



Weekly UPDATE First Adventist Church of Tulsa

“Our April showers can truly lead to May flowers because God sees purpose in our brokenness even when we don’t, and He can use it to bring forth beauty that will bless those around us.”

– Holley Gerth

April 13, 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 Health Food Store

If you would like to purchase vegetarian foods from the Tulsa Adventist Academy food store, come to the TAA office during school hours and the secretary will assist you. Or, contact Rowland Knight at 918-381-9708 for an appointment. All profits from the health food store benefit Tulsa Adventist Academy.

Free Benefit Concert & Silent Auction



A free Concert and a Silent Auction of Nicaraguan wares at the Claremore Seventh-day Adventist Church (20555 S. 4170 Rd., Claremore, OK 74017) on **May 11** at **7:00 pm** will benefit Tasba Raya Adventist Ministries. RSVP at Event-brite.com (search for Christian concerts in Tulsa).

Tasba Raya Adventist Ministries operates a Seventh-day Adventist elementary school and evangelism ministry in the jungles of northeast Nicaragua. They provide high quality Christian education for around 200 children in Pre-K through Grade 6. The students are taught Christian principles, community service, healthy lifestyle principles and hygiene in addition to their academic classwork. The ministry is funded entirely by donations.

Come enjoy a concert featuring a variety of religious music and learn about how you can be of benefit to Tasba Raya Adventist Ministries.

Worship Service

April 13, 2024

10:45 a.m.



Musical Meditation

Bruce Carrico

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Samson Sembeba

Worship Through Giving

Hope Channel International

Children's Story

Lisa Peugh

Invocation

Pastor Samson Sembeba

Songs of Praise

Showers of Blessing, Hymn 195

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name, Hymn 229

Lem Bach, Gary Dies, Hillary McGehee-Weems

Altar Prayer

Tom Huff

Song of Consecration

10,000 Reasons

Sermon

Sermon Series | *Adopted*

Pastor Samson Sembeba

Song of Response

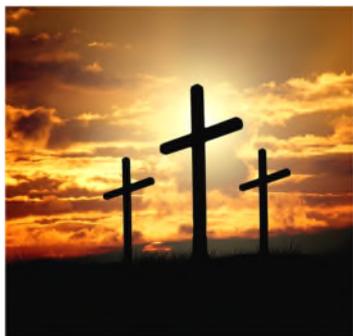
It Is Well With My Soul, Hymn 530

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.

Tulsa Children's Ministry Training



The Oklahoma Conference will conduct a free Children's Ministry Training today, **April 13 (3:00-6:00 pm)** and

April 14 (9:00 am-12:30 pm). The trainings will be in both English and Spanish.

- **Introducing the exciting new "Alive in Jesus" curriculum as leaders Norma Shepherd and Damaris Prieto teach you ways to supercharge your impact in children's ministry!**
- The **April 13** session (**New Curriculum Training**) is at our First Tulsa Adventist Church.
- The **April 14** session (**VBS Training**) is at the Tulsa Independence Spanish SDA Church (748 N. Louisville Ave., Tulsa 74115).

Adventist Church Movie in Theaters

On **April 17-18** at 7 pm, **The Hopeful**, a full-length movie about the beginnings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, will be shown in Tulsa area theaters including Cinemark Tulsa, Cinemark Broken Arrow, AMC Southroads 20, Regal Warren Broken Arrow, and more.

Welcome New Church Members

A special welcome to our two new members who were baptized last Sabbath. We are so blessed to have you as part of our church family!

- **Gabriel Anthony**

Family | Garth and Lotoya (Parents); Leah (Sister), Nathan (Brother), Tracy (Sister)

- **Brian Burgin**

Family | Jessica (Spouse), Ava (Daughter)

Tulsa Adventist Academy Sabbath

Tulsa Adventist Academy students and staff will lead our Worship Service on Sabbath, **May 4** at 10:45 am. It is always a blessing to have TAA families worship with us and share their musical gifts and inspirational thoughts.



New Church Officer Nominee

FIRST READING

Our Church Board has nominated **James Davison** to be the State Fair Booth Ministry Coordinator for the current church year and also for 2024 - 2025.

Register Now for VBS

Vacation Bible School registration is open at tulsasda.org for kids ages 3-12. VBS will be held at our church **June 10-14, 6:00-8:30 pm**.

Relationships Workshop May 11



Joshua and Kate Ramirez will be at our church on the weekend of **May 11** to lead a workshop about healthy relationships and more.

Church Roof Loan Balance Update

The current balance on our Church Roof Loan principal is **\$28,758**. Thank you for your support!

Background Check for Volunteers

For safety purposes, the Oklahoma Conference is requiring an online Background Check and online Safety Training for ALL church volunteers.

NOTE: The corrected Background Check website appears in red print below.

Instructions for Completing Your Background Check:

- Go online to **[NCSRISK.ORG/ADVENTIST](https://www.ncsrisk.org/adventist)**
- Click on: "First Time - Registrant"; Union - "Southwestern"; Conference - "Oklahoma"; Location - Name of Our Church
- Allow 2 hours to complete the training, or save your work as you go.
- When training is completed, you will be routed to a consent form that you must submit in order to complete your background check for yourself through the NCS Risk website.
- You will receive an email from Sterling Volunteers telling you what to do next to FINISH.

Prayer Requests

Paulette Brownley

Childress family

Church Building Committee

Discover Bible School

Missing Members

America

Griesbaum family

Perry family

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 and Anniversaries

13 Mitchell McGehee

14 Daniel Duffy

15 Robert Childress

19 Ubaldina Ortega



Local Church Budget Summary (for July, 2023 - March, 2024)

Amount needed for budget	\$94,455
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Amount received	\$92,832
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Amount short of budget goal	\$ 1,623
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• **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, April 13

Sabbath School	9:30 am	Offering	Hope Channel
Worship Service	10:45 am	Elder	Tom Huff
Children's Ministry Training	3:00 pm	Deacon	Richard Adams
Sunset	7:55 pm		



Two Weeks at a Glance | April 14–27, 2024

14	15	16 •Community Services Center 8:00a - 11:00a	17 •Prayer Meeting 6:30p	18	19 Sunset 8:01p	20 Sunset 8:01p
21	22	23 •Community Services Center 8:00a - 11:00a	24 •Prayer Meeting 6:30p	25	26 Sunset 8:06p	27 •Fellowship Lunch Sunset 8:07p

Next Sabbath, April 20

Sabbath School	9:30 am
Worship Service	10:45 am
Sunset	8:01 pm

<i>Offering</i>	<i>SWUC Endowment</i>
<i>Elder</i>	<i>Lauren Fraser</i>
<i>Deacon</i>	<i>Richard Adams</i>

Events

- April 27**
Fellowship Lunch
- April 30**
Leadership Development Workshop, 5-7 pm
- May 4**
TAA Sabbath, Acro Show
- May 5**
TAA Talent Show, 11:00 am
- May 11**
Relationship Workshop

Church Music Notes

Songs of Praise

One of our songs of praise today is **Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)**. John Newton wrote the words to this hymn as a personal testimony of God's goodness in transforming him from a slave captain, later captured and held as a slave himself, and finally becoming converted and a Christian minister. On his death bed John Newton said: "My memory is nearly gone, but I remember two things – that I am a great sinner, but that Jesus is a great Savior." The arrangement we sing today adds the refrain by Chris Tomlin, written for a recent feature movie, also named "Amazing Grace." The additional words go: "My chains are gone, I've been set free, my God, my Savior has ransomed me. And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending Love, amazing grace."

Ellen White once wrote about God's grace in *Steps to Christ*, p. 68: "In the matchless gift of His Son, God has encircled the whole world with an atmosphere of grace as real as the air which circulates around the globe. All who choose to



breathe this life-giving atmosphere will live and grow up to the stature of men and women in Christ Jesus."

Another of our songs today is **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**, No. 229. The words of this hymn came from England, and were written by Edward Perronet in 1779. Though

Perronet studied to be a clergyman, he was disturbed by corruption in the Church of England and joined with the Wesley brothers in preaching the gospel, undergoing persecution with them. For example, he is mentioned in Wesley's *Journal* as being rolled in the mud after preaching in Bolton, Lancashire!



The words of this hymn bring to mind the assembled saved of all the ages, as well as the angel choruses, singing praise to God the Father, Son, and Spirit at the time of the Second Coming

The music of this hymn by Oliver Holden originated in the newly-independent colonies in America in 1792. It is the oldest American tune in modern hymnody to be used continually. Holden was a carpenter and helped rebuild the town of Charlestown, Massachusetts, which had been destroyed in the War of Independence. He was a self-taught musician and conducted singing schools and edited several collections of sacred songs. A member of the Massachusetts State House of Representatives for 15 years, Holden died in Charlestown in 1844, a year which was also very important for Adventists. The introduction to this morning's hymn presents a fanfare by Frederick Swann, a second verse harmonized by Hal Hopson, and the rousing arrangement for the final verse today is composed by Margaret Mueller.

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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, youth, and young adults are held in the church's south hall classrooms.

Adult Sabbath School Program

April 13 • 9:30 a.m.

Songs, Scripture, Prayer

Love Lifted Me
I Surrender All, No. 309
Isaiah 40:28-31 NKJV

Joe Barranco

Mission Video

Miburo's Journey of Hope, Burundi

Sabbath School Lesson Discussion

The Central Issue: Love or Selfishness

Small Group Class | Tom Huff

Online Class | Bruce Carrico, Pam Fraser,
Joe Barranco

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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