



Weekly UPDATE
First Adventist Church
of Tulsa



October 19, 2024

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

● **6:30 pm** ● Midweek Prayer Meeting
● In the Chapel

Prayer Meeting



Prayer Meeting is held on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Chapel. Please join us for this time of prayer, Bible study, and fellowship with our 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.

Parenting Workshop at TAA

Calling all parents of elementary-aged children! Bring the whole family and join us for an engaging Parenting Workshop led by Cindy Mercer at TAA on Friday, **November 15 at 5:00 pm**. You'll gain practical tips, enjoy a FREE meal, and connect with other families. Please let us know you're coming by scanning the QR code in this announcement.



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

October 19, 2024

10:45 a.m.



Musical Meditation

Bruce Carrico

Welcome and Announcements

David Miller

Worship Through Giving

Local Church Budget

Children's Story

Jenni Hembry

Invocation

David Miller

Scripture Call to Worship

Psalm 96:8-10 NKJV | Betsy Goodwin

Songs of Praise

We Have This Hope, Hymn 214

Will Your Anchor Hold, Hymn 534

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less, Hymn 522
Lem Bach, Gary Dies, Hillary McGehee-Weems

Altar Prayer

David Miller

Song of Consecration

Come Thou Fount, Hymn 334

Sermon

Lauren Fraser

Song of Response

Great Is Thy Faithfulness, Hymn 100

Benediction

David Miller

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.

Check Lost & Found Potluck Items

It's easy to leave something behind after a potluck, so **please stop by the church's Board Room today** following the Worship Service to see if one of your bowls, pans, dishes, containers, etc. might be among the forgotten items found in the Fellowship Hall kitchen. Our Hospitality Leaders, Pastor and Mrs. José Camacho, would like to return these items to their owners as part of a deep cleaning they are giving the FH kitchen.



Ageless Wonders Seniors Meeting

Our next Ageless Wonders Meeting will be Sunday, **October 20**. We are planning to go to



The Botanical Garden (3900 Tulsa Botanic Dr., Tulsa, OK 74127). The Garden's theme is Autumn. Lots of different areas to see. The cost is \$10 for 16+, \$5 for 3-15 years. We will all meet in the parking lot. The time is **12:00 pm**. No meal! Eat before you come!! Any questions call Carma at 918-200-2613. — *Carma Fox*

Incoming Membership Transfer

SECOND READING

Dawnanita James from Hillsboro Seventh-day Adventist Church in Hillsboro, Texas

Outdoor Church Next Sabbath



WHEN: **October 26, 2024 (church closed)**
Sabbath School - 9:45 am (**kids too!**)
Worship Service - 10:45 am

WHERE: **At the Knights' place**
6109 E. 30th St. N.
Tulsa, OK 74115

SEATING: **Bring a lawn chair or quilt**

ATTIRE: **Wear casual clothes and flat shoes**

POTLUCK: Afterward we will enjoy a potluck picnic lunch together. Please **bring picnic food** items to share for the potluck such as potato salad, veggie trays, sandwiches, chips & dip, etc. **Plan to bring a cooler if your potluck picnic foods need to be chilled.** The lunch will be hosted by the Diaz Hospitality Team.

DIRECTIONS: From Highway 11, take the Sheridan Road exit and head north on Sheridan. Turn left on 30th Street North. Turn right at brick mailbox (across from Cavalier Homes). Follow gravel road to church site and parking.

Vespers, Hayride and Bonfire

Everyone is invited to Vespers, Hayride and Bon-



fire on **October 26** at Marvin and Lana McGehees' (3011 N. Irvington Ave., Tulsa OK 74115).

Vespers starts at **6:30 pm**. Bring a chair to sit in. Food

will be sold by TAA's 8th graders to raise funds for their mission trip. See you there!

Thank You

Hispanic Ministry Events

The SDA Hispanic community would like to thank the First Tulsa SDA Church for sharing the buildings in which the Hispanic Ministry events were held on October 12. Thank you also to those who helped make the events possible including Jason Vargas, Josh Roberts, and Dr. Carrico.

Furniture Donations

Thank you to each of you who donated furniture items to assist one of our members in need. Your kindness is very much appreciated!

— *Pastor José Camacho*

Adventist Response to Hurricanes

The Seventh-day Adventist Church's Community Services is providing assistance where it is needed in the recovery from hurricanes Helene and Milton. You can give a much needed donation online at acsdonate.maxcheckout.com.

Prayer Requests

Ron Bewley

Henry Blalock

Church Building Committee

Discover Bible School

Missing Members

America

Victoria Klinger

Selena family

Native New Day

Church Finances

Tulsa Adventist Academy

Special Prayer

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

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

21 Michael Gerstner; Hadassa Reyes

22 Rose Swayze

23 Arin Bailey; David Miller; Matthew Williams

24 Lilly Childress

26 Mandy Ellis

Quarterly Local Church Budget Report July through September, 2024

Amount planned for budget **\$29,385**

Amount received for budget **\$29,803**

● In September, donations received for our Church Budget were about \$2,000 less than our projected need of \$9,795 each month. However, the combined amount received for the first quarter (July thru September) was sufficient to meet the planned budget goal of \$29,385.

● We invite everyone to participate in faithfully giving an offering to help us meet our expenses. Our church will be blessed and so will you!

— *Judy Miller, Church Treasurer*

Thank you for giving!

Calendar

Today, October 19

Sabbath School	9:30 am	Offering	Local Church Budget
Worship Service	10:45 am	Elder	David Miller
Lost & Found in Board Room	after church	Deacon	Jason Vargas
Sunset	6:43 pm		



Two Weeks at a Glance | October 20–November 2, 2024

20 • Ageless Wonders Seniors Meeting 12:00p	21	22 • Community Services 8:00-11:00a	23 • Prayer Meeting 6:30p	24	25 Sunset 6:36p	26 • Outdoor Church & Potluck Lunch at Knights, 9:45a • Vespers and Hayride at McGehees, 6:30p Sunset 6:35p
27	28	29 • Community Services 8:00-11:00a	30 • Prayer Meeting 6:30p	31	Nov. 1 Sunset 6:28p	2 Sunset 6:27p

Next Sabbath, October 26

OUTDOOR CHURCH at Knights'

Sabbath School	9:45 am
Worship Service	10:45 am
Potluck Picnic Lunch	12:30 pm
Vespers & Hayride at McGehees'	6:30 pm
Sunset	6:35 pm

Offering	Onward Oklahoma 2%
Elder	Lauren Fraser
Deacon	Jason Vargas

Events

October 20

Ageless Wonders Seniors Meeting, 12:00 pm

October 26

Outdoor Church at Knights', 9:45 am
Vespers & Hayride at McGehees', 6:30 pm

November 12

Church Board Meeting, 5 - 6 pm

November 15

Parenting Workshop at TAA, 5:00 pm

Church Music Notes

Praise Song

Our first Hymn of Praise today is No. 214, **We Have This Hope**, which tells of our hope in Christ's soon coming. It was written by Wayne Hooper, who for many years worked with the Voice of Prophecy, as a member of the King's Heralds Quartet. He was also a member of the music committee for the 1962 General Conference session and was asked to write a theme song for the meeting (also later used as theme song for General Conference sessions in 1966, 1975, and 1995). The words of this hymn point towards a common phrase of the early Adventist pioneers, "the blessed hope," which is identified in the last phrase of the song as "Hope in the coming of the Lord." As Paul said in Titus 2:13, 14: "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

Wayne Hooper himself describes the experience of composing this song: "For several years I had been making a special study of the symphonies of Brahms in my graduate study. One day while driving, I started thinking about the motto that had been chosen, 'We Have This Hope.' All of a sudden, the four notes from the final theme of Brahms' Fourth Symphony No. 1 in C Minor came to mind as fitting those four words exactly. I had been praying that if it were the Lord's will that I write something useful, that the Holy Spirit would impress my mind with the right combination of words and music that would be a blessing to the people at that GC session. In just a matter of half an hour I had all the words and most of the music. . . ."

"This is the one time in my life that I feel very certain that I was 'given' the musical ideas from

the Lord." So Wayne Hooper concluded, "While riding in the car that day, 'We Have This Hope' came to me almost all at once as a gift from God."

In the *Companion to the Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal*, Wayne Hooper says that some time later, after writing this song for the 1962 General Conference session, that he read a book that set down actual conversations with the great Johannes Brahms, in which Brahms told about the steps he took before attempting to compose music. Brahms said, "All truly inspired ideas come from God."

Then Brahms told in some detail how he would actually study the Bible, especially the fourteenth chapter of John, where it says, "Not I, the Father that dwelleth within me, He doeth the works," and John 17, where it says, "I and my Father are one." Brahms went on to say, "I always contemplate this before commencing to compose. This is the first step. When I feel the urge I begin by appealing directly to my Maker, and I first ask Him the three most important questions pertaining to our life here in this world. Where did we come from? Why are we here? Whither are we going?"

Brahms said, "Above all I realize at such moments the tremendous significance of Jesus' supreme revelation 'I and my Father are one.' These vibrations assume the form of distinct mental images, after I have formulated my desire and resolve in regard to what I want — namely, to be inspired so that I can compose something that will uplift and benefit humanity, something of permanent value. Straightway the ideas flow in upon me directly from God, and not only do I see distinct themes in my mind's eye, but they are clothed in the right forms, harmonies, and orchestration. Measure by measure the finished product is revealed to me when I am in those rare inspired moods." (Arthur M. Abell, *Talks With the Great Composers* [New York: Philosophical Library, 1955])."

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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

October 19 • 9:30 a.m.

Songs, Scripture, Prayer

Anywhere With Jesus, No. 508
Moment By Moment, No. 507
Exodus 34:5-8
Don Williams

Mission Video

Tag, Climbing, and God | Alaska

Sabbath School Lesson Discussion

The Backstory: The Prologue

Small Group Class | Don Williams

Online Class | Abby Duffy, Judy Miller,
Paula Davison

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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