



**Weekly UPDATE**  
**First Adventist Church**  
**of Tulsa**

**April 20, 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](http://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 20, 2024*

*10:45 a.m.*

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## **Musical Meditation**

Bruce Carrico

## **Welcome and Announcements**

Pastor Samson Sembega

## **Worship Through Giving**

Southwestern Adventist University Endowment

## **Children's Story**

Abby Duffy

## **Invocation**

Pastor Samson Sembega

## **Songs of Praise**

*Glorious Day*

*There is None Like You*

*To God Be the Glory*, Hymn 341

James Davison, Lauren Fraser, Sarah Zimmer

## **Altar Prayer**

Lauren Fraser

## **Song of Consecration**

*Living Hope*

## **Sermon**

Sermon Series | *Adopted*

Pastor Samson Sembega

## **Song of Response**

*Shall We Gather at the River*, Hymn 433

## **Benediction**

Pastor Samson Sembega

## **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.

### Register Now for VBS

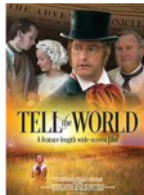


Vacation Bible School registration is open at [tulsasda.org](http://tulsasda.org) for kids ages 3-12. VBS will be held at our church **June 10-14, 6:00-8:30 pm.**

### Ageless Wonders Seniors Meetings

**Ageless Wonders! The Seniors are going to have a short meeting TODAY, April 20, right after church in the Board Room.**

Our next meeting will be Sunday **May 12 at 12:00 pm.** We will meet in the Fellowship Hall! Our food theme is **Favorites** and we will watch a movie called "Tell the World". Bring food and have fun!



### Leadership Workshop

Pastor Samson Sembeba continues his Leadership Workshop Tuesday, **April 30, 5-7 pm**, in the Board Room. Come learn leadership skills for the home, church, and workplace!

### New Church Officer Nominee

#### SECOND 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.

### Tulsa Adventist Academy Sabbath

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



### 2024 Church Family Graduates

We want to celebrate the 2024 graduates in our church family by including their name and graduation information in the church bulletin. **Please text the graduate's name and school along with their degree and major** if graduating from college, to the bulletin secretary (918-640-6540).





## Fellowship Lunch Next Sabbath



There will be a Fellowship Lunch next Sabbath, **April 27. The theme is TACOS. Church members are asked to bring Taco ingredients.** Thanks to the Duffy Hospitality Team for hosting.

## 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://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

### Childress family

**Ida Clark**

Church Building Committee

Discover Bible School

Missing Members

America

### Perry family

**Vasquez 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

- 22 Richard Adams
- 23 Joe Barranco; Lily Nikles
- 24 Dewayne & Karen Marler
- 27 Minnie Bork



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

Amount needed for budget	<b>\$94,455</b>
Amount received	<b>\$92,832</b>
Amount short of budget goal	<b>\$ 1,623</b>

• **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 20

Sabbath School	9:30 am	Offering	SWAU Endowment
Worship Service	10:45 am	Elder	Lauren Fraser
Seniors Meeting	After Church	Deacon	Richard Adams
Sunset	8:01 pm		



## Two Weeks at a Glance | April 21–May 4, 2024

<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> •Community Services Center 8:00a - 11:00a	<b>24</b> •Prayer Meeting 6:30p	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  Sunset 8:06p	<b>27</b> •Fellowship Lunch  Sunset 8:07p
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> •Community Services Center 8:00a - 11:00a  •Leadership Workshop 5:00p - 7:00p	<b>May 1</b> •Prayer Meeting 6:30p	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  Sunset 8:12p	<b>4</b> •TAA Sabbath  Sunset 8:13p

## Next Sabbath, April 27

Sabbath School	9:30 am
Worship Service	10:45 am
Fellowship Lunch	12:30 pm
Sunset	8:07 pm

<i>Offering</i>	<i>Onward Oklahoma 2%</i>
<i>Elder</i>	<i>Daniel Duffy</i>
<i>Deacon</i>	<i>Richard Adams</i>

## Events

**April 30**  
Leadership Development Workshop, 5-7 pm

**May 4**  
TAA Sabbath; Acro Show in evening

**May 5**  
TAA Talent Show, 11:00 am

**May 12**  
Ageless Wonders Seniors Meeting, 12:00 pm

**May 18**  
TAA Senior Commencement, 7:30 pm

# Church Music Notes

## Songs of Praise

The song **Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)** originated with the contemporary Christian band Casting Crowns. The lyrics came from the John Wilbur Chapman hymn "One Day When Heaven Was Filled With His Praises" or more often called "One Day" which was written in 1909. The modern version of the song was written by worship pastor Michael Bleecker.

He tells the story of needing a triumphant song to be sung to commemorate the Resurrection of Jesus. He says, "I walked over to my stack of hymnals and pulled out the 1939 copy of 'The Hymns of Praise' from a church in Kenosha, Wisconsin." As he flipped through the yellowed pages he found the song "One Day." He read the words of the refrain: "Living, He loved me; dying He saved me; Buried, He carried my sins far away; Rising, He justified freely forever; One day He's coming - oh glorious day!"

He concludes, "That's the gospel in four creatively written lines. The verses of the song expound each line of the chorus: verse one



describes the birth of Christ, verse two the death of Christ, verse three the ascension of Christ and verse four the return of Christ. I'm grateful for the Presbyterian evangelist John Wilbur

Chapman and his hymn from the late 1800s. From combining his words with a melody the Lord gave me in five minutes, came "Glorious Day." I pray that it be used to teach the gospel and stir the affections of others for Jesus Christ."

Our last Praise song today is No. 341, **To God Be the Glory**. This beloved gospel hymn was written by Fanny Crosby, of whom it was once descriptively said, "she is a blind lady whose heart can see splendidly in the sunshine of God's love." She herself said, "Darkness may throw a shadow over my outer vision, but there is no cloud that can keep the sunlight of hope from a trustful soul."



The words of this hymn bring to mind Revelation 5:12, 13: "In a loud voice they sang: 'Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!' Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: 'To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!'" Written in 1875, this hymn was introduced in England by evangelists Ira Sankey and Dwight Moody. It was immediately popular in England, but almost unknown in America until rediscovered by Billy Graham during his 1952 British crusade. It has since rightfully become as popular in America as in England.

## Postlude

The Postlude is an arrangement for organ by Dale Wood of **What a Friend We Have in Jesus**, (words for meditation with Hymn No. 499).

## Contact Us

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### Community Service Center

Carma Fox: (918) 200-2613

### Tulsa Adventist Academy

(Pre-K — Grade 12)  
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School Office: (918) 834-1107  
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### TAA Health Food Store

*Offering canned & frozen vegetarian foods*  
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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

April 20 • 9:30 a.m.

#### Songs, Scripture, Prayer

*All the Way My Savior Leads Me*, No. 516  
*Just When I Need Him Most*, No. 512  
Psalm 51:1-13 KJV

Don Williams

#### Mission Video

*Changing Shoes Saved the Day*, Russia

#### Sabbath School Lesson Discussion

*Light Shines in the Darkness*

**Small Group Class** | Don Williams

**Online Class** | James Davison, 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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