nayeli Ramirez



Two Weeks at a Glance | October 25 – November 7, 2026

25	**26**	**27** •**Community Services 8:00a-11:00a**	**28** •**Prayer Meeting 6:00p**	**29**	**30** Sunset 6:31p	**31** •**Focus On Mission 11:00a** •**Sock Drive ends** Sunset 6:30p
November 1 •**Daylight Saving Time ends 2:00a**	**2**	**3** •**Community Services 8:00a-11:00a**	**4** •**Prayer Meeting 6:00p**	**5**	**6** Sunset 5:24p	**7** •**Service Projects for Our Community 11:00a** Sunset 5:23p

Next Sabbath, October 31

Breakfast in Board Room	9:15 am
Family Bible Study	9:45 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Sunset	6:30 pm

Offering	*Southwestern Adventist University*
Elder	*James Davison*
Deacon	*Austin Paddock*
Deaconess	*Paula Davison*

Events

September 26 - October 31
Compassion Ministries Sock Drive

November 1
Daylight Saving Time ends

November 7
Service Projects for Our Community

November 10
Church Board Meeting

November 28
Church Potluck Fellowship Lunch

Church Music Notes

Praise Song



Our last Hymn of Praise today is No. 214*,* ***We Have This Hope,*** which tells of our hope in Christ's soon coming. It was written by Wayne Hooper, wjo for many years worked with the Voice of Prophecy, as a member of the King's Heralds Quartet. He was also a member of the music committee for the 1962 General Conference session and was asked to write a theme song for the meeting.(also later used as theme song for General Conference sessions in 1966,1975, and 1995). The words of this hymn point towards a common phrase of the early Adventist pioneers, "the blessed hope," which is identified in the last phrase of the song as *"Hope in the coming of the Lord."* As Paul said in Titus 2:13, 14: *"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."*

Wayne Hooper himself describes the experience of composing this song: *"For several years I had been making a special study of the symphonies of Brahms in my graduate study. One day while driving, I started thinking about the motto that had been chosen,* 'We Have This Hope.' *All of a sudden, the four notes from the final theme of Brahms' Fourth Symphony No. 1 in C Minor came to mind as fitting those four words exactly. I had been praying that if it were the Lord's will that I write something useful, that the Holy Spirit would impress my mind with the right combination of words and music that would be a blessing to the people at that GC session. In just a matter of half an hour I had all the words and most of the music. . . . This is the one time in my life that I feel very certain that I was 'given' the musical ideas from the Lord."* So Wayne Hooper concluded, *"While riding in the car that day,* 'We Have This Hope' *came to me almost all at once as a gift from God."*

In the *Companion to the Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal,* Wayne Hooper says that some time later, he read a book that set down actual conversations with the great Johannes Brahms, in which Brahms told about the steps he took before attempting to compose music. Brahms had one time said, *"All truly inspired ideas come from God."*

Then Brahms told in some detail how he would actually study the Bible, especially the fourteenth chapter of John, where it says, *"Not I, the Father that dwelleth within me, He doeth the works,"* and John 17, where it says, *"I and my Father are one."* Brahms went on to say, *"I always contemplate this before commencing to compose. This is the first step. When I feel the urge I begin by appealing directly to my Maker, and I first ask Him the three most important questions pertaining to our life here in this world. Where did we come from? Why are we here? Whither are we going?'*

Brahms said, *"Above all I realize at such moments the tremendous significance of Jesus' supreme revelation "I and my Father are one." I have formulated my desire and resolve in regard to what I want — namely, to be inspired so that I can compose something that will uplift and benefit humanity. Straightway the ideas flow in upon me directly from God, and not only do I see distinct themes in my mind's eye, but they are clothed in the right forms, harmonies, and orchestration. Measure by measure the finished product is revealed to me when I am in those rare inspired moods.' "*(Arthur M. Abell, *Talks With the Great Composers* [NY: Philosophical Library, 1955]).

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Website: tulsaacademy.org

Tulsa Adventist Academy Food Store
Offering canned & frozen vegetarian foods
To purchase foods, come to the TAA office during school office hours or contact Rowland Knight (918-381-9708) and make an appointment.

Sabbath Mornings at Our Church

- **Spanish Sabbath School Class is in the Chapel.**
- **Classes for children, youth, and young adults in the south hall classrooms.**

Family Bible Study
October 24 • 9:45 a.m.

9:15 | Breakfast in Board Room

9:45 | Children in Classrooms
Adults in Sanctuary
- **Songs |** *Marching to Zion,* No. 422
  Cover With His Life, No. 412
  Donald Williams
- **Memory Verse of the Month |** Hebrews 1:1-2
- **Prayer and Scripture |** Isaiah 25:8-9
- **Mission Video |** *The School in the Castle,* Croatia

10:00 | Classes for Adults

Board Room	***Regular Sabbath School Lesson*** *Don Williams*
Sanctuary *(Front)*	**Beliefs of the Adventist Church** Pastor Samson Sembeba
Sanctuary (Back)	**Book Study |** *"Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World",* Peggy Dohlman
Sab Sch Podcast Livestream	Bruce Carrico & Tom Huff

Church Bulletin Information

The deadline for receiving announcements to be printed in the bulletin is **11 am on Wednesday**. Please text your announcements to the bulletin secretary at 918-640-6540 or email announcements to the following email address: **bruce.carrico@gmail.com.**

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