



Weekly UPDATE
First Adventist Church
of Tulsa

*Christ
Is
Risen*

April 19, 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!

Donate Items for John 3:16 Mission

John 3:16 Mission endeavors to be the hands and feet of Christ to the homeless, hungry, and at-risk in Tulsa. They operate a 24/7 shelter for men and need



toothpaste, deodorant, and washcloths.

You can help by bringing these items to the church and placing them in the labeled box in the church foyer. Thank you for your kindness!

Leadership Development Workshop

This month's Leadership Development Workshop hosted by Pastor Samson Sembeba will be held on Tuesday, **April 22, 5:00-7:00 pm** in the Board Room. Come and learn leadership skills for the home, church, and workplace.



Three Ways to Give



Online

tulsasda.org
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

April 19, 2025

10:45 a.m.



Musical Meditation

Bruce Carrico

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Samson Sembeba

Worship Through Giving

Local Church Budget

Children's Story

Victor Melendez

Invocation

Pastor Samson Sembeba

Scripture Call to Worship

Crucifixion Story, Matthew 27

Congregation

Songs of Praise

Lead Me to Calvary, Hymn 317

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, Hymn 166

Crown Him With Many Crowns, Hymn 223

Olivia Chuckluck, James Davison, Lauren Fraser

Altar Prayer

Lauren Fraser

Song of Consecration

More Than Wonderful | Olivia Chuckluck, vocal solo

Sermon

Sermon Series | *Wrestling With Love*

Pastor Samson Sembeba

Song of Response

What Wondrous Love is This, Hymn 162

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.

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.

Ceiling Tiles Need Replacement

You have probably noticed that the tiles in our church's aged dropped ceilings are very much in need of replacement.



- As part of the church's 3-phase building improvement plan, the ceiling tiles in the church hallways are being replaced, which will cost **\$5,500. Amount raised so far is \$4,280.**
- Your donations are needed to purchase the new longer-lasting, high quality polyethylene tiles, hopefully by **June 1** when a church work bee is scheduled.
- Please mark your donations for the new ceiling tiles "**Building Fund**" or "**Ceiling Tiles**".
Thank you for supporting this important project!

Special Fellowship Lunch April 26

Everyone is invited to a Fellowship Lunch next Sabbath, **April 26**. **Special thanks to our Hispanic Hospitality Team who will both host the lunch and provide the food as well!**

They are not asking the other church members to bring any food, just to come and enjoy the authentic Latin American Street



Foods the Hispanic Team will be preparing such as tacos, tostadas, pupusas, flautas, arepas, etc. Something to look forward to!

Help Pathfinders Go to Michigan



Our church's **Dreamcatchers Pathfinder Club** has earned the privilege of participating in the SDA North American Division (NAD) *Pathfinder Bible Experience* (PBE) by achieving 1st place scores at the previous 3 levels of PBE testing. The NAD Bible Experience will be held in Battle Creek, Michigan **April 25-26, 2025**, and our **Pathfinders need your help in funding their trip to Michigan**. Please mark your donations "**Pathfinders**". Thank you for your support!

Communion Sabbath April 26

Our church will celebrate Communion on Sabbath, **April 26, 10:45 am**. Plan to attend and receive a special blessing as you participate in The Lord's Supper.



Health and Prophecy Seminar

New Beginnings Health and Prophecy Seminar



will be **April 20 - 26, 7:00 pm**, at the Tulsa Community Service Center located at 2015 Lakewood Ave., Tulsa OK 74112. Everyone

is invited to support the seminar with your attendance and especially with your prayers.

2025 Nominating Committee

FIRST READING

The following church members have been selected by the Organizing Committee to serve on the 2025 Nominating Committee which will nominate our local church leaders for the 2025-2026 church year (July 2025 -.July 2026).

Martha Camacho
James Davison
Lauren Fraser
Heidi Huff
Lori Knight
Mark McGehee
David Miller

Miguel Ramirez
Justin Vargas

Alternates

Lotoya Anthony
Brian Burgin
Jason Vargas

Prayer Requests

Perry Family

Lynn Silkey

Fernando Vasquez

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 Associate James Davison at 603-801-7172.

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 19 Ubaldina Ortega
- 21 Josias Reyes
- 22 Richard Adams
- 23 Joe Barranco; Lily Nikles
- 24 Dewayne & Karen Marler
- 25 Leo Gael Carmona
- 27 Minnie Bork



Local Church Budget Report

July 2024 through March 2025

Amount planned for budget \$88,155

Amount received for budget \$85,675

Where Does My Offering Go?

More than 23% of the funds received for local church budget are sent to TAA to help cover their operating expenses. Fifty percent is used to pay for our church's operating expenses. Ministry and outreach activities receives 16% and 10% is reserved for much-needed or unexpected maintenance and repairs.

— *Judy Miller, Church Treasurer*

Thank you for giving!

Calendar

Today, April 19

Sabbath School	9:30 am	Offering	Local Church Budget
Worship Service	10:45 am	Elder	Lauren Fraser
Sunset	8:00 pm	Deacon	Brian Burgin



Two Weeks at a Glance | April 20 – May 3, 2025

20	21	22 • Community Services 8:00a-11:00a • Leadership Workshop 5:00p-7:00p	23 • Prayer Meeting 6:00p	24	25 Sunset 8:05p	26 • Communion 10:45a • Fellowship Lunch Sunset 8:06p
27	28	29 • Community Services 8:00a-11:00a	30 • Prayer Meeting 6:00p	May 1	2 Sunset 8:11p	3 Sunset 8:12p

Next Sabbath, April 26

Sabbath School	9:30 am
Worship Service, Communion	10:45 am
Fellowship Lunch	12:30 pm
Sunset	8:06 pm

Offering	Onward Oklahoma 2%
Elder	David Miller
Deacon	Jason Vargas

Events

April 22
Leadership Workshop, 5:00-7:00 pm

April 26
Communion, 10:45 am
Fellowship Lunch

June 1
Church Work Bee

June 23-28
Vacation Bible School, 6:00-8:30 pm

Church Music Notes

Remembering Christ: His Life, Death, and Resurrection

At this time of year, the Christian world commemorates the events of the last Passover week of Christ's life, extending over the last week of Jesus' ministry, from the time of His Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem, to the Last Supper, to the events of His sufferings and death, to His final Resurrection victory over death itself. This year the day of Jewish Passover is a bit later, on April 22, but still firmly anchoring the time of year when all of these events took place.



The New Testament gives no clear evidence of a celebration day for the Resurrection (Acts 12:4, KJV, the word "Easter" is a mistranslation for "Passover"). However, the SDA Bible Encyclopedia indicates that early Christians may have continued observance of the Jewish Passover (Acts 20:6) and may have thought of it as a memorial of Christ's suffering and death (1 Cor. 5:7, 8).

The observance of Easter on a Sunday at Passover time was accepted by the Roman Church at the Council of Nicaea (A.D. 325), without Biblical basis. By that date the weekly practice of worshipping on Sunday had also become widely practiced in areas of the world under the influence of the church at Rome.

Seventh-day Adventists have always regarded baptism as the true biblical commemoration of the Resurrection (Rom.. 6:3-5). However, Seventh-day Adventists also view the entirety of

the life, sufferings, death, and resurrection of Jesus as the central teaching of Christianity.

The book *Desire of Ages* reminds us: *"It would be well for us to spend a thoughtful hour each day in contemplation of the life of Christ. We should. . . let the imagination grasp each scene, especially the closing ones. As we thus dwell upon His great sacrifice for us, . . . our love will be quickened, and we shall be more deeply [filled] with His Spirit."* It therefore seems appropriate to remember this vital part of His life on earth every single day, but especially at Passover season, the time of year in which it occurred.

Song of Praise

The Hymn of Praise is No. 223, **Crown Him With Many Crowns**. This morning let your thoughts travel forward to the near future, to a magnificent scene on the Sea of Glass in Heaven. Jesus has come, taken His children home, and now the two "Adams" are to meet, the original Adam, our first parent and the new Adam, Jesus Himself, the Creator and Restorer of the human race. As the first Adam approaches, he sees the wounds in Jesus' side and feet and hands, he sees and he knows that those wounds are for him and his whole family through the ages. He falls before the second Adam, is lifted to his feet and the two embrace.

The watching universe holds its collective breath and Jesus, the second Adam, places a crown upon the head of the first Adam. After a moment of intense silence, Adam from Eden takes off his crown and places it at the feet of Adam from Heaven. Thousands upon thousands encircle the throne, and ten thousand times ten thousand voices break into a thunderous psalm of praise and thanksgiving, singing, *"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, [and with Your blood You purchased men for God, You are worthy] to receive . . . honor and glory and praise!"* Let us lift our voices to join the heavenly hosts in adoration of our King of Kings.

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Tulsa Adventist Academy

(Pre-K — Grade 12)
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School Office: (918) 834-1107
Website: tulsaacademy.org

TAA Food Store

Offering canned & frozen vegetarian foods
To purchase foods, come to the TAA office during office hours or contact Rowland Knight (918-381-9708) and make an appointment.

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

April 19 • 9:30 a.m.

Songs, Scripture, Prayer

Side By Side

When We All Get To Heaven, No. 633
2 Timothy 2:16 NKJV

Aaron Pinson and Henry Blalock

Mission Video

Scratch, Scratch, Scratch, Philippines

Sabbath School Lesson Discussion

Images From Marriage

Group Class | Tom Huff

Online Class | Jason Vargas, Judy Miller,
Yvonne Adams

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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