



Weekly UPDATE  
First Adventist Church  
of Tulsa

ALL CREATURES  
**GREAT & SMALL**  
THE LORD GOD  
MADE THEM ALL

**July 12, 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!

## Focus on God's Amazing Creatures

**T**ake a few moments to be inspired by the amazing animals God brought to life on the fifth and sixth days of Creation. Here are some unusual facts about a few of the intricate creatures designed by our infinitely creative God.

- The **Pistol Shrimp** can snap its claw so fast that it creates a sonic blast louder than a Concorde plane's sonic boom. The heat from the shrimp's sonic blast generates a high temperature in the water, stunning or killing its prey.



- The **Alpine Swift** of W. Africa is able to stay airborne for over 6 months without ever touching down. It holds the record for the longest uninterrupted flight by a bird, with over 200 days in the air. It eats, drinks, and sleeps while flying.



- **Echidnas**, also known as the "spiny anteater", are small (30-45 cm) mammals who have a beak, sharp spikes, a kangaroo-like pouch, and lay eggs. After the tiny egg is laid it is transferred into the mother's pouch where it then hatches.



- **Koalas** have fingerprints almost identical to a human's. Even under a microscope it is hard to tell the difference. There are cases of koalas' fingerprints confusing forensics at crime scenes.



- How long would you guess is a **Garden Snail's** lifespan? Actually, they can live anywhere from 2 years (in the wild) to 25 years (in captivity).



*Worship Service*  
*July 12, 2025*  
*10:45 a.m.*

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**Musical Meditation**

Bruce Carrico

**Welcome and Announcements**

David Miller

**Worship Through Giving**

World Church Budget (GC)

**Invocation**

David Miller

**Scripture Call to Worship**

*Revelation 3:17-22*

**Songs of Praise**

*All the Way My Savior Leads Me*, Hymn 516

*Redeemed!*, Hymn 337

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*, Hymn 478

Gary Dies, Hillary McGehee-Weems

**Prayer**

David Miller

**Song of Consecration**

*Jesus Saves*, Hymn 340

**Sermon**

2025 SDA General Conference Session

**Song of Response**

*Never Part Again*, Hymn 449

**Benediction**

David Miller

**Postlude**

Bruce Carrico



## Announcements

### Welcome!

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

### Oklahoma Camp Meeting

Come to Oklahoma Camp Meeting now through **July 19** at Wewoka Woods Adventist Center for spiritual refreshment and Christian fellowship! If you can't attend in person, watch it on YouTube. Here are some of the inspiring speakers.



**Shane Anderson**



**Luke & Chantee Fisher**

Pastor Shane is pastor of Pioneer Memorial Church  
**S-Thurs | 7p**  
Luke and Chantee are missionaries  
**July 12 | 9a**

Dr. Bryan is president of Walla Walla University  
**July 12 | 11a**

**Alex Bryan**



**John Millea**



John is a full time Oklahoma singer and song writer  
**July 12 | 4p**



**Derek Morris**



**Laurie Snyman**

Pastor Derek leads Hope Sabbath School  
**July 19 | 11a**  
Laurie helps others through Women's Ministries  
**M-Fri | 10a**

### AP Interviews New SDA President

The *Associated Press* news outlet conducted an interview with Pastor Erton Kohler, newly-elected president of the world Seventh-day Adventist Church. They wrote a lengthy article about him which appeared this week on the *Associated Press* website. The article included information about what Pastor Kohler hopes to accomplish during his term as SDA General Conference President as well as some history, beliefs, and details about the Adventist Church.



### Church Improvements Needed

Our Church Board has approved a couple of improvements which will benefit the services held in the sanctuary of our church. One improvement is

**brighter lighting** for the sanctuary, and another

improvement is a new **digital soundboard**



which will help the sanctuary sound system function better.

**Total cost for these items is \$9,500.**

You can help these upgrades become a reality by donating to our **Local Church Budget** which is where the funds come from that will pay for the improvements. Thank you so much for including the Local Church Budget in your giving! It is such a help for our Tulsa church. May God bless your gifts to Him.

## Memorial Service

A memorial service for Hannah Davidson, daughter of Edwin & Laura Davidson and granddaughter of Bryant & Joy Davidson, will be held on July 13, 2025, 2:00 p.m. at the Claremore Seventh-day Adventist Church. Please remember this grieving family in your prayers.

## Today's Offering Is for World Budget



The loose offering received today will support the global mission of our worldwide church. The Seventh-day Adventist church is active in more than 200 countries, and the message of Jesus' soon return is proclaimed in more than 600 languages. Our World Budget offerings give life to ministry projects around the world, such as the 13th Sabbath mission offering.

To give today to the World Budget offering you may simply drop your offering in one of the offering boxes at the back of the sanctuary, or place your offering in one of the offering envelopes. Today, any unmarked offering will be allocated to the World Budget offering. Or you may write "World Budget" on the blank line in the World Ministry section, since you may want to mark offerings for other specific areas as well.

May God bless you in amazing ways as you cheerfully give. — *Judy Miller, Church Treasurer*

## Prayer Requests

**Minnie Bork**

**Victoria Klinger**

**Fernando Vasquez**

Church Building Committee

Discover Bible School

Missing Members

America

Native New Day

Church Finances

Tulsa Adventist Academy

Oklahoma Camp Meeting



### Special Prayer

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

## July Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 12 Dave Garlock; Gladys Reyes
- 14 Harold Dotson
- 15 Victoria Klinger; Dan McGehee
- 18 Kent Cox; Greg Cummings
- 18 Austin Paddock

## Local Church Budget/End of Year Report July 2024 through June 2025

**Amount planned for budget**

**\$117,540**

**Amount received for budget**

**\$112,320**

### *A Sacrifice Well Pleasing to God*

"Prayer and almsgiving are closely linked together—the expression of love to God and our fellow men.... Thus while our gifts cannot recommend us to God or earn His favor, they are an evidence that we have received the grace of Christ." *In Heavenly Places*, p. 306

— *Judy Miller, Church Treasurer*

***Thank you for giving!***

# Calendar

## Today, July 12

Sabbath School	9:30 am	Offering	World Church Budget
Worship Service	10:45 am	Elder	David Miller
Sunset	8:42 pm	Deacon	Brian Burgin



## Two Weeks at a Glance | July 13– 26, 2025

<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> •Community Services 8:00a-11:00a	<b>16</b> •Prayer Meeting 6:00p	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  Sunset 8:40p	<b>19</b> •Last Day of Camp Meeting at Wewoka Woods  Sunset 8:39p
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> •Community Services 8:00a-11:00a	<b>23</b> •Prayer Meeting 6:00p	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  Sunset 8:35p	<b>26</b>  Sunset 8:34p

## Next Sabbath, July 19

Sabbath School	9:30 am
Worship Service	10:45 am
Sunset	8:39 pm

<i>Offering</i>	<i>Local Church Budget</i>
<i>Elder</i>	<i>Lauren Fraser</i>
<i>Deacon</i>	<i>Brian Burgin</i>

## Events

### July 11-19

Oklahoma English Camp Meeting

### August 3

TAA School Work Bee, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

### August 7

TAA Back to School Finalization, 4 - 8 pm

### August 11

TAA First Day of School

# Church Music Notes

## Camp Meeting Hymns

Many of the old gospel hymns of the church are sung at camp meeting time and call to mind the dedication of gospel hymn-writers of the previous centuries. Two of our hymns today are by one of the most prolific hymn writers of all time, Fanny Crosby, who wrote over 8,000 Christian hymns despite the handicap she struggled with during her life.



An inept doctor left Fanny without her eyesight at six weeks of age after a botched procedure. She said, *"If perfect earthly sight were offered me tomorrow I would not accept it. I might not have sung hymns to the praise of God if I had been distracted by the beautiful and interesting things about me."* **All The Way My Savior Leads Me** is one of her songwriting masterpieces.

This beloved hymn came to Fanny as a result of a prayer. Struggling financially, she desperately needed some money. As her usual custom, Fanny began to pray. A few minutes later, a gentleman offered her five dollars, the exact amount she needed. Later recalling the incident, she said, *"I have no way of accounting for this except to believe that God put it into the heart of this good man to bring the money."* The poem she wrote afterward became *"All The Way My Savior Leads Me."*

The title of the hymn **Redeemed**, Hymn 337, implies the idea of a slave standing on the trader's auction block being offered to the highest bidder. At last the price is paid by a compassionate new owner, who then gives the slave his unconditional freedom. But the freed slave, out of gratitude to his new owner, offers himself as a loving bond servant for life to his redeemer.

Man has been separated from God by sin and has become a slave of Satan. But man has been redeemed. Because Christ paid the ransom we owed to divine justice, we have been freed from the shackles of sin's bondage and eternal separation from God. Out of gratitude for this deliverance, we cling to our new master and lovingly determine to serve Him forever. A realization of redemption causes the ransomed to sing repeatedly, *"Redeemed—, how I love to proclaim it, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. . . ."*

This popular gospel song is also by Fanny Crosby and first appeared with William Kirkpatrick's jubilant tune in the hymnal *Songs of Redeeming Love*, published in 1882.

The song begins, *"Redeemed—how I love to proclaim it! Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb; redeemed thru His infinite mercy—His child, and forever, I am."*



One of the strongest evidences for the validity of the gospel is a redeemed, vibrant life. As both a songwriter and a woman of faith, Fanny Crosby serves as an example to all.

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### Community Service Center

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### Tulsa Adventist Academy

(Pre-K — Grade 12)  
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Website: [tulsaacademy.org](http://tulsaacademy.org)

### TAA Food Store

*Offering canned & frozen vegetarian foods*  
To purchase foods, come to the TAA office during office hours (9a-1p, M & W) or contact Rowland Knight (918-381-9708) and make an appt.

## 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

July 12 • 9:30 a.m.

#### Songs, Scripture, Prayer

*Trust and Obey*, No. 590

*Come Christians Join to Sing*, No. 10

Psalm 23

Pontiflet Family

#### Mission Video

*Where Hope Meets the Waves*, Zambia

#### Sabbath School Lesson Discussion

*The Burning Bush*

**Online Class |** Bruce Carrico, Joe Barranco,  
Hillary McGehee-Weems

## 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:  
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