



Weekly UPDATE
First Adventist Church
of Tulsa

SERMON ♦ SERIES

WRESTLING
WITH
Love

March 8, 2025

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 rear 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 Chapel

Prayer Meeting



Prayer Meeting is held on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in the Chapel. Please join us for this time of prayer, Bible study, and fellowship with your church family. You will be blessed!

TAA Food Store

Tulsa Adventist Academy's food store offers canned and frozen vegetarian food products. If you would like to purchase something from the store, come to the TAA office during school hours and the secretary will assist you, or contact Rowland Knight (918-381-9708) and make an appointment. All store profits benefit TAA.

SDA General Conference Session



Every five years the Seventh-day Adventist Church hosts a General Conference Session where delegates from all over the globe come together to worship, elect world Church officers, experience reports from the 13 administrative regions of the world Church, and vote changes in the Church's Constitution. You don't have to be a delegate or Church official to go to most of the Session's meetings. Many thousands of Adventists come from everywhere to attend the business meetings and worship services.

The 2025 General Conference Session will be held at the America's Center Convention Complex in St. Louis, Missouri **July 3-12, 2025**. If you would like to attend the Session meetings but are not able to be there in person, many of the meetings will be live streamed online. You can find more information about the Conference at the Session's official website gcsession.org.

Worship Service

March 8, 2025

10:45 a.m.



Musical Meditation

Bruce Carrico

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Samson Sembeba

Worship Through Giving

Adventist World Radio

Children's Story

Invocation

Pastor Samson Sembeba

Scripture Call to Worship

Psalm 145 NLT | Anthony Family

Songs of Praise

Great is the Lord

Every Moment of Every Day

Rescue the Perishing, Hymn 367

Lotoya Anthony, Gary Dies, Hillary McGehee-Weems

Altar Prayer

David Miller

Song of Consecration

He Hideth My Soul, Hymn 520

Sermon

Sermon Series | *Wrestling With Love*

Pastor Samson Sembeba

Song of Response

Make Me a Servant

Benediction

Pastor Samson Sembeba

Postlude

Bruce Carrico



Announcements

Welcome!

A heartfelt welcome is extended to everyone who has joined us for church services today, whether in person or online. May you receive abundant blessings as we worship our loving Lord together on this Sabbath day.

Connection Cards Available for You

One way to communicate with Pastor Sembeba is with Connection Cards which are available on the tables near the doors at the back of the church Sanctuary. If you have a Prayer Request or have something else on your mind, you can fill out a card and place it in one of the offering boxes at the back of the Sanctuary.

Church Board Meeting



Our regularly scheduled Church Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 11 at 6:00 pm at the church in the Board Room.

Fellowship Lunch Schedule

Church Potlucks are planned for the 4th Sabbath of each month. Please join us!

March 22	Fox & Scott Team
April 26	TBA
May 24	Men's Team
June TBA	Vargas Team



Ageless Wonders Seniors Meeting



- **March 16** is movie day.
- We will be watching *God's Not Dead*.
- The time is **1:00** in the Board Room.
- Please bring snacks and enjoy food and fellowship.

— Carma Fox

Today's Offering

At Adventist World Radio, the Lord continues to do "exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think!" From hundreds of thousands of baptisms in Papua New Guinea to miraculous conversions in the Middle East, it's thrilling to see what God is doing through Adventist World Radio around the globe! Today we invite you to partner with AWR in this vital ministry. Just mark your offering envelope "AWR."

Church Potluck on March 22



There will be a Church Potluck on **March 22** hosted by the Fox & Scott Team. **The theme is FAVORITES.** Everyone is asked to bring their favorite potluck dishes to share.

VBS Volunteers Needed

Vacation Bible School, coming **June 23 - 28, 2025**, is one of our church's most important outreach activities.



Many volunteers are needed to make VBS happen, so please sign up to help by scanning the QR Code in this announcement or contact VBS Leader Abby Duffy (918-998-3418) for more information.



Tulsa Adventist Academy News

• Victoria Toews is retiring from teaching this school year. She has taught PreK and Kindergarten for 10 years and will be truly missed. We would love for you to join us for some celebratory activities to thank her for her time at TAA and will have updates for you!



- **March 10-14:** Spring Break. *The TAA Food Store will be open during Spring Break on Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.*
- **March 30:** TAA Talent Show, 10:00 am.
- **April 4:** TAA Visitation Day is on Friday from 8:00 am - noon.

If you need more information about an event, please call the TAA office. You can also see what's happening at tulsaacademy.org, on Instagram and Facebook.

Prayer Requests

Ida Clark

Mandy Ellis

Fuentes Family

Church Building Committee

Discover Bible School

Missing Members

America

Perry Family

Fernando Vasquez

Native New Day

Church Finances

Tulsa Adventist Academy

Special Prayer

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

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

09 Harold & Valerie Dotson

13 Rowland Knight

Local Church Budget Report July 2024 through February 2025

Amount planned for budget **\$78,360**

Amount received for budget **\$76,914**

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.” - 2 Corinthians 9:7-8 ESV

— **Judy Miller, Church Treasurer**

Thank you for giving!

Calendar

Today, March 8

Sabbath School	9:30 am	Offering	Adventist World Radio
Worship Service	10:45 am	Elder	David Miller
Sunset	6:24 pm	Deacon	Jason Vargas



Two Weeks at a Glance | March 9 – 22, 2025

9 • Daylight Saving Time Begins 2:00a	10	11 • Community Services 8:00-11:00a • Church Board Meeting 6:00p	12 • Prayer Meeting 6:00p	13	14 Sunset 7:30p	15 Sunset 7:31p
16 • Ageless Wonders Seniors Meeting 1:00p	17	18 • Community Services 8:00-11:00a	19 • Prayer Meeting 6:00p	20	21 Sunset 7:36p	22 • Potluck Lunch Sunset 7:37p

Next Sabbath, March 15

Sabbath School	9:30 am
Worship Service	10:45 am
Sunset	7:31 pm

<i>Offering</i>	<i>Local Church Budget</i>
<i>Elder</i>	<i>Lauren Fraser</i>
<i>Deacon</i>	<i>Jason Vargas</i>

Events

March 11
Church Board Meeting, 6:00 pm

March 16
Ageless Wonders Seniors Meeting, 1:00 pm

March 22
Church Potluck

March 25
Leadership Workshop, 5:00-7:00 pm

March 30
Men's Ministry Brunch and Worship

Church Music Notes

Songs of Praise



Our first Praise Song today is **Great is the Lord**. The song was written by the popular Christian singer Michael W. Smith. The words to this song are based on Scripture verses and especially bring to mind Psalms 145:3, “*Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.*”

Another song of praise is the beautiful old gospel song, **Every Moment of Every Day (Only to Be What He Wants Me to Be)** by John Clayton in 1938. Mr. Clayton was converted as a child at the age of six in the South Brooklyn Gospel Church, and was church organist by the age of 12. He kept up the role of church organist for the rest of his life.

Clayton Clayton entered the building trades industry, worked for his father’s construction business, and during the depression, with a commercial bakery, but he also created his own publishing house, *Gospel Songs*, which later became part of the Rodeheaver Company.

In 1942 he was working with Jack Wyrzten’s Word of Life organization, providing music for both the radio broadcasts and crusade meetings, and wrote his most popular gospel song, *Now I Belong to Jesus*: According to Kenneth Osbeck, Norman Clayton “*tells how it is his usual practice to write the music first before the words,*” and that “*he feels it is vitally important that every*

song he writes be biblically based” (101 More Hymn Stories, page 204).

In order to create songs worthy of His Lord, Clayton made it his practice to memorize scripture, so his songs would have a strong Biblical basis. Clayton’s gospel songs were eminently singable, musically sweet and tender of sentiment. Clayton’s most popular songs reflect his evangelical emphasis, focused on the saving work of Christ and the sweetness of relationship with God through Him. Normal Clayton died in 1992, at the age of 89.

Our final Praise song is **Rescue the Perishing**, hymn 367, written by blind songwriter Fannie Crosby in 1869. She had been invited to visit a city mission in one of the worst slums of the Bowery in New York City. Here she heard about the needs of the perishing souls who were dying without hope and without God. Her sympathies were aroused and when invited to speak to them, she appealed to any young man in the audience who might have turned away from his mother’s teaching to chat with her after her talk.

As she was speaking with one of the young men, the song title “*Rescue the Perishing*” flashed through her mind, a topic on which she had previously promised hymn composer William



Doane to write a hymn text. While riding home, the lines of this hymn formed in her mind, and before retiring for the evening, she dictated them to a friend. The next morning, she set them to Mr. Doane in Cincinnati, who composed the tune, which appeared with her words in Doane’s publication, *Songs of Devotion* in 1870.

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Sabbath School Classes

- Spanish Sabbath School Class is in the Chapel.
- Classes for children, youth, and young adults are held in the church's south hall classrooms.

Adult Sabbath School Program

March 8 • 9:30 a.m.

Songs, Scripture, Prayer

Faith is the Victory, No. 608
A Shelter in the Time of Storm, No. 528
1 Corinthians 4:10-13 NKJV

Anthony Family

Mission Video

Scripture song from "Romans 5" by iEAT, United States

Sabbath School Lesson Discussion

Rules of Engagement

Small Group Class | Tom Huff

Online Class | David Miller, Lotoya Anthony, Joe Barranco

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**](mailto:bruce.carrico@gmail.com).



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