
Weekly UPDATE
First Adventist Church
of Tulsa
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November 7, 2026
SERVICE SABBATH

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!

New Oklahoma Youth Leaders

Two new leaders have joined the Oklahoma Conference team, Hitzel Javier and Jason Diehl.

- **Hitzel Javier** is the new Conference Children's Ministries Coordinator. Hitzel brings a heart for nurturing children in their walk with Jesus and helping churches create vibrant, faith-building experiences for young disciples. Her passion for children's ministry will help strengthen and expand opportunities for our youngest members to grow, serve, and thrive.



- **Jason Diehl** is the Executive Pathfinder Coordinator and is a passionate Pathfinder leader committed to mentoring young people, developing strong clubs, and inspiring the next generation of Christ-centered leaders. His experience and enthusiasm will help move the Pathfinder ministry forward across Oklahoma.



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

November 7, 2026

11:00 a.m.







Music for Worship Meditation
Bruce Carrico

Welcome and Announcements
Pastor Samson Sembeba

Worship Through Giving
Local Church Budget | Tom Huff

Invocation
Tom Huff

Scripture Call to Worship
Who Will Go? | Isaiah 6:6-8

Songs for Worship
Change My Heart O God
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms, Hymn 469
Pam Fraser, Tom Huff, Austin and Jessica Paddock

Prayer
Tom Huff

Worship Thought
Do Good
Pastor Samson Sembeba

Benediction
Pastor Samson Sembeba

Worship Through Service
Congregation is invited to continue our worship this morning through service to our community

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 Today

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



Pastor Samson will explain exactly how this Service Sabbath will work when the time comes. Along with residents in our community, you will be blessed by participating in this special outreach to the people in our neighborhood!

Hay Ride Social at McGehees'



A Hay Ride Social will be happening this evening, **November 7, 6:30 pm** at the McGehee home (3011 N. Irvington Ave., Tulsa OK 74115). Come and enjoy this traditional autumn event with fun, food and fellowship!

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



Christmas Symphony Concert

Saturday evening, **December 12, 7:00 pm** more than 80 musicians and a full choir from Oklahoma and 6 other states will join in bringing the most beautiful Christmas songs to life in the annual Christmas Symphony Concert at the Mary Glass Performing Arts Center in Owasso.



The event will be an unforgettable evening of music and holiday joy, with the musicians directed by Seventh-day Adventist conductor Daniel Orellana. Tickets are $5 - $8, and are available now at **owassoevents.org** or call 918-371-5815. Over 860 tickets have been sold, so get yours soon.

Prayer Requests



Tony Hutton
Mercer family
Church Building Committee
Discover Bible School
Missing Members
America
Native New Day
Church Finances
Tulsa Adventist Academy

Special Prayer

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

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

07 Jane Brazell
08 Kent & Amy Cox; Donald & Glenda Pifer
08 Jim Upchurch & Dana Qualls-Upchurch
09 Paul Brazell
10 Jamy Magee; Lana McGehee
10 Freddy Reyes
11 Tom Huff
12 Jessica & Brian Burgin; Lyn Pizarro
13 Naomi McGehee

Local Church Budget Summary

July - October, 2026

Amount planned for budget	$41,400
Amount received for budget	$35,352

Where Does My Offering Go?

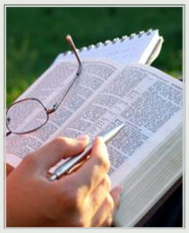
Like every family, our local church family has financial obligations. About $10,350 is needed each month to pay all the bills, of which operating expenses (utilities; security, janitorial, copier and office expenses; property insurance, etc.) claims over 50%. Another 15% takes care of maintenance needs and repairs, with 10% for ministry and hospitality expenses. More than 23% of our church budget is sent to TAA each month as our church's commitment to Christian education. Your help is needed more than ever. We invite you to share in both the blessings and responsibilities of meeting the needs of our church family.

Thank you for making a difference!

Calendar

Today, November 7

Breakfast in Board Room	9:15 am	Offering	Local Church Budget
Family Bible Study	9:45 am	Elder	Tom Huff
Worship Service	11:00 am	Deacon	Brian Burgin
Sunset	5:23 pm	Deaconess	Leatha Hamilton
Hay Ride Social at McGehees'	6:30 pm		



Two Weeks at a Glance | November 8 – 21, 2026

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
15 ●**First Tulsa Seniors Meeting 12:00p**	**16**	**17** ●**Community Services 8:00a-11:00a**	**18** ●**Prayer Meeting 6:00p**	**19**	**20** Sunset 5:13p	**21** Sunset 5:13p

Next Sabbath, November 14

Breakfast in Board Room	9:15 am
Family Bible Study	9:45 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Sunset	5:17 pm

Offering	*Annual Sacrifice for Global Mission*
Elder	*Lauren Fraser*
Deacon	*Justin Vargas*
Deaconess	*Glenda Pifer*

Events

November 7
Hay Ride Social at McGehees', 6:30 pm

November 10
Church Board Meeting

November 15
First Tulsa Seniors Meeting, 12:00 pm

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

Eddie Espinosa tells the story of the writing of the song, ***Change My Heart O God***: *"The year was 1982. I had been a Christian since 1969, but I saw a lot of things in my life that needed to be discarded. I had slowly become very complacent. I acknowledged my complacency, and I prayed to the Lord, 'The only way that I can follow you is for you to change my appetite, the things that draw me away. You must change my heart!'"*

Shortly after this, while in his car on the way to work, he was still wrestling within, and he says that *"Suddenly, a melody and some words began to flood through my mind. As I stopped at a stop sign I reached for something to write on. The first thing I found was a small piece of yellow paper, which, by the way, I still have, and began to write as rapidly as I could. Like taking dictation, I wrote the words on the paper, and kept the melody in my mind."* This was just the beginning of his almost 40 songs which have since been published.

Almost a hundred years earlier, another songwriter, Anthony Showalter, was leading a singing school in an Alabama church in 1887. When he returned to his boarding house room one night, two letters awaited him. Both were from former students, and both men told of the recent loss of their wives. Mr. Showalter wrote back, seeking to comfort the young men in the midst of their grief. But what to write? When he came to the end of each letter, he wanted to include a Bible verse. He picked Deut. 33:27, *"The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms ...."* He pondered the words of that verse as he penned them into the letters, and the lyrics of the chorus of ***Leaning on the Everlasting Arms,*** Hymn 469, came to his mind. This is our last Praise song today.



Mr. Showalter wrote to his friend, Elisha Hoffman, explaining that he had a chorus, but no verses. Mr. Hoffman wrote back with the rest of the words of this famous hymn. Sam Duncan, a student and nephew of Mr. Showalter, was given the class assignment to write the tune for this poem. The piece was published under his uncle's name in the book *Glad Evangel for Revival, Camp and Evangelistic Meeting Hymnal*.

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Tulsa Adventist Academy Food Store
Offering canned & frozen vegetarian foods
Come to the TAA office (**Mon-Thurs|** 8:30a-2:30p**; Friday|** 8:30a-11:30a), or contact Rowland Knight (918-381-9708) for 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
November 7 • 9:45 a.m.

9:15 | Breakfast in Board Room

9:45 | Children in Classrooms
Adults in Sanctuary
- **Songs |** *Amazing Grace,* No. 108
  Marching to Zion, No. 422
  Austin, Eliza, James
- **Memory Scripture of the Month |** 1 Cor. 10:11 KJV
- **Prayer |** Abby Duffy
- **Mission Video |** *Restless Hearts,* Peru

10:00 | Classes for Adults

Board Room	**Regular Sabbath School Lesson** David & Judy Miller
Sanctuary (Front)	**Beliefs of the Adventist Church** Jason Vargas
Sanctuary (Back)	**Book Study |** *"Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World,"* Elizabeth Diaz
SW Classroom (Near S. Hall W. Exit)	**Young Adults** Austin Paddock
Online Podcast	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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