



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

**He is**  
**Risen**



**March 30, 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!

## Oklahoma Conference Men's Retreat

*The Summit* is a 24-hour Men's Retreat that will be held at Wewoka Woods **April 13-14, 2024**. It is sponsored by the Oklahoma Conference. This will be an opportunity for men to gather together to strengthen one another and take a break from life's hectic demands. The cost is \$20 per person. **Register now at [okadventist.org](http://okadventist.org)**. Please note: No childcare will be provided.

## Program About *Christ the Anointed*

Today, **March 30, 10:45 am** we welcome you to our special worship service titled *Christ The Anointed*. This will be a family presentation including kids in costumes, narration from the Bible, hymns about the cross, and multimedia — all telling the story of the last week before Christ's crucifixion. May you be blessed by the program.

## Three Ways to Give



### Online

[tulsasda.org](http://tulsasda.org)  
Click on "Online Giving"



### Church

Place your offering in a tithe envelope and put it in the offering box at the back of the Sanctuary



### Mail

First SDA Church of Tulsa  
920 S. New Haven Ave.  
Tulsa, OK 74112

# Worship Service

March 30, 2024

10:45 a.m.

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## Welcome and Announcements

### Invocation

Pastor Samson Sembeba

### Worship Through Giving

Local Church Budget

### Songs of Praise

*Lead Me to Calvary*, Hymn 317

*He Lives*, Hymn 251

*Crown Him With Many Crowns*, Hymn 223

### Prayer

Lauren Fraser

## CHRIST THE ANOINTED

### Introduction

Pastor Samson Sembeba

Narration – Lauren Fraser

### Scene 1 | *Hosanna to the Son of David*

Scripture Reading – Mona Cook

Children's Hymn - *Sing Hosanna*

### Scene 2 | *The Last Supper*

Scripture Reading – Lem Bach

Hymn 162 - *Wondrous Love*

### Scene 3 | *Gethsemane*

Scripture Reading – Jessica Paddock

Hymn 151 - *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*

### Scene 4 | *Calvary*

Scripture Reading – Don Williams

Hymn 154 - *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

### Scene 5 | *Resurrection*

Scripture Reading – Lauren Fraser

Hymn 166 - *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

### Benediction

Pastor Samson Sembeba



# 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.

## Fellowship Lunch Today

Our visitors are invited to join us for lunch in the Fellowship Hall (at the west entrance of the TAA school building) following today's Worship Service. Thanks to the Fox & Scott Hospitality Team for being our hosts.



## Areas Where You Can Help at VBS

Abby Duffy, our Vacation Bible School Leader, has specified areas of VBS where more volunteers are still needed. VBS will be held at our church **June 10-14, 6:00-8:30 pm**. Please contact Abby (918-998-3418) to volunteer for any of the following 22 positions, or for information.

- Crew Leaders for Ages 5-6 (5)
- Crew Leaders for Ages 7-9 (6)
- Crew Leaders for Ages 10-12 (3)
- Bible Station (2)
- Snack Station (2)
- Game Station (1)
- Craft Station (1)
- PreSchool Station (2)



## April Seniors Meeting

Our Tulsa First Adventist Church Seniors group has a fun new name — “The Ageless Wonders”.

They are inviting all Seniors to attend a meeting on Sunday,

**April 7, 12 noon**  
at **Braden Park**

(5036 E. 7th St. —

2 blocks east of Yale on 9th). Please plan to

**bring picnic food and your own chair** and

come enjoy a wonderful time outdoors together!

In case of bad weather the group will meet in our church's Fellowship Hall.



## Days of Prayer and Fasting

The first Sabbath of every quarter has been set



aside as a special Day of Prayer and Fasting by the General Conference of

Seventh-day Adventists. Next Sabbath, **April 6**

is the Day of Prayer and Fasting for the spring

quarter of 2024. Resources for the Days of

Prayer and Fasting can be found at the website

[revivalandreformation.org](http://revivalandreformation.org). These include

materials that explore the theme for this

quarter's Day of Prayer and Fasting which is

**Preparing for Final Events: Preparing by**

**Studying the Word of God**, along with

suggestions for fasting, powerful prayer

promises, guidelines for leading united prayer,

and more. The Days of Prayer and Fasting

resources are also available in Spanish.

## TAA Visitation Day

All students in grades Pre-kindergarten through Grade 12 are invited to attend Tulsa Adventist Academy's Visitation Day on Friday, **April 5, 8 am** to experience what it is like to go to school at TAA. The staff, teachers, and students can't wait to welcome all potential students on Visitation Day! For more information call TAA's office at 918-834-1107.



## Website Correction

For safety purposes, the Oklahoma Conference is requiring an online Background Check and online Safety Training for ALL church volunteers. **PLEASE NOTE: There has been a typo in the Background Check website printed in the bulletin for the past few weeks. The corrected web address appears in red print below. We apologize for the inconvenience.**

### 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 Conference"  
Work 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

<b>Childress family</b>	<b>Lynn Silkey</b>
<b>James Gist</b>	<b>Rose Swayze</b>
Church Building Committee	Native New Day
Discover Bible School	Church Finances
Missing Members	Tulsa Adventist Academy
America	

### Special Prayer

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

## Mar./April Birthdays and Anniversaries

### March

31 James Gist

### April

05 David Bermen



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

Amount needed for budget	<b>\$83,960</b>
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Amount received	<b>\$82,319</b>
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Amount short of budget goal	<b>\$ 1,641</b>
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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, March 30

Sabbath School	9:30 am	Offering	Local Church Budget
Worship Service	10:45 am	Elder	Lauren Fraser
Fellowship Lunch	12:30 pm	Deacon	Richard Adams
Sunset	7:44 pm		



## Two Weeks at a Glance | March 31–April 13, 2024

<b>31</b> • Resurrection Day	<b>April 1</b>	<b>2</b> • Community Services Center 8:00a - 11:00a	<b>3</b> • Prayer Meeting 6:30p	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> • TAA Visitation Day 8:00a-12:00p  Sunset 7:49p	<b>6</b>   Sunset 7:49p
<b>7</b> • Seniors Meeting 12:00p	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> • Community Services Center 8:00a - 11:00a  • Church Board Meeting	<b>10</b> • Prayer Meeting 6:30p	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>   Sunset 7:55p	<b>13</b>   Sunset 7:55p

## Next Sabbath, April 6

Sabbath School	9:30 am
Worship Service	10:45 am
Sunset	7:49 pm

<i>Offering</i>	<i>Local Church Budget</i>
<i>Elder</i>	<i>David Miller</i>
<i>Deacon</i>	<i>Richard Adams</i>

## Events

**April 5**  
TAA Visitation Day, 8:00 am-12:00 pm

**April 7**  
Seniors Meeting, 12:00 noon

**April 9**  
Church Board Meeting

**April 27**  
Fellowship Lunch



# Church Music Notes

## Remembering Christ: His Life, Death, and Resurrection

At this time of year, the Christian world commemorates the events of the last Passover week of Christ's life, extending over the last week of Jesus' ministry, from the time of His Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem, to the Last Supper, to the events of His sufferings and death, to His final Resurrection victory over death itself. This year the day of Jewish Passover is a bit later, on April 22, but still firmly anchoring the time of year when all of these events took place..



The New Testament gives no clear evidence of a celebration day for the Resurrection (in Acts 12:4, KJV, the word "Easter" is a mistranslation for "Passover"). However, the SDA Bible Encyclopedia indicates that early Christians seem to have continued the observance of the Jewish Passover (Acts 20:6) and may have thought of it as a memorial of Christ's suffering and death (1 Cor. 5:7, 8). The observance of Easter on a Sunday at Passover time was accepted by the Roman Church at the Council of Nicaea (A.D. 325), and has no Biblical basis. By that date the weekly practice of worshipping on Sunday had also become widely practiced in areas of the world under the influence of the church at Rome.

Seventh-day Adventists have always regarded baptism as the true biblical commemoration of the Resurrection (see Romans. 6:3–5). However, Seventh-day Adventists also view the life, sufferings, death, and resurrection of Jesus as the central teaching of Christianity. The book *Desire of Ages* reminds us: *"It would be well for us to spend a thoughtful hour each day in contemplation of the life of Christ. We should take it point by point, and let the imagination grasp each scene, especially the closing ones. As we thus dwell upon His great sacrifice for us, our confidence in Him will be more constant, our love will be quickened, and we shall be more deeply imbued with His Spirit."* It therefore seems appropriate to remember this vital part of His life on earth every single day, but especially at the time of year in which it occurred.

## Christ the Anointed Worship

Today a group of our church members & children will bring us on a journey back in time, remembering the events of the week leading up to the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ. Over the years, the Easter season has accumulated much secular and commercial baggage, and today we aim to remember the Truth of the One behind this momentous week of history. Our worship service today is not for human glorification or for entertainment, but to commemorate the mystery of Jesus, member of the Godhead, our Creator, Savior, Re-creator and King of God's whole universe.

Narration today was presented by Lauren Fraser, with scriptures read by Mona Cook, Lem Bach, Jessica Paddock, Don Williams, and Judy Miller. Many thanks to Abby Duffy who has tracked down all the costumes and children, also to the soldiers, Mitch McGehee and Austin Paddock, and to Pastor Samson Sembeba for the introduction and all the others who have freely given their time.

## Contact Us

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Church Website: [tulsasda.org](http://tulsasda.org)

Church Email: [tulsafirstadventist@gmail.com](mailto:tulsafirstadventist@gmail.com)

### Community Service Center

Carma Fox: (918) 200-2613

### Tulsa Adventist Academy

(Pre-K — Grade 12)  
Larry Seery, Principal  
900 S. New Haven, Tulsa OK 74112  
School Office: (918) 834-1107  
Website: [tulsaacademy.org](http://tulsaacademy.org)

### 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

March 30 • 9:30 a.m.

#### Songs, Scripture, Prayer

*I Know Whom I Have Believed*, No. 511  
*Just When I Need Him Most*, No. 512  
1 Timothy 6:11-14

Don Williams

#### Mission Video

13th Sabbath Offering  
*Demolishing the Dorm*, India

#### Sabbath School Lesson Discussion

*Wait on the Lord*

Small Group Class | David Miller

Online Class | Tom Huff, Lem Bach,  
Judy Miller

## 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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