
Weekly UPDATE
First Adventist Church
of Tulsa
Let Your Life
Be Filled With
Thanks
and
Giving
November 21, 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!

North American Division News

For exciting, inspiring news about what has been happening in the Seventh-day Adventist Church North American Division (US, Canada, Guam-Micronesia), take some time to watch the *2026 NAD Annual Council* videos at the NAD website nadadventist.org (click on the News and Events tab), or on YouTube.

The *NAD Annual Council* was held October 29-November 3 at the NAD Headquarters in Columbia, Maryland. Progress reports from all of the Unions and Conferences in the NAD included the Oklahoma Conference. In the Friday morning, October 30 video, you can see our own Conference President, Daniel Ortega, give a brief report about what has been going on in Oklahoma to move God's work forward.

The Seventh-day Adventist *2026 World Church Annual Council* took place October 7-14 at the General Conference Headquarters in Silver Spring, MD. Videos of the meetings are available at gcadventist.org (live events tab).

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 21, 2026

11:00 a.m.



Music for Worship Meditation
Bruce Carrico

Welcome and Announcements
Pastor Samson Sembeba

Worship Through Giving
Local Church Budget | David Miller

Children's Offering and Story

Invocation
David Miller

Scripture Call to Worship
Enter Into His Gates With Thanksgiving | Psalm 100



Songs for Worship
Video intro; *Now Thank We All Our God,* Hymn 559
Give Thanks
Come Ye Thankful People Come, Hymn 557
Lotoya Anthony, James Davison, Lauren Fraser

Prayer
David Miller

Scripture Recitation
Pathfinder Bible Experience | Mark 10
Tyler Vargas

Song of Consecration
For the Beauty of the Earth, Hymn 565



Sermon
Sermon Series | *Sharing Your Story*
Pastor Samson Sembeba

Song of Response
When We All Get to Heaven, Hymn 633

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.

Fellowship Lunch Today

Our visitors are invited to join us for lunch in the



Fellowship Hall (at the west entrance of the TAA school building) following today's Worship Service. Our hosts will be the Anthony Hospitality Team.

Lopez Baby Shower



Communion Sabbath

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



Outgoing Membership Transfer

SECOND READING

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

Thanksgiving Blessings



First Tulsa Seniors Christmas Party



Ladies' Christmas Social



Calling all ladies! On Sunday, **December 13** at **5:00 pm** we will meet at our church for a gift exchange and refreshments, and then we will go to Rhema (1025 W. Kenosha St., Broken Arrow, OK 74012) and walk through the Christmas lights together. If you want to participate in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped present under $25. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Prayer Requests

David Morris **Lynn Silkey**
Lisa Peugh **Bill Stanfield**
Manuel Reposa
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.

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

21 Connor Cosgrave; Heidi Huff
21 Melany Hurtado; Aaron Pinson
24 Kevin De Leon
26 Mark McGehee; Volinda Vaughan
27 Fredy Reyes & Francis Potosme
28 Russell Cook; Jenni Goodwin Hembry

Local Church Budget Summary

July - October, 2026

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

Monthly Budget Need: $10,350

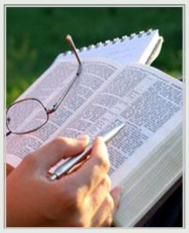
We invite you to share in both the blessings and responsibilities of meeting the needs of our church family. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for making a difference!

Calendar

Today, November 21

Breakfast in Board Room	9:15 am	Offering	Local Church Budget
Family Bible Study	9:45 am	Elder	David Miller
Worship Service	11:00 am	Deacon	Daniel Duffy
Sunset	5:13 pm	Deaconesses	Maddie Duffy and Betsy Goodwin



Two Weeks at a Glance | November 22 – December 5, 2026

22 •**Lopez Baby Shower 10:00a**	**23**	**24** •**Community Services 8:00a-11:00a**	**25** •**Prayer Meeting 6:00p**	**26** •**Thanksgiving Day**	**27** Sunset 5:10p	**28** •**Church Potluck Fellowship Lunch** Sunset 5:10p
29	**30**	**Dec. 1** •**Community Services 8:00a-11:00a**	**2** •**Prayer Meeting 6:00p**	**3**	**4** Sunset 5:09p	**5** •**Communion Service 11:00a** Sunset 5:09p

Next Sabbath, November 28

Breakfast in Board Room	9:15 am
Family Bible Study	9:45 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Potluck Fellowship Lunch	12:30 pm
Sunset	5:10 pm

Offering	*Onward Oklahoma 2%*
Elder	*Jason Vargas*
Deacon	*Josh Ray*
Deaconess	*Lisa Peugh*

Events

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

November 28
Church Potluck Fellowship Lunch

December 5
Communion Service, 11:00 am

December 13
- First Tulsa Seniors Christmas Party, 12 pm
- Ladies' Christmas Social, 5:00 pm

Church Music Notes

Songs of Praise

We open our worship service today with a grand old hymn, ***Now Thank We All Our God,*** Hymn 559. This German hymn was written in 1636 by Martin Rinkart, who was a Lutheran pastor in the town of his birth, Eilenberg, during Europe's Thirty Years' War between Protestants and Catholics. The town was hit by the dreaded plague, and he had the unpleasant task of conducting the funerals of the only other clergy in the town. As the only remaining minister, he was left the added burden of being the only one to conduct the increasing number of burials, up to 40 a day at times! His wife also succumbed to the plague, and he himself fell ill, but survived. In view of all these problems this hymn of praise is a remarkable statement of faith. This song so spoke to the terrible situation that at the end of the Thirty Years' War, it was sung with rejoicing in all the churches of the land. Here in American, is is often sung at Thanksgiving time, when we are thanking God for His watchcare.



In Uzbekistan, a country just north of the war-torn land of Afghanistan, a group of Uzbeks are seen one day singing a Christian song they recently learned. This is an unusual sight in a unique country from the atheistic former Soviet Uinion. This group is singing Henry Smith's ***Give Thanks,*** which had traveled from America to this extraordinary place.

Henry Smith Jr. who wrote this song, was born in Crossnore, North Carolina, in 1952, Of the nearly 300 songs he has written, only one has been published. Mr. Smith tells his own story of the song: "In 1978, in an apartment in Williamsburg, Virginia, I wrote Give Thanks. Shortly thereafter my wife, Cindy, and I sang the song at our church. We repeated it a number of times over a period of several weeks."

"A military couple, who attended our church for awhile, carried the song back with them to Germany. As far as I know that is how my song got to Europe. It did a lot of traveling before it was actually published."

"In 1986, eight years after the writing of the song, a friend brought a cassette tape to me and said, 'Listen to this song and see if you have ever heard it.' After listening to the selection I said, 'I wrote that song!' My friend had ordered the tape from a music company, and 'Give Thanks' was listed on the cassette label as 'author unknown. I called the company and told them I had written the song. Their response was, 'Good! We have been trying to find you.' Since then more than 50 recording companies have produced 'Give Thanks.' It has been published in a number of hymn books."



A few years later, the Smiths attended a live Integrity Music recording session in Washington, D. C., conducted by Don Moen. During the session, Moen played a recording for the audience with Henry's song being sung in the Russian language. Henry said, "My wife and I began to weep. We were overwhelmed to hear my song being sung in that language. Moen had no idea we were in the audience." Give Thanks" continues to be one of the most popular songs during the Thanksgiving season — used in churches worldwide.

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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 21 • 9:45 a.m.

9:15 | Breakfast in the Board Room

9:45 | Children in Classrooms

Adults in Sanctuary

- **Songs |** *Trust and Obey,* No. 590
  Leaning on the Everlasting Arms, No. 469
  David and Judy Miller
- **Memory Scripture of the Month |** 1 Cor. 10:11 KJV
- **Prayer |** David Miller
- **Mission Video |** *Suitcase Full of Bibles,* Croatia

10:00 | Classes for Adults

Board Room	**Regular Sabbath School Lesson** James and Paula Davison
Sanctuary (Front)	**Beliefs of the Adventist Church** Jason Vargas
Sanctuary (Back)	**Book Study |** *"Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World,"* Abby Duffy
SW Classroom (Near S. Hall W. Exit)	**Young Adults** Austin Paddock
Online Podcast	Bruce Carrico and Peggy Dohlman

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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