



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

**Tulsa Adventist Academy Sabbath**

**May 4, 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 Christian Music 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 [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) (search for Christian concerts in Tulsa). Tasba Raya Adventist Ministries operates an elementary school and evangelism ministry in the jungles of Nicaragua.

## Three Ways to Give



### Online

[tulsasda.org](https://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

# TAA Sabbath Worship Service

May 4, 2024

10:45 a.m.

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## Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Samson Sembeka and Principal Larry Seery

## Worship Through Giving

Tom Huff | *Local Church Budget*

## Children's Story

Eden Arroyo-Watson and Gloria Cid-Guevara

## Songs of Praise

*My Light House, Build a Boat*

TAA 11th-12th Grade Singers

## TAA Special Offering

Vincent Fitzloff

PreK/K Choir | *Jesus Is Coming Again*

## Scripture

*Genesis 6:8-9* | English - Benji Fuentes;

Spanish - Juan Cid-Guevara; Zomi - Mung Sang

## Morning Prayer

English - Alex Fuentes; Spanish - Camila Hernandez;

Zomi - Samuel Muang and Pi Mung

## TAA Choirs

5th-8th Grade Choir | *Siyahamba*;

9th-12th Grade Choir | *Shut De Do*

## Sermon

Introduction | Noah Zigo

Spring Week of Prayer Theme | Yet

Pastor Rick Mercer

## TAA Choir

1st-4th Grade Choir | *Love in Any Language*

## Benediction

Pastor Rick Mercer



# 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.

## Tulsa Adventist Academy Sabbath

A special welcome to the students, staff, and families of Tulsa Adventist Academy who are with us to lead our worship this morning. It is always a blessing to have their musical gifts and inspirational thoughts featured in our services.



## Register Now for 2024 VBS

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

## Help Oklahoma Tornado Survivors

If you would like to provide a donation to help survivors of the recent tornadoes in Sulphur, Oklahoma, there is an account on the Adventist Giving page at [tulsasda.org](http://tulsasda.org) called "Oklahoma Disaster Relief". These funds will remain in Oklahoma and will be used to help with the recent tornadoes. For more information contact Charles Reel, Oklahoma Conference Treasurer.

## 2024 Church Family Graduates

Congratulations to all of the graduates in our church family! May God bless you as you move on to the next step in your lives.



*[If there are any additional graduates in our church family please text their name, school, and degree to the bulletin secretary at 918-640-6540.]*

### Kindergarten Graduate

**Chet Fraser** Tulsa Adventist Academy

### High School Graduates

**Dena Reid** Adair High School

**Alex Robison** Owasso High School

### University Graduate

**Pastor Samson Sembega**

Oral Roberts University

Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership

## Church Nominating Committee

### SECOND READING

The organizing committee has nominated the following church members to be on the Church Nominating Committee who will nominate our church officers for the 2024-2025 church year.

### **Church Nominating Committee Nominees**

Richard Adams

Garth Anthony

Lem Bach

Paula Davison

Carma Fox

Tom Huff

Austin Paddock

Don Pifer

Pat Wewerka

### Alternates

Jackie Wilson

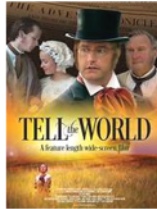
Bruce Carrico

Debbie Childress



## Ageless Wonders Seniors Meeting

Ageless Wonders! Our next meeting will be Sunday, **June 2** 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!



## Prayer Requests

### Childress family

### Fernando Vasquez

Church Building Committee

Discover Bible School

Missing Members

America



Native New Day

Church Finances

Tulsa Adventist Academy

### Special Prayer

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

## Background Check for Volunteers

For safety purposes, the Oklahoma Conference is requiring an online Background Check and online Safety Training for ALL of our 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.

## May Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 06 Daniel Tirado
- 07 James Davison; Philip & Lily Nikles
- 08 Ezri Bauder; Elizabeth Hancock
- 08 Ruth Ann Vargas
- 10 Beverly Wright

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

Amount needed for budget	<b>\$104,950</b>
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Amount received	<b>\$102,327</b>
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Amount short of budget goal	<b>\$ 2,623</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, May 4

Sabbath School	9:30 am	Offering	Local Church Budget
Worship Service	10:45 am	Elder	Tom Huff
TAA Vespers & Acro Show	8:00 pm	Deacon	Richard Adams
Sunset	8:13 pm		



## Two Weeks at a Glance | May 5–18, 2024

<b>5</b> •TAA Talent Show 11:00a	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> •Community Services Center 8:00a - 11:00a	<b>8</b> •Prayer Meeting 6:30p	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  Sunset 8:18p	<b>11</b>  Sunset 8:19p
<b>12</b> •Mother's Day	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> •Community Services Center 8:00a - 11:00a  •Church Board Meeting	<b>15</b> •Prayer Meeting 6:30p	<b>16</b> •TAA Kinder. & 8th Grade Graduations 6:30p	<b>17</b>  Sunset 8:24p	<b>18</b> •TAA Senior Commencement 7:30p  Sunset 8:25p

## Next Sabbath, May 11

Sabbath School	9:30 am
Worship Service	10:45 am
Sunset	8:19 pm

<i>Offering</i>	<i>GC/NAD Disaster Relief</i>
<i>Elder</i>	<i>David Miller</i>
<i>Deacon</i>	<i>Richard Adams</i>

## Events

### May 4

TAA Sabbath; Vespers & Acro Show, 8 pm

### May 5

TAA Talent Show, 11:00 am

### May 16

Kinder. & 8th Grade Graduations, 6:30 pm

### May 18

TAA Senior Commencement, 7:30 pm

### June 2

Ageless Wonders Seniors Meeting, 12:00 pm

# Church Music Notes

## TAA Sabbath

We especially want to recognize the contribution of our TAA Students to our worship service this morning through long hours of practice for this program, with their director, Ms. April Spooner. Accompanists are Carolyn Fisher and Bruce Carrico.

## Meditation Music

Our Prelude music today is a gospel-style arrangement for keyboard on **Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)** by Larry Dalton. John Newton wrote the words to this hymn as a personal testimony of God's goodness in transforming him from a slave captain, later captured and held as a slave himself, and finally becoming converted and a Christian minister. On his death bed John Newton said: *"My memory is nearly gone, but I remember two things – that I am a great sinner, and that Jesus is a great Savior."*

The tune for *Amazing Grace* is an old American hymn, named NEW BRITAIN, which appeared in its earliest publication in America in 1835, in the shaped-note hymn book, *Southern Harmony*.



The arrangement for today adds the refrain by Chris Tomlin, written for a recent feature movie, also named *"Amazing Grace."* The additional words go: *"My chains are gone, I've been set free, my God, my Savior has ransomed me. And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending Love, amazing grace."*

Ellen White once wrote about God's grace in the book *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."*

## Recessional Music



Our Postlude today is **How Majestic Is Your Name**, written by Michael Smith, arranged by John Carter, and played this morning in piano and organ by Carolyn Fisher and Bruce Carrico. The words are based on the eighth chapter of Psalms — *"LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!"*

As we learn more about Jesus and His work for us, both on the cross and in Heaven, we truly are filled with gratitude and the desire to praise and magnify His name. The song concludes with several of the Biblical names of Jesus, *"magnify Your name, Prince of Peace, mighty God, O Lord God Almighty."*

## Contact Us

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### Church Office

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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

May 4 • 9:30 a.m.

#### Songs, Scripture, Prayer

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine*, No. 462  
*Softly and Tenderly*, No. 287  
Romans 8:26-28 KJV

Yvonne Adams

#### Mission Video

*A Family's Mission to Switzerland*, Switzerland

#### Sabbath School Lesson Discussion

*Faith Against All Odds*

**Small Group Class** | Lem Bach

**Online Class** | Tom Huff, Lotoya Anthony,  
Mitch McGehee

## 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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