



Weekly UPDATE
First Adventist Church
of Tulsa

HAPPY
Mother's
DAY

May 10, 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!

Church Website Address Change

Due to technical difficulties, the online address of our Tulsa First Adventist Church website has temporarily been changed to **tulsasda.com**. We apologize for the inconvenience.

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 wash-cloths**. 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!

Attend TAA Graduations

The school year is rapidly coming to a close and graduations are being held at our church this coming week! Everyone is invited to attend Tulsa Adventist Academy's graduation ceremonies which are scheduled as follows:

May 15, 6:00 pm | Kindergarten & 8th Grade

May 17, 7:30 pm | Senior Commencement

TAA Constituency Meeting Notice

When: Sunday, May 18 at 4:00 pm

Where: Tulsa Adventist Academy

Attendees: Your School Board representatives and church selected delegates

Agenda:

Welcome & Devotion

School Report

Constitutional Amendments recommended by the school board

Worship Service

May 10, 2025

10:45 a.m.



Musical Meditation

Bruce Carrico

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Samson Sembeba

Worship Through Giving

Disaster and Famine Relief (GC and NAD)

Children's Story

Victor Melendez

Invocation

James Davison

Scripture Call to Worship

Scripture from Isaiah 26

Hillary McGehee-Weems

Songs of Praise

We Will Glorify the King of Kings

I Cannot Tell Why, Hymn 255

Lead Me to Calvary, Hymn 317

Lotoya Anthony, Gary Dies, Hillary McGehee-Weems

Altar Prayer

James Davison

Song of Consecration

How Great Is Our God

Sermon

Sermon Series | *Wrestling With Love*

Pastor Samson Sembeba

Song of Response

Burdens are Lifted, Hymn 476

Benediction

Pastor Samson Sembeba

Postlude

Bruce Carrico

Announcements

Welcome!

A heartfelt welcome 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.

Friday Prayer Power Up Meetings

On **May 16, May 23, and May 30 at 6:45 pm** help support our upcoming series of evangelistic meetings (May 30-June 14) by attending *Friday Prayer Power Up* meetings at the church. Join Pastor Samson Sembeba in praying for the evangelistic meetings and much more!



2025 Church Family Graduates

Congratulations to the 2025 graduates in our church family! May God bless you as you move forward to the next step in your lives.

If there are additional graduates in our church family, Please text the graduate's name and school along with their degree and major (if graduating from college), to the bulletin secretary at 918-640-6540.

High School Graduate

Sakura Robison
Owasso High School



University Graduate

Gabrielle Carrico
University of Oklahoma
Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing

Ageless Wonders Senior Meeting

There will be a meeting **May 18** in the Board Room. We will be having a movie! So bring your favorite snack. The time will be **1:00**. Please come and enjoy fellowship and fun! — *Carma Fox*



Spring Evangelistic Meetings

A speaker from Southwestern Adventist



University will host a series of evangelistic meetings at our church **May 30 - June 14**.

Invite your loved ones and friends to come learn vital truth from the Bible, and pray for God to bless the meetings with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Church Work Bee

Come and lend a hand at our Church Work Bee on Sunday, **June 1** starting at **9:00 am**.

Work Bee Coordinator Jason Vargas says that if people come as late as 5:00 pm he will be at the church until no one is left to work or there's no more work to do.



- Work Bee Tasks include **general clean up, yard work, light maintenance, and installing new ceiling tiles.**
- Free pizza for lunch
- Bring step ladders, shovels, rakes, and tools.

Sembeba Baby Shower



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School, coming **June 23 - 28**, 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. To register children ages 3-12 to attend VBS, visit our church's Facebook page or website at tulsasda.com.



Prayer Requests

Minnie Bork

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.

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 10 Beverly Wright
- 14 Phillip Nikles
- 16 Amy Cox
- 18 Gustavo Obregon del Carpio
- 19 Colton & Kaitlyn Madalone

Local Church Budget Report

July 2024 through April 2025

Amount planned for budget \$97,950

Amount received for budget \$94,199

Claim the Promise

“But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Now unto God and our Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen”

Philippians 4:19-20

— Judy Miller, Church Treasurer

Thank you for giving!

Calendar

Today, May 10

Sabbath School	9:30 am	Offering	Disaster Relief (NAD)
Worship Service	10:45 am	Elder	James Davison
Sunset	8:18 pm	Deacon	Jason Vargas



Two Weeks at a Glance | May 11 – 24, 2025

11 •Mother's Day	12	13 •Community Services 8:00a-11:00a •Church Board Meeting 6:00p	14 •Prayer Meeting 6:00p	15 •TAA Kindergarten and 8th Grade Graduations 6:00p	16 •Friday Prayer Power Up Meeting 6:45p Sunset 8:23p	17 •TAA 12th Grade Commencement Ceremony 7:30p Sunset 8:24p
18	19	20 •Community Services 8:00a-11:00a	21 •Prayer Meeting 6:00p	22	23 •Friday Prayer Power Up Meeting 6:45p Sunset 8:29p	24 Sunset 8:29p

Next Sabbath, May 17

Sabbath School	9:30 am
Worship Service	10:45 am
TAA 12th Grade Commencement	7:30 pm
Sunset	8:24pm

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

Events

May 15
TAA Kinder. & 8th Grade Graduations, 6 pm

May 16, May 23, May 30
Friday Prayer Power Up Meeting, 6:45 pm

May 17
TAA 12th Grade Graduation, 7:30 pm

May 30-June 14
Evangelistic Meetings

June 1
Church Work Bee, 9:00 am

Church Music Notes

Songs of Praise

Our first Song of Praise this morning 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 second Hymn of Praise this morning is No. 255, **I Cannot Tell Why**. This hymn was written by Irish composer William Fullerton, who was born in Belfast, Ireland in 1857. It is a meditation which expresses in the first half of each verse,

amazement and wonder at the “why” and “how” of Jesus’ coming from earth to heaven; in the last half of the verses an affirmation of faith in the success of Jesus’ rescue mission — in spite of our lack of understanding of the mystery. While a teenager, Mr. Fullerton moved at age 18 to London, where he attended the tabernacle where the great preacher Charles Spurgeon taught. He accepted a call to the Baptist ministry while still young and later became a prominent preacher of the time himself. The tune of this hymn is LONDONDERRY AIR, which is a very familiar Irish folksong. As we sing this morning, let the music and words combine to truly lift your mind to the very throne room of Heaven!



Our final Hymn of Praise is No. 317, **Lead Me to Calvary**. The words to this hymn first appeared in 1921, written by Jennie Hussey. She lived and worked on the same farm where four generations of her Quaker family had lived. Much of her life was spent in hardship and suffering, especially in the care of her invalid sister. Yet Jennie was known for her cheerful and courageous attitude. She wrote approximately 150 hymn texts before she died in 1958. The words of this hymn should be one of main the goals for our lives, “King of my life, I crown thee now. . . . Lead me to Calvary.”

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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

May 10 • 9:30 a.m.

Songs, Scripture, Prayer

Morning Has Broken, No. 44
Side by Side We Stand
Matthew 18:20 NKJV
Henry Blalock, Aaron Pinson

Mission Video

The Only School for Me, Thailand

Sabbath School Lesson Discussion

Understanding Sacrifice

Group Class | Lem Bach

Online Class | Tom Huff, Pam Fraser,
Pastor Samson Sembeba

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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