



Weekly UPDATE
First Adventist Church
of Tulsa

COME TO **THE** **TABLE**

March 25, 2023

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 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!

Small Group Sabbath School Class

We are inviting you to experience our small group



Bible study class in the Board Room each Sabbath morning at 9:45 a.m. This class is interactive BUT there is NO PRESSURE to speak, to read or to lead unless YOU decide to participate. We also try to socially distance.

Please stop by and give this class a try.

TAA Health Food Store

At this time, the Tulsa Adventist Academy Health Food Store does not have regular business hours.

If you would like to purchase something from the store, you can come to the Tulsa Adventist Academy office during school hours and the secretary will assist you. Or, contact Rowland Knight at 918-381-9708 for an appointment.

Tulsa Adventist Academy News

Work Bee | Our six-year accreditation is April 4-5 so please help us get ready by helping at our work bee on Sunday, **April 2** any time between **9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**



Student Trips | Mrs. Vargas is taking her eighth graders back to Orange County, Texas for their mission trip, and the seniors are going on a class trip later in the month.

TAA Sabbath | Our TAA Sabbath is on **May 6** so plan to join us.

Worship Service

March 25, 2023

10:45 a.m.



Musical Meditation

Bruce Carrico

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Pastor Samson Sembeba

Songs of Praise

My Jesus, I Love Thee, Hymn 321

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Mighty to Save

Children's Story

Worship Through Giving

Onward Oklahoma 2%

Prayer

David Miller

Song of Consecration

Father, I Adore You

Sermon

Sermon Series | *Come to the Table*

Pastor Samson Sembeba

Song of Response

Trust and Obey, Hymn 590

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 through live stream. May you receive Sabbath blessings as we praise and worship our loving, gracious, merciful Lord together.

Volunteers Needed for Clinic

Forty volunteers (both medical professionals and nonmedical volunteers) are needed to help with the **Native Ministries Free Dental & Vision Clinic** to be held at Wewoka Woods Adventist Center Sunday, **April 2, 8a - 3p**. Register to volunteer for the Clinic at the Oklahoma Conference website okadventist.org. Lodging and meals for the volunteers are available. Volunteers are needed for the following areas of the Clinic (please select the areas you are most interested in when you register to volunteer):



- REGISTRATION:** 5 volunteers
- MEDICAL TRIAGE:** 3 or 4 volunteers (nurses, EMT's, etc. preferred)
- DENTAL TRIAGE:** 1 dental professional, 2 assistant volunteers
- DENTAL CLINIC:** 10 dental professionals, 10 assistant volunteers
- VISION CLINIC:** 2 vision professionals, 2 or 3 assistant volunteers
- LIFESTYLE MEDICINE:** 2 - 5 medical professional (MD, RN, RD) volunteers
- HOSPITALITY:** 5 - 10 volunteers
- FOOD PREP & SERVE:** 2 - 5 volunteers

Diabetes Undone in Progress

The *Diabetes Undone* program began **March 21 and will meet each Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 pm, through April 11**. Presented by Dr. Wes Youngberg, *Diabetes Undone* introduces the tools and knowledge to better understand and reverse diabetes and improve overall health and quality of life. For more info about the program and volunteering, contact Judy Miller (580-223-1844). Please remember *Diabetes Undone* in your prayers.



— Judy Miller

Community Services Needs

Our church's Community Service Center is in need of **blankets** and **coats**. Please bring these items to our church on Sabbaths or to the Community Service Center on Tuesdays from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. Please do not leave donations at the Center when there are no volunteers there to receive them. Thank you!



Fellowship Lunch Schedule

- April 8** Diaz Hospitality Team
- May 13** Vargas Hospitality Team
- June 10** Knight Hospitality Team

VBS Needs Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for our church's Vacation Bible School coming **June 12 - 16**. Contact



Abby Duffy (918-998-3418) to volunteer. VBS decorating & program preparation dates are Wednesday evenings

May 24, May 31, and June 7. Thank you for your help with this very important ministry!

TAA Visitation Day is March 31

All students in Pre-k through grade 12 are invited to visit Tulsa Adventist Academy on Friday, **March 31** (8:00 am—noon) to experience what it is like to attend school at TAA. Feel free to invite friends or neighbors seeking a safe, small-school environment also.



Connect Cards Available for You

One way to communicate with Pastor Sembeba about becoming a member of our church, a prayer request, your contact information, becoming more involved with church activities, or some other matter is by filling out a Connect Card available on the tables at the back of the church sanctuary. Please place Connect Cards in one of the offering boxes at the back of the sanctuary.



Prayer Requests

Blagrove family

Mark McGehee

Lynn Silkey

Diabetes Undone

Church Finances

Discover Bible School

Missing Members



America

Church Building Committee

Native New Day

Tulsa Adventist Academy

Special Prayer

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

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 25 Steven Blagrove, Jr.
- 28 Jim McBride
- 28 Elijah Williams
- 28 Timothy Williams
- 29 Noriah Duffy
- 30 Mariano Dieguez

February Local Church Budget Summary

Amount Needed

\$10,006

Feb. Budget

Amount Received

\$8,201

Feb. Income

● **THANK YOU** for your donations to our Local Church Budget! Please continue your support so that vital church expenses and ministries can be funded and maintained.

● A portion of the contributions received for Local Church Budget each month will be allocated to a local Reserve Fund account which will be used to pay for much-needed or unexpected building maintenance and equipment repairs, etc.

Calendar

Today, March 25

Sabbath School	9:30 am	Offering	Onward Oklahoma 2%
Worship Service	10:45 am	Elder	David Miller
Sunset	7:39 pm	Deacon	TBA



Two Weeks at a Glance | March 26—April 8, 2023

26	27	28 •Community Services Center open 8:00a - 10:00a •Diabetes Undone Meeting 6:30p	29 •Prayer Meeting 6:30p	30	31 •TAA Visitation Day 8:00a-12:00p Sunset 7:44p	April 1 Sunset 7:45p
2 •TAA School Work Bee 9:00a-3:00p	3	4 •Community Services Center open 8:00a - 10:00a •Diabetes Undone Meeting 6:30p	5 •Prayer Meeting 6:30p	6	7 Sunset 7:50p	8 Sunset 7:51p

Next Sabbath, April 1

Sabbath School	9:30 am
Worship Service	10:45 am
Sunset	7:45 pm

<i>Offering</i>	<i>Local Church Budget</i>
<i>Elder</i>	<i>Tom Huff</i>
<i>Deacon</i>	<i>TBA</i>

Events

March 21– April 11 (Tuesdays only)
Diabetes Undone, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

March 31
TAA Visitation Day, 8:00 am—noon

April 18
Church Board Meeting

June 12–16
Vacation Bible School

Church Music Notes

Prelude

Our Prelude on the Communion Sabbath is **Were You There**, arranged for digital keyboard by Don Wyrzten (words for meditation are with Hymn No. 158). This song is perhaps the most universally used American spiritual in all the hymnals of



Christendom. It first appeared in print around the turn of the century. The primary poetic thought is that all of us were there at Calvary, by virtue of the fact that *“all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God”* (Romans 3:23). The unknown voices who sang this song through the years were able in this song to identify with the suffering of Jesus, since they also were unfairly treated and felt that they knew something of what He suffered. It was a cry of the heart that found an echo and response in their own woes.

Song of Praise

The first song of praise is **My Jesus I Love Thee**, Hymn No. 321. This hymn is a sweet expression of love for the Savior that flows directly from the author’s experience of the Savior’s love for him. A remarkable thing about *My Jesus I Love Thee* is that it was originally written by William Ralph Featherston, a teenager who had recently come to faith, as a devotional poem. Not much is known about Featherston, except that he attended a Methodist church in Montreal, that he was young when he wrote the poem (12 or 16 years old), and that he died at

just 27 years of age. One story about how the poem became public is that Featherston mailed it to his aunt in Los Angeles who, upon reading it, quickly sought its publication. It wasn’t until several years after Featherston’s death that Adoniram Judson Gordon (founder of Gordon College and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, added a melody and published it in his book of hymns, thus forever transforming this poem to a song.

Another Song of Worship is **Mighty to Save**, written by Hillsong United musicians, Reuben Morgan and Ben Fielding. The song quotes Zephaniah 3:27, which tells us about God, who is *“mighty to save.”* Is this Old Testament prophet speaking about the power of the gospel to bring hopeless, lifeless souls into a transforming encounter with Christ? Or maybe Zephaniah was speaking of God’s heart for redeeming those from every tongue and tribe and nation? It’s hard to fathom why a God who is able to move mountains would choose to save those who have so deeply offended Him. But this is the gospel. Though we have done nothing to merit His favor, God sent His only son, Jesus, to rescue us from sin and rebellion. He is truly mighty to save.

Postlude

The Postlude is an organ arrangement of the old hymn **I Love to Tell the Story**, arranged by Dale Wood (words for meditation are with Hymn No. 457). The author of the words for this hymn was Arabella Hankey, who had been ordered by her doctor to stay in bed for 12 months or face death from her illness. While confined to bed in the year 1866 she wrote a 55-stanza poem. The poem is in two parts and tells the entire story of redemption from the Garden of Eden to Christ’s life on earth as a human being, His death and resurrection, and ending with His Second Advent.

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TAA Health Food Store

Offering canned & frozen vegetarian foods

To purchase foods, come to the TAA office during school hours or contact Rowland Knight at 918-381-9708 and make an appointment.

Sabbath School Classes

- Spanish Sabbath School Class is in the Chapel.
- Classes for children and youth ages 0 - teen are held in the church's south hall classrooms.

Adult Sabbath School Program

March 25 • 9:30 a.m.

Songs, Scripture, and Prayer

As the Deer
You Are My All in All
John 14:1-4 NIV
Vasquez Family

Mission Video

The Nursing Program that Became Too Popular, Rwanda

Sabbath School Lesson Discussion

Rewards of Faithfulness

Small Group Class - Joe Barranco
Online Class - David Miller, Daniel Duffy, Peggy Dohlman

Church Bulletin Information

The deadline for receiving announcements to be printed in the bulletin is **11:00 a.m. on Wednesday**. Text your announcements to the bulletin secretary at 918-640-6540 or email announcements to this email address: **bruce.carrico@gmail.com**.



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