



First Seventh-day Adventist Church of Tulsa

Set your
minds on
things above,
not on earthly
things.

Colossians 3:2

September 11, 2021

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 membership! If this is your desire, please turn in a Connection Card (located on the table at the rear of the church sanctuary). Place it in the offering box 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

- **6:00-7:00 am** ● Oklahoma Prayer Line
- Dial 605-468-8026, Access Code: 450698#

Wednesday

- **6:30 pm** ● Prayer Meeting in person at the church and live stream at tulsasda.org

Prayer Meeting

Prayer Meeting is in person at the church on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m., directed by Pastor Samson Sembeba. Prayer Meeting will also be live streamed on our church website and on our church Facebook page. Join us for this mid-week focus on prayer, Bible study, and fellowship as a church family.



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 go to the TAA office during school hours and the secretary will assist you.**



Pastor's Visit Request

Pastor Samson Sembeba is eager to get to know everyone better in our church family! If you would like to visit with him, please fill out the Pastor's Visit Request online form available on our church website at tulsasda.org or contact him by phone.

TCSC Food Pantry Hours

Tulsa Community Service Center (2015 S. Lakewood Ave.) is open **3:00-5:00 p.m. each Wednesday** for produce and food distribution.

— Ella Suttle

Pastor's Blog

Pastor Sembeba has a new blog post on our church website at tulsasda.org. The uplifting blog he posted this week is about Praise, coordinating with his current sermon series. Be sure to check it out!



Worship Service

September 11, 2021

10:45 a.m.



Musical Meditation

Bruce Carrico

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

James Davison

Praise

Living Hope

Will Your Anchor Hold, Hymn 534

How Great Thou Art, Hymn 86

Children's Story

Worship Through Giving

World Church Budget

Prayer

Daniel Duffy

Song of Consecration

Sweet, Sweet Spirit, Hymn 262

(song of the month)

Sermon

Sermon Series | *Power in Praise*

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.

Today's Offering

Today's offering is for the Seventh-day Adventist World Church Budget. Here is a quote from the General Conference website about the importance of mission offerings:

The Adventist Church is build on mission... Sharing God's love around the world is like a vehicle. It needs fuel to propel it. Our mission offerings are the fuel that propels almost every aspect of outreach. Without that fuel, our best efforts are hampered.

State Fair Booth Volunteers



If you would like to serve as one of the volunteers for our church booth at the Tulsa State Fair (September 30 - October 10, 2021), please add your name to the sign up sheet on the table across from the chapel. **Contact**

persons for Fair Booth Volunteers scheduling are James Davison (603-801-7172) and Carma Fox (918-200-2613).

Church Board Meeting

Our regularly scheduled Church Board Meeting will be held on Monday, **September 13** at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room and via Zoom.



Deacons Meeting



There will be a Deacons Meeting at the church on Wednesday, **September 15 at 5:15 p.m.** All deacons are asked to attend.

Housing Needed for Fair Volunteers

A family from Missouri, who are friends of the Muskogee SDA Church pastor, are coming to Tulsa to volunteer for 2 or 3 days in our church's booth at the Tulsa State Fair (late night shift). This family needs a place to stay during the few days they are in Tulsa, beginning September 30. For more information please contact James Davison (603-801-7172) or Carma Fox (918-200-2613).



Looking Ahead

Here some events in our local church calendar coming up in September:

Sept. 18 - Pathfinder/Adventurer Sabbath

Sept. 25 - Baby Dedication

Sept. 26 - TAA Fall Picnic

Okla. Women's Ministry Fall Retreat

The Oklahoma Conference Women's Ministry Department will host a Fall Retreat on Sunday, **October 10**, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. It will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Norman, Oklahoma (2501 Conference Dr. 73069).

The speaker will be Cindy Mercer who enjoys serving the Lord with her husband, a pastor in Northwest Arkansas. She works part-time as a registered nurse and is the author of *Pray Big—God Can Do So Much More!*



The retreat's theme is "Guarding your Heart and Growing in Jesus Christ". This special event for the women of our Conference features encouragement, equipping you for your purpose, interactive devotionals, and plenty of love and joy! Cost is \$25 which includes lunch.

PAYMENT METHODS:

- **\$25 Check** - Mail to Oklahoma Conference of SDA, 4735 NW 63rd St., Oklahoma City, OK 73132. Make check payable to: Women's Ministry Retreat Oklahoma Conference of SDA.
- **Debit or Credit Card** - Call 405-721-6110 and tell receptionist you are calling to pay \$25 for Women's Ministry Retreat.

Prayer Requests

Jonelle Jensen

Mark Peugh

State Fair Booth

Church Finances

Discover Bible School

Missing Members

COVID-19 pandemic

Reed family

Lynn Silkey

Building Committee

America

Native New Day

Tulsa Adventist Academy

God's Closet

Special Prayer

For special prayer call Prayer Ministries Leader James Davison at 603-801-7172.

Sept. Birthdays and Anniversaries

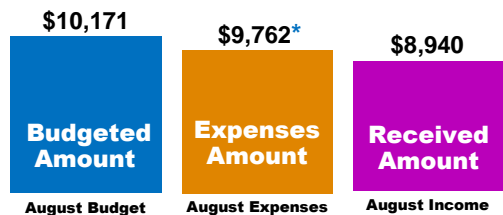
14 Carma Fox; Stephen Holland

14 Sandra Scott; Tami Tewis

15 Bob & Vicki Fjeldsted

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August Local Church Budget Summary



* Expenses Amount includes Worthy Student fund, Community Services fund, and HOPE fund which were expended but not from Church Budget funds. Our church is dependent on contributions given specifically to those ministries. Expenses Amount also includes amounts saved for our annual insurance premium (\$1,000 per month) as well as our Reserve Fund (\$1,500 per month) which is used for much-needed or unexpected building maintenance and equipment repairs, etc.

Ministries funded from your Local Church Budget contributions include Evangelism, Adventurer Club, Pathfinder Club, Personal Ministries, Discover Bible School, Sabbath School Expenses, Appreciation Fund, and Compassion Ministries. THANK YOU for your continued support!

— Judy Miller, Church Treasurer

Calendar

Today, September 11

Sabbath School	9:30 am	Offering	World Budget
Worship Service	10:45 am	Elder	Daniel Duffy
Sunset	7:38 pm	Deacon	Jeremiah Williams



Two Weeks at a Glance | September 12–25, 2021

12	13 • Church Board Meeting 6:00p	14	15 • Prayer Meeting 6:30p	16	17 Sunset 7:29p	18 (see below) • Pathfinder/ Adventurer Sabbath Sunset 7:27p
19	20	21	22 • Prayer Meeting 6:30p	23	24 Sunset 7:19p	25 Sunset 7:17p

Next Sabbath, September 18

Sabbath School	9:30 am
Worship Service	10:45 am
Sunset	7:27 pm

Offering
Elder
Deacon

Local Church Budget
Lauren Fraser
Harold Dotson

Events

September 13
Church Board Meeting, 6:00 pm

October 9
TAA Sabbath at Adventist Fellowship
TAA Hayride

October 30
Communion, 10:45 am

Church Music Notes

Prelude



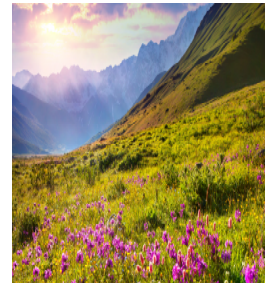
The organ prelude music today is **Near To The Heart of God**, (words with Hymn 495), arranged by James Pethel. In 1901 two nieces of Cleland McAfee, pastor and choir director at the college church in Parkville, Missouri had died suddenly of diphtheria. The whole family, though broken in spirit, still trusted in God. McAfee thought that the peace and comfort that the family needed and had received was found only “*near to the heart of God.*” He wrote the words that night and had his church choir rehearse it. After rehearsal, the choir went to the family’s darkened, quarantined house, and sang it standing in the yard. It was sung again the following morning at a Communion service at the church. This hymn is well known to Adventists; since the late 1930, this hymn has served as a prayer theme on the “*Voice of Prophecy*” radio broadcast. As we prepare our hearts for the Communion Service this morning, let us remember and be reassured that we indeed are *near to the heart of God.*

Songs of Praise

Our Songs of Praise begins today with **Living Hope** by Phil Wickham and Brian Johnson. Phil describes the process of writing this worship song, “*Last year, Brian Johnson (Bethel Church) and I started writing a song using text messages. Over the course of a month or so, we threw lyrics and voice memos back and forth. As we continued writing, every new line felt like a*

victory. The result of all of those text messages was ‘Living Hope.’ I remember both of us feeling that something special had been given to us.” Brian sent a final text message which “*simply said, ‘dude, this is amazing.’ God has rescued us from a place that we could never have rescued ourselves. Our future was death, but Jesus came in and brought life – a living hope – into our souls and into our lives. I love singing the truth of ‘Living Hope.’*” – Phil Wickham

Another song of praise is **How Great Thou Art**, Hymn No. 86. This hymn has a complicated history, first originating in Sweden in 1855. The tune for this hymn began its life as a Swedish folk melody, O STORE GUD. The original Swedish words were written one evening by Boberg in 1855 while contemplating the power of God in the beautiful things of nature all around him. It was published in several magazines and found its way in translation to Russian in 1912, and in Russia it caught the attention of Methodist evangelist Stuart Hine. He used it extensively in evangelistic work in Russia, Poland, Romania, and Czechoslovakia before making an English translation of the first three stanzas from Russian. He wrote the fourth verse in 1948, after hearing Polish refugees from World War II asking “When are we going home?” This suggested the wonderful words, “*When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation; and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!*” The song was used for many years by singer George Beverly Shea in the Billy Graham Crusades. He says that in the 1957 New York crusade it was sung 93 times! “It became a keynote of praise each evening.”



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Tulsa Adventist Academy

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900 S. New Haven, Tulsa OK 74112
School Office (918) 834-1107

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 south hall classrooms.

Sabbath School Program

September 11 • 9:30 a.m.

Prayer, Songs, and Scripture

*We Know Not the Hour
Jesus is Coming Again*
Luke 21:25-28 NIV
Paula & James Davison

Mission Video

*Offering Hope to Hanoi
Vietnam*

Sabbath School Lesson Discussion

Rest in Christ | *Longing for More*

Online Class – Bruce Carrico, Brandi Williams,
James Davison (Sanctuary)

Interactive Class – Don Williams (Board Room)

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**. Email preferred.



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