



Weekly UPDATE
First Adventist Church
of Tulsa

GO INTO
ALL THE WORLD
AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO
ALL CREATION

Mark 16:15

October 31, 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!

Tulsa Adventist Academy News

Meals for Oklahomans in Need

Sunday, **November 1**, at **9:00 a.m.** volunteers will gather in the TAA gym to pack 50,000 meals for people all over Oklahoma who are in need. Feel free to come and help pack the meals!

Hay Ride Social at McGehees'

The Hay Ride Social will be **November 7, 6:30 p.m.** at the McGehee home (3011 N. Irvington Ave., Tulsa OK 74115-2950). Come enjoy this traditional fall event with fun, food and fellowship!

Eagle's Nest Fundraiser

TAA families have raised more than \$40,000 which will be used to pay for 100,000 meals for Oklahomans in need, school improvements, student financial assistance, mission trips, and more. A big THANK YOU to everyone who has donated! Additional contributions would be very helpful and you can continue to donate to this fundraiser at the TAA website tulsaacademy.org through November 7. Thanks again for your support!

Three Ways to Give to Our Church



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 31, 2026

11:00 a.m.



Music for Worship Meditation

Bruce Carrico

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Samson Sembeba

Worship Through Giving

Southwestern Adventist University | James Davison

Children's Offering and Story

Bruce Carrico

Invocation

James Davison

Scripture Call to Worship

Arise, Shine for Thy Light has Come | Isaiah 60

Songs for Worship

The Lord is My Light, Hymn 515

In a Little While We're Going Home, Hymn 214

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Olivia Chuckluck, James Davison, Lori Knight

Prayer

James Davison

Scripture Recitation

Pathfinder Bible Experience | Mark 5

Betsy Goodwin

Song of Consecration

Faith is the Victory, Hymn 248

Sermon

Forward in Faith

Christopher Findley

Song of Response

O How I Love Jesus, Hymn 608

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 next Sabbath, **November 7** will have the opportunity to join one of the projects serving the community near our church happening later that morning. After Sabbath School and a shortened worship service, all who want to will go out and help with 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!**

Socktober Sock Drive Ends Today

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



Tulsa First SDA Community Services

- We have given **890 pieces** to people in need from **July through October**.
- We have a need for men's boxer shorts and women's underwear sizes 8 and 9 and 10. We could also use socks for boys and girls — small through medium.



- Thanks for remembering the less fortunate and we receive a blessing from your donations! *"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

— Carma Fox

First Tulsa Seniors Meeting



Lopez Baby Shower



Prayer Requests

Minnie Bork

Edna Simms' family

Lynn Silkey

Church Building Committee

Native New Day

Discover Bible School

Church Finances

Missing Members

Tulsa Adventist Academy

America

Special Prayer

For special prayer contact Prayer Ministries

Coordinator James Davison at 603-801-7172.

Oct./Nov. Birthdays & Anniversaries

31 Anja-Lisa Childress

01 Oliver Nikles

01 Jim & Erin McBride

02 Isaiah Gonzalez

03 Veronica Carmona

07 Jane Brazell



Incoming Membership Transfers

SECOND 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

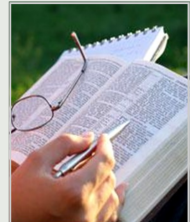
“Through faithful stewardship we acknowledge that everything we possess ultimately belongs to God. Offerings beyond the tithe allow believers to express gratitude, care for others, and support particular ministries or mission projects.”
Quote from nadadventist.org

Thank you for making a difference!

Calendar

Today, October 31

Breakfast in Board Room	9:15 am	Offering	SW Adventist University
Family Bible Study	9:45 am	Elder	James Davison
Worship Service	11:00 am	Deacon	Austin Paddock
Sunset	6:30 pm	Deaconess	Paula Davison



Two Weeks at a Glance | November 1 – 14, 2026

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
8	9	10 • Community Services 8:00a-11:00a • Church Board Meeting	11 • Prayer Meeting 6:00p	12	13 Sunset 5:18p	14 Sunset 5:17p

Next Sabbath, November 7

Breakfast in Board Room	9:15 am
Family Bible Study	9:45 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Sunset	5:23 pm

<i>Offering</i>	<i>Local Church Budget</i>
<i>Elder</i>	<i>Tom Huff</i>
<i>Deacon</i>	<i>Brian Burgin</i>
<i>Deaconess</i>	<i>Leatha Hamilton</i>

Events

- November 1**
Daylight Saving Time ends, 2:00 am
- November 7**
Service Projects for Our Community
- November 10**
Church Board Meeting
- November 22**
Lopez Baby Shower, 10:00 a.m.
- November 28**
Church Potluck Fellowship Lunch

Church Music Notes

Music for Meditation

The Prelude today is a keyboard arrangement of the “jelly & housework” hymn, also known as **Face to Face**, by Roger House, (words with No. 206). Grant Tullar, who wrote the music for this hymn, was converted at the age of 19 at a Methodist camp meeting in the year 1888. For many years he served as a Methodist minister, song leader, and evangelist.



One night in 1898, he and another minister were eating their meal. A small amount of jelly was left over and his friend, knowing of Tullar's fondness for it, promised it all to him. Without thinking, Tullar said, “*So this is all for me.*” Immediately the last 3 words registered in his mind as a theme for a gospel song. Forsaking the mundane idea of jelly, he went to the piano and begin to compose a new song, with the words: “*All for me the Saviour suffered, all for me He bled and died.*” He sang the “jelly song” as he called it that same night at the evangelistic meetings, but the next day decided to revise the words, since they had been written in a hurry.

That same morning he received in the mail some poems from Mrs. Frank Breck. One of these poems was in the exact meter as his jelly song. So he set her words to his music, and they have been together ever since. Mrs. Breck was the mother of 5 children and wrote 1500 hymn texts in all, in spite of having no sense of pitch. Most of her

poems were written while she was engaged in housework! Therefore this is the “jelly & housework” hymn.

Song of Praise

One of our songs of praise today is **Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)**. John Newton wrote the words to this hymn as a personal testimony of God's goodness in transforming him from a slave captain, later captured and held as a slave himself, and finally becoming converted and a Christian minister. On his death bed John Newton said: “*My memory is nearly gone, but I remember two things – that I am a great sinner, but that Jesus is a great Savior.*” The arrangement we sing today adds the refrain by Chris Tomlin, written for a recent feature movie, also named “*Amazing Grace.*” The additional words go: “*My chains are gone, I've been set free, my God, my Savior has ransomed me. And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending Love, amazing grace.*”

Postlude Music

The Organ Postlude today is titled, **In Celebration: The Solid Rock**, arranged by Gayden Sikes. Edward Mote, a cabinetmaker in London, was converted as a Christian at the early age of 16. One day in 1834, while walking to work, the idea came that he should write a hymn on the gracious experience of following Christ. The words of the refrain formed in his mind, based on Jesus' parable from the sermon on the mount about the wise man who “*built his house upon a rock.*” Later the same day Mote completed four stanzas. He wrote over 99 other hymns and late in life became a Baptist minister, remaining at a single church in Sussex for 21 years until just before his death in 1874. The sturdy tune was written in 1863 by William Bradbury, using very simple materials of three major chords. You are welcome to meditate on Hymn No. 522 as the music is played.

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Tulsa Adventist Academy

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School Office: (918) 834-1107
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 are in the south hall classrooms.

Family Bible Study

October 31 • 9:45 a.m.

9:15 | Breakfast in Board Room

9:45 | Children in Classrooms

Adults in Sanctuary

- **Songs** | *The Lord in Zion Reigneth*, No. 7
O, How I Love Jesus, No. 248
Pamela Fraser
- **Memory Scripture of the Month** | Hebrews 1:1-2
- **Prayer** | Pamela Fraser
- **Mission Video** | *Mission Refocus: The View from the Three Windows*

10:00 | Classes for Adults

Board Room **Regular Sabbath School Lesson**
Paula and James Davison

Sanctuary (Front) **Beliefs of the Adventist Church**
Pastor Samson Sembeba

Sanctuary (Back) **Book Study** | *"Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World,"*
Elizabeth Diaz

Sab Sch Podcast Livestream Bruce Carrico and 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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