



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

**O give thanks to the Lord,  
for He is good.  
To Him who made great lights:  
the sun to rule by day...  
and the moon and stars  
to rule by night.**

**Psalm 136: 1, 7-9**

**Solar Eclipse**  
**April 8, 2024**

**April 6, 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!

### 2024 Solar Eclipse in the Tulsa Area

According to *The Oklahoman*, a partial solar eclipse will enter Oklahoma on Monday afternoon, **April 8**, around 12:27 pm and exit the state about 3:07 pm. But the **total eclipse** will only be visible from about **1:44 pm to around 1:51 pm** in Oklahoma. In the Tulsa area, 95.2% of the sun will be obscured by the moon (appearing as a dark disk) at the peak of the solar eclipse.

It is not safe to view the solar eclipse without proper eye protection. Get special solar eclipse glasses at Walmart, Lowes, Target, and more. Make sure the glasses you wear to watch the eclipse have ISO 12312-2 printed on them.

### TAA Helps Feed Bangladesh Refugees



After five weeks of fundraising, you helped Tulsa Adventist Academy raise more than our \$30,000 goal to help feed refugees in Bangladesh — more than \$32,000 was raised! THANK YOU! On packing day, all students in all grades took turns measuring rice and seasoning into plastic bags, weighing the bags, sealing the bags, and packing the bags. We are so proud of their efforts! — TAA

# Worship Service

April 6, 2024

10:45 a.m.

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## Musical Meditation

Bruce Carrico

## Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Samson Sembeba

## Worship Through Giving

Local Church Budget

## Children's Story

Mitch McGehee

## Invocation

Pastor Samson Sembeba

## Songs of Praise

*Lead On, O King Eternal*, Hymn 619

*Change My Heart O God*

*Oh How He Loves You and Me*

Pam Fraser, Tom Huff, Austin and Jessica Paddock

## Altar Prayer

David Miller

## Song of Consecration

*Balm in Gilead*, Hymn 475

## Sermon

Sermon Series | *Adopted*

Pastor Samson Sembeba

## Song of Response

*Make Me a Servant*

## 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.

### Areas Where You Can Help at VBS

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

- Crew Leaders for Ages 5-6
- Crew Leaders for Ages 7-9
- Crew Leaders for Ages 10-12
- Bible Station
- Snack Station
- Game Station
- Craft Station
- PreSchool Station



### Church Board Meeting



This month's regularly scheduled Church Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, **April 9 at 6:00 pm** in the church Board Room and via Zoom as well.

### 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 Board Room.**



### Children's Ministry Training in Tulsa



The Oklahoma Conference will conduct a free Children's Ministry Training **April 13 (3:00-6:30 pm)** and **April 14 (9:30 am-12:30 pm)**.

- The April 13 session is the **New Curriculum Training** and will be held at our Tulsa First Adventist Church.
- The April 14 session is the **VBS Training** and will be held at the Tulsa Independence Spanish SDA Church (748 N. Louisville Ave. 74115).
- The trainings will be in both English and Spanish.
- Register now at [okadventist.org](http://okadventist.org).

## Adventist Church Movie in Theaters

On **April 17-18, 2024** 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.

## 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 is listed 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

<b>Childress family</b>	<b>James Gist</b>
<b>Ida Clark</b>	<b>Perry family</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.

## April Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 09 Brandi Williams
- 11 Lisa Prock
- 11 Brian Burgin
- 12 Ava Burgin
- 13 Mitchell McGehee



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

<b>Amount needed for budget</b>	<b>\$94,455</b>
<b>Amount received</b>	<b>\$92,832</b>
<b>Amount short of budget goal</b>	<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 6

Sabbath School	9:30 am	Offering	Local Church Budget
Worship Service	10:45 am	Elder	David Miller
Sunset	7:49 pm	Deacon	Richard Adams



## Two Weeks at a Glance | April 7–20, 2024

<b>7</b> •Seniors Meeting 12:00p	<b>8</b> •Solar Eclipse 12:27p-3:07p	<b>9</b> •Community Services Center 8:00a - 11:00a  •Church Board Meeting 6:00p	<b>10</b> •Prayer Meeting 6:30p	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  Sunset 7:55p	<b>13</b>  Sunset 7:55p
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> •Community Services Center 8:00a - 11:00a	<b>17</b> •Prayer Meeting 6:30p	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  Sunset 8:01p	<b>20</b>  Sunset 8:01p

## Next Sabbath, April 13

Sabbath School	9:30 am
Worship Service	10:45 am
Sunset	7:55 pm

Offering	Hope Channel International, Inc.
Elder	Tom Huff
Deacon	Richard Adams

## Events

**April 7**  
First Tulsa SDA Seniors Meeting, 12:00 noon

**April 9**  
Church Board Meeting, 6:00 pm

**April 27**  
Fellowship Lunch

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

**May 18**  
TAA Senior Commencement

# Church Music Notes

## Prelude

The Organ Prelude is **Amazing Grace**, in an arrangement by Bruce Carrico, with a verse from Sharon Rogers (words with Hymn No. 108). John Newton was captain of a slave ship in the 1700's. Later in his career, he was captured and held as a slave himself. He eventually was converted and later became a Christian minister, thus learning by personal experience about the transforming power of God. In 1779 he wrote the words of this hymn as a personal testimony of God's goodness in his life. On his death bed John Newton humbly said: "My memory is nearly gone, but I remember two things – that I am a great sinner, and that Jesus is a great Savior."

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."

The tune for *Amazing Grace*, first appeared in 1835 in the the early American shaped-note book *Southern Harmony*. Through the years, this hymn has inspired thousands and is undoubtedly one of the most popular sacred songs of all time.

## Song of Praise

The Hymn of Praise is No. 619, **Lead On O King Eternal**. This tune was written in 1835 by blind organist Henry Smart for the commemoration of the 300th anniversary of the Reformation in England. The words were written by Ernest Shurtleff, in 1887 as he was graduating from Andover Theological Seminary. A young man with poetic ability, by the time of his graduation he had

already published two volumes of verse. His classmates asked him to write a hymn which they might all sing together for their commencement service. During his career as a minister, he served churches in California, Massachusetts, Minnesota and Frankfort, Germany. Later, in Paris, Shurtleff carried on a ministry with students and did relief work among the poor and needy. It was said that his entire life was truly the epitome of the hymn text he had written many years earlier for his own graduation service. May we also keep Christ as our leader as we go through this life, and one day march with Him right on into the Heavenly kingdom to come



## Postlude

The Postlude is an arrangement of **All That Thrills My Soul is Jesus**, by Marilyn Arison (words for meditation with Hymn No. 189). This song about a personal relationship with Jesus was first printed in Thoro Harris's book, *Revival Echoes*, in 1931. Mr. Harris attended college at Battle Creek, Michigan and worked for many years as a music editor and religious songwriter in Chicago with Peter Billhorn, singing evangelist for Billy Sunday. His final years were spent in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, writing songs, playing the organ in churches, and compiling songbooks for publication. He died in Eureka Springs in 1955.

## Contact Us

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### 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

April 6 • 9:30 a.m.

#### Songs, Scripture, Prayer

*He Leadeth Me*, No. 537  
*Nearer My God to Thee*, No. 473  
Proverbs 3:5-7 CJB

Brittany Lang

#### Mission Video

*Missionary Matrimony*, Armenia

#### Sabbath School Lesson Discussion

*The War Behind All Wars*

**Small Group Class** | James Davison

**Online Class** | David Miller, Pam Fraser,  
Daniel Duffy

## 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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