



First Seventh-day Adventist Church of Tulsa



September 25, 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

Fundraising Fundamentals Training

Anyone interested in learning practical principles of fundraising is invited to attend a FREE Zoom presentation sponsored by Adventist Community Services. It will be held Thursday, **October 7, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. ET.**

For more information visit www.communityservices.org/events.



Worship Service

September 25, 2021

10:45 a.m.



Musical Meditation

Bruce Carrico

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

James Davison

Praise

All Things Bright and Beautiful, Hymn 93
My Faith Has Found a Resting Place, Hymn 523
Days of Elijah

Children's Story

Baby Dedication

Noriah Duffy

Worship Through Giving

Onward Oklahoma 2%

Prayer

Daniel Duffy

Song of Consecration

Children of the Heavenly Father, Hymn 101
(song of the month)

Sermon

Sermon Series | *Rooted*
Pastor Samson Sembeba

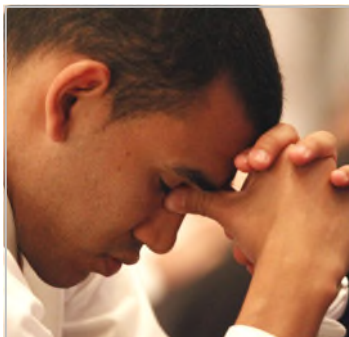
Song of Response

As the Deer

Benediction

Pastor Samson Sembeba

Postlude



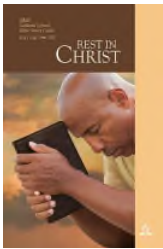
Announcements

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.

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. — *Paula Davison, Sabbath School Superintendent*



Looking Ahead

Here are some of the events in our local church calendar coming up in September and October:



- September 30—October 10** - Tulsa State Fair
- October 2** - Children's Sabbath
- October 9** - Tween Night
- October 22** - Youth Vespers
- October 23** - Youth Activity

Outgoing Membership Transfers

SECOND READING

- **Robert & Sheila Burnette** to Hope Adventist Fellowship of Moore in Moore, Oklahoma
- **Jenita M. Hutchison** to Adventist Fellowship in Tulsa, Oklahoma
- **Karissa Knight Taylor** to Kettering Seventh-day Adventist Church in Kettering, Ohio

Vespers Concert October 2

A musical Vespers program will be presented at our church by **Gae Lynn Duncan Scott** and **Corey Leinneweber** on Sabbath, **Oct. 2** at 6:30 p.m. Gae Lynn and Corey are vocalists who have shared their musical talents at area churches and Oklahoma Camp Meeting.



Tulsa Adventist Academy News

We are having a stellar year at TAA with our students. As we continue to navigate through COVID-19 scares, back-in-the-saddle assignments, and planning a productive year, we ask that you keep our TAA family in prayer.

TAA SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Sept. 26:** Fall Festival at TAA, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Oct. 4-8:** Week of Prayer
- Oct. 9:** TAA Sabbath at Adventist Fellowship

TAA Fall Festival

Everyone is invited to Tulsa Adventist Academy's Fall Festival at TAA tomorrow, **September 26, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** The event will feature face painting, egg toss, balloon darts, cake walk, sack races, and more!

Thank You

Church family,
Thank you all for your support as we grieve the loss of our wife and mother, Jonelle Jensen. Your quick response last weekend to provide food for our family, as well as your calls, texts, and mostly your prayers are very appreciated.
Dan, Elizabeth, and Jennifer



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 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.

More information about the retreat is available on the Oklahoma Conference website at okadventist.org.

Prayer Requests

Dohlman family	Fred McGehee
Jensen family	Lynn Silkey
State Fair Booth	Building Committee
Church Finances	America
Discover Bible School	Native New Day
Missing Members	Tulsa Adventist Academy
COVID-19 pandemic	<i>God's Closet</i>

Special Prayer

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

Sept./Oct. Birthdays and Anniversaries

26 José Camacho
27 Sheila Blagrove; Anthony Lewandowski
30 Attaly Ellis
01 Juliette Cooper; William Fisher

August Local Church Budget Summary

Amount Needed

\$10,171
Aug. Budget

Amount Received

\$8,940
Aug. 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, September 25

Sabbath School	9:30 am	Offering	Onward Oklahoma 2%
Worship Service	10:45 am	Elder	Daniel Duffy
Sunset	7:17 pm	Deacon	Jason Vargas



Two Weeks at a Glance | September 26–October 9, 2021

26 •TAA Fall Festival 10:00a	27	28	29 •Prayer Meeting 6:30p	30 •Tulsa State Fair begins	Oct. 1 Sunset 7:08p	2 (see below) Sunset 7:07p
3	4	5	6 •Prayer Meeting 6:30p	7	8 Sunset 6:58p	9 Sunset 6:57p

Next Sabbath, October 2

Sabbath School	9:30 am
Worship Service	10:45 am
Vespers	6:30 pm
Sunset	7:07 pm

Offering
Elder
Deacon

Local Church Budget
Tom Huff
Jeremiah Williams

Events

September 25
Baby Dedication

October 11
Church Board Meeting, 6:00 pm

October 30
Communion, 10:45 am

Church Music Notes

Songs of Praise

One of our Songs of Praise this morning is **All Things Bright and Beautiful** Hymn No. 93. The words to this hymn were written by Mrs. Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), the wife of William Alexander, the Anglican Bishop of Ireland. Mrs. Alexander was a prolific author, and a number of her books and writings were published during her lifetime.

She was inspired to write this hymn when trying, with difficulty, to teach a group of children the meaning of the Apostles' Creed. When



traditional teaching methods failed, she decided to write a series of hymns based on various phrases of the creed. She

based this hymn on the phrase, "I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth." "It was those last words, "maker of heaven and earth," that particularly inspired her. The hymn celebrates "Each little flow'r that opens" and "Each little bird that sings." It speaks of "glowing colors" and "tiny wings." But, most of all, it affirms that "The Lord God made them all."

Mrs. Alexander wrote other hymns and published them in a collection entitled *Hymns for Little Children* in 1848. It was a fabulously successful hymnal that went through nearly seventy editions during her lifetime and one hundred editions altogether. She donated the profits from *Hymns for Little Children* to a school for the deaf. She was active in a ministry to unwed mothers, and was also instrumental in establishing a nursing service in her area.

While this hymn maintained its popularity through the years, it received a big boost when the English veterinarian, James Herriot, at the suggestion of his young daughter, named his first book, *All Creatures Great and Small*, after a phrase from the first verse of this hymn. He subsequently wrote three additional books that he named after the other three lines of the first verse of this hymn — *All Things Bright and Beautiful*, *All Things Wise and Wonderful*, and *The Lord God Made Them All*. His books became quite popular, and inspired a movie as well as a long-running television series.

Benediction Song

The beautiful praise song **As the Deer**, has words and music originally written by Martin Nyström. The words are based on the 42nd Psalm: "As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee. You alone are my Strength, my Shield; to you alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee."



Later in the Psalm, the Bible writers describe the extravagance of God's love and mercy, again with a water metaphor, "Deep calls to deep in the roar of Your waterfalls; all Your waves and breakers have swept over me. By day the Lord directs His love, at night His song is with me — a prayer to the God of my life." This wonderful song calls to mind a picture of a flowing stream of water with God's people gratefully pausing to drink as they experience the thirst for righteousness produced by the dry and arid land of earthly righteousness.

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Tulsa Adventist Academy

(Pre-K — Grade 12)
Peggy Fisher, Principal
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 25 • 9:30 a.m.

Prayer, Songs, and Scripture

O When Shall I See Jesus, 448
Don't Forget the Sabbath, 388
Hebrews 19:19-25 NKJV
Duffy Family

Mission Video

A Day in the Life of a Missionary
Palau Mission Academy

Sabbath School Lesson Discussion

Rest in Christ | *The Ultimate Rest*

Online Class – David Miller, Jackie Willson,
Samson Sembeba (Sanctuary)

Small Group Class – James Davison (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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