Weekly UPDATE
First Adventist Church of Tulsa

The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.

Isaiah 40:8

November 14, 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

TAA Sabbath in the Park

Tulsa Adventist Academy families and teachers held their annual *Sabbath in the Park* at LaFortune Park on October 31. TAA set up booths for students and their families to enjoy along with visitors to the park. The booths included a prayer booth, assembling blessing bags for people in need, Bible Trivia, face painting, cotton candy, and more. Chaplain Gabriel Hernandez shared an inspiring Sabbath message. Once again, *Sabbath in the Park* was a blessing for all who participated.



Fall Week of Prayer

Chaplain Gabriel Hernandez led TAA's recent Week of Prayer with a study of Luke 15. There were lots of student leaders, and students and teachers paused twice daily to pray in pairs.

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 14, 2026

11:00 a.m.



Music for Worship Meditation
Bruce Carrico

Welcome and Announcements
Pastor Samson Sembeba

Worship Through Giving
Annual Sacrifice for Global Mission | David Miller

Children's Offering and Story
Lotoya Anthony

Invocation
David Miller

Scripture Call to Worship
The Things Which God Has Prepared | 1 Corinthians 2



Songs for Worship
Come, Now is the Time to Worship
Days of Elijah
Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory, Hymn 644
Olivia Chuckluck, Gary Dies, Hillary McGehee-Weems

Prayer
David Miller

Scripture Recitation
Pathfinder Bible Experience | Mark 2
Gabriel Anthony

Song of Consecration
Sweet Hour of Prayer, Hymn 478



Sermon
Sermon Series | *Leaders Love*
Pastor Samson Sembeba

Song of Response
Side By Side We Stand

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.

First Tulsa Seniors Meeting



Communion Sabbath

A Communion Service will be celebrated at our church on Sabbath, **December 5**, **11:00 am**. Plan to come and receive a special blessing as you participate in the Lord's Supper.

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!

"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*

Outgoing Membership Transfer

FIRST READING

Victoria Moura to the One Connection Haverhill SDA Company in Haverhill, Massachusetts

Honoring Our Veterans



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 1,000 tickets have been sold, so get yours soon.

Prayer Requests



Lisa Peugh
Bill Stanfield
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

15 Debbie Childress
15 Miguel & Nayeli Ramirez
17 Pastor Samson Sembeba
18 Jessica Paddock
20 Dave & Judi Garlock
21 Connor Cosgrave; Heidi Huff
21 Melany Hurtado; Aaron Pinson

Local Church Budget Summary

July - October, 2026

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

Monthly Budget Need: $10,350

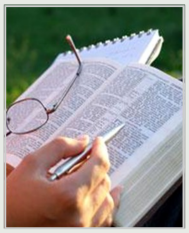
We invite you to share in both the blessings and responsibilities of meeting the needs of our church family. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for making a difference!

Calendar

Today, November 14

Breakfast in Board Room	9:15 am	Offering	Annual Sacrifice for Mission
Family Bible Study	9:45 am	Elder	Lauren Fraser
Worship Service	11:00 am	Deacon	Justin Vargas
Sunset	5:17 pm	Deaconess	Glenda Pifer



Two Weeks at a Glance | November 15 – 28, 2026

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
22 ●**Lopez Baby Shower 10:00a**	**23**	**24** ●**Community Services 8:00a-11:00a**	**25**	**26** ●**Thanksgiving Day**	**27** Sunset 5:10p	**28** ●**Church Potluck Fellowship Lunch** Sunset 5:10p

Next Sabbath, November 21

Breakfast in Board Room	9:15 am
Family Bible Study	9:45 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Sunset	5:13 pm

Offering	*Local Church Budget*
Elder	*David Miller*
Deacon	*Daniel Duffy*
Deaconesses	*Maddie Duffy & Betsy Goodwin*

Events

November 15
First Tulsa Seniors Meeting, 12:00 pm

November 22
Lopez Baby Shower, 10:00 a.m.

November 28
Church Potluck Fellowship Lunch

December 5
Communion Service

December 8
Church Board Meeting

Church Music Notes

Songs of Praise



We will sing the praise song by Brian Doerksen, ***Come, Now is the Time to Worship*** for the opening of our worship today. Mr. Doerksen relates: *"This song began during one of my morning prayer and exercise walks while living in London, England. This song is the way I express a 'call to worship.' I believe God wants us to come and worship just the way we are. But when true worship happens, we don't stay the way we are. When we make that choice, we experience the pleasure of worship, the treasure of being with God."* As the words of the song remind us: *"Come just as you are before your God, Come. One day every tongue will confess You are God, One day every knee will bow, Still the greatest treasure remains for those, Who gladly choose You now."*

Another of our Hymns of Praise today is ***Days of Elijah,*** written by Irish composer Robin Mark in 1994, about the time of the terrible genocide in Rwanda. As he watched the news reports, he found himself As he reflected, he remembered the prophets of the Old Testament times, especially the prophet Elijah. He relates *"I felt in my spirit that He replied to my prayer by saying that indeed He was very much in control and that the days we were living in were special times when He would require Christians to be filled with integrity and to stand up for Him just like Elijah did, particularly with the prophets of Baal. 'These are* "Elijah's days" *'."* We read Elijah's story in the book of 1 Kings and you can just feel how isolated and alone he felt in the culture in which he lived, but God told him to stand up and speak for Him.

He also refers to the experiences of Moses, Ezekiel, and David in his verses. Finally the "days of the Harvest" point towards what is the purpose of the Christian to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations. He continues, "These are the themes of the verses – Declaration, Righteousness, Unity and Worship. I chose to express these thoughts by reference to the characters that represented these virtues in the Old Testament. It is in essence a song of hope for the Church and the world in times of great trial." And then he concludes, "The chorus is the ultimate declaration of hope – Christ's return. It is paraphrased from the books of Revelation and Daniel and the vision that was seen of the coming King and refers to the return of Christ and the year of Jubilee. Theologians and Bible commentators believe that Israel never properly celebrated this particular 50th year jubilee, and that it will only be properly celebrated when Christ returns." Excerpts from www.robinmark.com/the-story-behind-days-of-elijah/



Our final Hymn of Praise today is No. 647, ***Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory.*** This hymn was a favorite of Elder L. B. Davison who passed to his rest this week (father of James Davison), and we dedicate it's singing to him today. One day at the end of the Civil War, President Lincoln heard a stirring account of bravery during the war, ending by the singing of this song, "Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord." When the singer got to the chorus, "Glory! glory! Hallelujah!" the entire audience sang, and at the end, President Lincoln spoke, "Sing it again!" The inspiring music was duly repeated with great fervor, Mr. Lincoln standing, his voice raised in song, tears streaming down his cheeks, and was obviously very moved.

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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 14 • 9:45 a.m.

9:15 | Breakfast in the Board Room
9:45 | Children in Classrooms
Adults in Sanctuary
- **Songs |** *O How I Love Jesus,* No. 248
  God Is So Good
  Lauren Fraser and Children's Division
- **Memory Scripture of the Month |** 1 Cor. 10:11 KJV
- **Prayer |** Abby Duffy
- **Mission Video |** *Pioneers for Mission — Annual Sacrifice Offering*

10:00 | Classes for Adults

Board Room	**Regular Sabbath School Lesson** David Miller
Sanctuary (Front)	**Beliefs of the Adventist Church** Pastor Samson Sembeba
Sanctuary (Back)	**Book Study |** *"Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World,"* Lauretta Pontiflet
SW Classroom (Near S. Hall W. Exit)	**Young Adults** Austin Paddock
Online Podcast	Bruce Carrico and Mitch McGehee

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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