



**Weekly UPDATE**  
**First Adventist Church**  
**of Tulsa**

**“Hold my  
goings  
in  
Thy paths,  
that  
my  
footsteps  
slip not.”**

**Psalm 17:5**

**March 1, 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](https://gcsession.org).

# Worship Service

March 1, 2025

10:45 a.m.

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## Musical Meditation

Bruce Carrico

## Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Samson Sembeba

## Worship Through Giving

Local Church Budget

## Children's Story

Desirae Bach

## Invocation

Pastor Samson Sembeba

## Scripture Call to Worship

*Revelation 5 NIV* | Tom Huff

## Songs of Praise

*We Will Glorify the King of Kings*

*Fairest Lord Jesus*, Hymn 240

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*, Hymn 334

Pam Fraser, Tom Huff, Jessica Paddock

## Altar Prayer

Tom Huff

## Song of Consecration

*God Will Take Care of You*, Hymn 99

## Sermon

Sermon Series | *Wrestling With Love*

Pastor Samson Sembeba

## Song of Response

*O Lord You're Beautiful*

## 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.

### 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

### Fellowship Lunch Schedule

<b>March 22</b>	Fox & Scott Team	<i>Favorites</i>
<b>April 26</b>	TBA	
<b>May 24</b>	Men's Team	
<b>June TBA</b>	Vargas Team	

### Vespers & Important Church Business Meeting This Evening!

Come VOTE!



Bring Your Ideas!

Help Plan Our Church's Future!

**EVENT:** Church Business Meeting

**WHEN:** March 1, 2025 • 6:00 pm

**WHERE:** First Adventist Sanctuary

**LEARN IMPORTANT INFORMATION!**

▶ **5-Year Church Strategic Plan**

▶ **3-Phase Church Building Improvement Plan**

## At Rest

Our church's Hispanic congregation is deeply saddened to share that Mayra Fuentes, a former member of the Tulsa First Adventist Church, passed to her rest on February 27, 2025. Please pray for the Lord's comfort and solace to be with her family at this difficult time.



## 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.

## Thank you

Sincere appreciation is expressed to the Anthony Hospitality Team for their remarkable service with the Fellowship Lunch on February 22.

Special thanks is also extended to Sarah (Pat) Wewerka for her much appreciated donations to the Fellowship Hall.

— *Pastor José & Martha Camacho*  
*Hospitality Ministries Directors*

## Prayer Requests

**Ida Clark**  
**Fuentes Family**  
**Victoria Klinger**

**Kaysha Richardson**  
**Fernando Vasquez**

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 Associate James Davison at 603-801-7172.

## March Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 02 Jacqueline Griesbaum
- 04 Stephen & Tammy McGehee
- 05 Henry Fraser
- 07 Minnie Bradley; Brianna Reid

## Local Church Budget Report July 2024 through January 2025

**Amount planned for budget**      **\$68,565**

**Amount received for budget**      **\$67,591**

**“The Lord has compassion upon us... and accompanies His commands with promises. He calls upon His people to prove Him, declaring that He will reward obedience with the richest blessings.... He encourages us to give to Him, declaring that the returns He makes to us will be proportionate to our gifts to Him. 'He which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.'”**

— *Counsels on Stewardship, p. 90*

— *Judy Miller, Church Treasurer*

***Thank you for giving!***

# Calendar

## Today, March 1

Sabbath School	9:30 am	Offering	Local Church Budget
Worship Service	10:45 am	Elder	Tom Huff
Vespers & Business Meeting	6:00 pm	Deacon	Jason Vargas
Sunset	6:18 pm		



## Two Weeks at a Glance | March 2 – 15, 2025

<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> •Community Services 8:00-11:00a	<b>5</b> •Prayer Meeting 6:00p	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  Sunset 6:23p	<b>8</b>  Sunset 6:24p
<b>9</b> •Daylight Saving Time Begins 2:00a	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> •Community Services 8:00-11:00a  •Church Board Meeting	<b>12</b> •Prayer Meeting 6:00p	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  Sunset 7:30p	<b>15</b>  Sunset 7:31p

## Next Sabbath, March 8

Sabbath School	9:30 am
Worship Service	10:45 am
Sunset	6:24 pm

Offering  
Elder  
Deacon

Adventist World Radio  
David Miller  
Jason Vargas

## Events

- March 1**  
Vespers & Church Business Meeting, 6 pm
- March 11**  
Church Board Meeting
- March 16**  
Ageless Wonders Seniors Meeting, 1:00 pm
- March 22**  
Church Potluck
- March 25**  
Leadership Workshop

# Church Music Notes

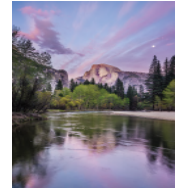
## Songs of Praise



The first Song of Praise today is a majestic gospel chorus, **We Will Glorify the King of Kings**, by song-writer Twyla Paris. The words of each verse repeat similar words of praise, but using different names for our God and Savior, “We will glorify the King of Kings, we will glorify the Lamb. We will glorify the Lord of Lords, Who is the great I AM;” “Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty; we will bow before His throne, we will worship Him in righteousness, we will worship Him alone.,” “He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth; He is Lord of all who live. He is Lord above the universe; all praise to Him we give.” In the first three verses we see a complete word picture of who Jesus is, and the words ascribe praise to the King of Kings, much in the manner of the choruses of angels and the redeemed quoted in chapter 5 of the Book of Revelation. Each verse lifts our thoughts a little higher to the Throne of Grace, until in the final verse we end with: “Hallelujah to the King of kings; Hallelujah to the Lord of hosts, who is the great I AM.”

Our last Song of Praise this morning will be **Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing**, Hymn No. 334. This music is based on an American folk tune called NETTLETON, which first appeared anonymously in John Wyeth’s *Repository of Sacred Music* in 1813. The words were written in 1758 by Robert Robinson, a Methodist preacher.

The hymn expresses his feelings after his own conversion three years previously while in his early twenties. As we begin our service today, with this young preacher let us also ask the Lord: “Teach me ever to adore Thee, may I still Thy goodness prove; while the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love!” Harmony for the three verses is from Wyeth’ *Repository* (1813). Appropriate to this hymn is the scripture Psalm 36:7-9 which reads in the NIV translation: “How priceless is Your unfailing love! Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of Your wings. They feast on the abundance of Your house; you give them drink from Your river of delights. For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light, we see light.”



## Song of Consecration

Our song of Consecration is the gospel hymn, **God Will Take Care of You**, hymn 99. We began to sing this song online when our church services were first closed for the COVID-19 pandemic on March 21, 2020 We sang this song every week through the months of April through June, 2020. The song was written in 1905 by a husband and wife musical team, Civilla and Stillman Martin, during another time of great stress. Mrs. Martin wrote the words one afternoon while she herself was confined to a sickbed. She gave the words to her husband, and in her words, “He immediately sat down to his little Billhorn organ [a small portable instrument] and wrote the music,” and it was sung in the service that evening, and later printed in a songbook, *Songs of Redemption and Praise*, which he was compiling for the school where they worked. **God has also taken care of our Tulsa First Church family through many trials in the past, and we are indeed grateful.**

## Contact Us

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### Community Service Center

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### TAA Food Store

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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 1 • 9:30 a.m.

#### Songs, Scripture, Prayer

*When We All Get to Heaven*, No. 633  
*Side By Side We Stand*

Philippians 4:8 | Aaron Pinson  
Prayer | Henry Blalock

#### Mission Video

*Maud's Missionary Journey*, United States

#### Sabbath School Lesson Discussion

*The Cosmic Conflict*

**Small Group Class** | Joe Barranco

**Online Class** | Tom Huff, Pam Fraser,  
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\*\*](mailto:bruce.carrico@gmail.com).



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