



First Seventh-day
Adventist Church
of Tulsa



December 1, 2018

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 church family. We would love to welcome you into our membership. If this is your desire, please speak with the Pastor or turn in a Connection Card.

United Prayer Opportunities

Monday – Friday

● **6:00-6:15 am** ● Prayer Conference Call
Dial 605-468-8026, Access Code 1013047#

Monday... Wednesday... Friday

● **6:30-7:30 am** ● In the Chapel ● Praying for names in intercessory prayer chest.

Tuesdays

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

Saturdays

● **8:00-9:00 am** ● Sabbath Morning Prayer
● In the Chapel

2019 Church Theme

Pastor Michael Smith has shared that our church's 2019 Theme will be **POWER of the Word**.

Ten Days of Prayer

- **January 9–19, 2019**
- Looking for leaders to facilitate the session each day. There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby.
- For more information visit the website at www.tendaysofprayer.org.

Community Services

Thanks to all who gave food for our Thanksgiving Food Baskets! We had 20 baskets that we gave out. All were very appreciative to get them. Even



though Thanksgiving is gone, we still have people who need food through the holidays and throughout the year. So please donate to our food pantry. Any

non-perishable food items are welcome. Winter needs: sweatpants and shirts (all sizes), coats, SOCKS, pants (all sizes), winter shoes, blankets, bedding, gloves, hats, scarves.— *Carma Fox*

The Greatest Story

On Sabbath, December 8, 10:45 a.m. in the Church Sanctuary,

Worship Singers will present a multimedia worship service, as a gift for our church family and communi-



ty. Feel free to invite friends and family to attend.

Okla. Conference Elders Meeting

A Round Table Discussion for all church elders with



Oklahoma Conference Administration will be held **TODAY at 3:30 pm** at the Conference Office which is located at 4735 NW 63rd St., Oklahoma City 73132.

Church elders from around the Oklahoma Conference are invited to attend the meeting.

Worship Service

December 1, 2018

10:45 a.m.



Musical Meditation

Bruce Carrico

Welcome, Announcements, Invocation

Songs of Praise

O Come O Come Immanuel, Hymn 115

Emmanuel

At the Cross, Hymn 163

Children's Story

Giving Back to God

Local Church Budget

Altar Prayer

James Davison

Song of Consecration

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus, Hymn 290

Sermon

Sermon Series – *Mission Driven Church*

Sermon Title – *Turn Your Lights On!*

Pastor Michael Smith

Song of Benediction

Go Tell It on the Mountain, Hymn 121

Benediction

Pastor Michael Smith

Postlude

Bruce Carrico

Announcements

Welcome!

Welcome to everyone, from first-time visitors to life-long members. Thank you for joining us for worship this morning! If you are a guest, we hope you will visit again soon.

Fellowship Lunch Today

Our visitors are invited to join our church family for



lunch in the Fellowship Hall following today's Worship Service. We would love to get to know you better! Hosts: Huff, De-

Martino, Fisher, Barranco, Gerstner, Swayze, and Ellis hospitality team.

Nursing Home Ministry

We will have Nursing Home Ministry **TODAY at 2:00 pm** at Park's Edge Nursing Center, 51st & Yale. Plan to come and sing and visit with the center's residents. For more information about this ministry, please contact Mona Cook.

Vespers Service

Oklahoma Academy will be sharing their music with us **TODAY**

at 5:00 for the Vespers program. Come enjoy this beautiful season of worship in song



presented by the Oklahoma Academy students.

Women's Ministries

Attention all women, we have received our family from the domestic violence shelter that we will be buying gifts for the holiday. Please contact me and let me know what you want to donate. It is a total of 6 in the family. Our deadline to have shopping complete is December 1. We also have a family from the church, details will be available for both at the Women's Corner. Family from church deadline is December 21, 2018. — *Ella Suttle, WM Leader*



Fellowship Lunch Next Week

There will be a Fellowship Lunch next Sabbath, **December 8**. The church will provide Penne Pasta and **MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO BRING DESSERTS OR A SIDE DISH**. Hosting the lunch will be the Bowen, Bucher, Flora and Wilson hospitality team.

Communion Service

There will be a Communion Service during the Worship Hour at 10:45 on Sabbath, **December 15**. Come and celebrate the Lord's Supper.



CrossWay Café Postponed

Holly Smith, our church's youth leader, has shared that CrossWay Café for youth has been put on hold until further notice.

Vargas' Baby Diaper Gift Table

Our church is honoring Jason & Ruthie Vargas' second baby boy with a Diaper Gift Table. The Diaper Gift Table is located across from the women's bathroom. The Diaper Table will be here through December. Please bring any brand of diaper and set your gift on the table. Diapers are needed through size 4. Thank you for giving! — *Carma Fox*



Adventurer Club

The Adventurer Club will have a meeting and Christmas party this evening from 6:00–8:00 pm.



Thank You

We are so very thankful to have such a wonderful community of friends and family that want to help meet our needs after the fire. We feel so very blessed and loved. Everyone has been so kind and generous and we are in complete awe, and



so very grateful for your support and prayers. Thanking God for safety and for each of you!
With love,
Alan and Alexandra Hivale, Asher & Ames

Birthdays & Anniversaries

December

02 Holly Humble
04 Deanna Berry
06 Todd Carrico
07 Daniel & Abby Duffy
08 Pedro Soto



Prayer Requests

Please remember in prayer...

Minnie Bork

Maryanne McGehee

Don Dohlman

Jon Whitacre

Kuwasha Jackson

Tulsa Adventist Academy

The Discover Bible School

Missing Members

Native New Day



Special Prayer

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

Worship Through Giving

Next Sabbath's Offering – SDA Community Services

The church offering on **December 8** will support **Adventist Community Services** which provides...

- community development
- disaster response services
- emotional & spiritual care during disasters
- services for the elderly
- tutoring & mentoring programs
- young adult service opportunities



and much more in North America and other countries.

Calendar

Today, December 1

Sabbath School	9:30 am	Offering	Local Church Budget
Worship Service	10:45 am	Elder	James Davison
Fellowship Lunch	12:30 pm	Deacon	Jim Chantre
Nursing Home Ministry	2:00 pm		
Vespers – Oklahoma Academy	5:00 pm		
Sunset	5:09 pm		
Adventurer Club Meeting	6:00 pm		



Two Weeks at a Glance - December 2–15, 2018

2	3 •Worship Singers 6:30p	4 •Community Services 10:00a–2:00p	5 •TAA Food Store 4:30–6:30p •Prayer Meeting 6:30p	6 •Bible Prophecy Meeting 6:30p	7 Sunset 5:10p	8 (see below) Sunset 5:09p
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Offering	Adventist Community Services
Elder	Joe Barranco
Deacon	Harold Dotson

Events

December 1
Okla. Conference Elders Meeting (OKC), 3:30
Oklahoma Academy Vespers Program, 5:00

December 15
Communion Service, 10:45 am

January 9–19
Ten Days of Prayer

Church Music Notes

“God with us!”

This is the time of year that the Christian world regards as the Advent season, the three weeks leading up to Christmas. The word “Advent” refers to the time when God personally came to our planet. For Seventh-day Adventists, the word Advent is also literally the focus of our name, part of our reason for existence as a church. Though we understand that Jesus was not born at this time of the year, any time is a good time to think of Jesus and His coming here to be One of us!



On this first Sabbath of the Advent season, let us reflect on the need for God to come to us, becoming our Savior. Matthew 1:21-23 describes in very simple words this momentous event, “*And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. . . and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, ‘God with us.’*” Elohim is the special name for God Almighty in the Old Testament and Emmanuel literally means “with us (is) God.” When God came to reveal Himself and His way of relating to His creation, He chose to come as a helpless infant, totally dependent on His own creatures for all His needs. This certainly tells us that a prime attribute of God is humility and a willingness to take risks in order to help His children.

Songs of the Season

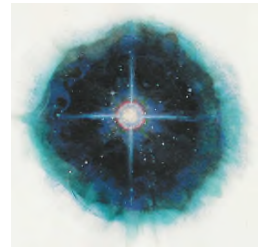
Our final song following the sermon today is the Christmas spiritual, **Go, Tell It on the Mountain**, No. 121. This song gives us a challenge to share with our family, friends, and neighbors, the Good News about God and His love in coming to this world to dwell among us. The book *Great Controversy* describes the conclusion of the final Good News: “*The earth is purified of sin and sinners by the fires of the Creator’s unshielded presence. Rebellion and rebellious ones are no more. The entire universe is clean of the blight of sin. One glad pulse of harmony beats through the vast creation. From the minutest atom to the greatest world, all things declare in unshadowed beauty and perfect joy, ‘GOD IS LOVE.’*”

Offertory

The Offertory is a meditation on **The First Noel** (words with Hymn No. 118), arranged for organ by Robert Thygerson. The word “Noel” is related to old Latin and French words for birth. This song describes the angels’ heavenly announcement of “*God with us.*”

Postlude

The Postlude is **How Brightly Beams the Morning Star** by Roger Wilson (words with Hymn No. 18). This hymn from the 16th century composer Philip Nicolai, refers to Revelation 21:2; 22:13, 16, 20, particularly vs 16, in which our Lord Jesus describes Himself, “*I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony to the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.*”



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Community Service Center

Carma Fox, Leader
Tuesdays Only: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
(918) 200-2613

Tulsa Adventist Academy

(Pre-K – Grade 12)
Shaun Lazarus, Principal
900 S. New Haven, Tulsa OK 74112
School Office (918) 834-1107

TAA Health Food Store Hours

Offering canned & frozen vegetarian foods
Open: Wednesdays, 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm; During
School Office Hours, go to TAA Office for service



Sabbath School Classes

All Sabbath School classes – 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Beginners	South Hall, Infants – 3 yrs.
Kindergarten	South Hall, 4 - 6 yrs.
Primary	South Hall, 7- 9 yrs.
Junior	South Hall, 10 - 13 yrs.
Teen	South Hall, 14+ yrs.
English Adult	Sanctuary North, Kuwasha Jackson/Tom Huff Sanctuary South, Ontarian Hawkins/Josh Roberts Prayer Room, Joe Barranco/ Mark Peugh Board Room, James Davison /Brandi Bowen Library, Pastor Michael Smith Chapel, Religious Liberty Class, Russell Cook (4th Sabbath of month)
Spanish Adult	Chapel

Church Bulletin Information

The deadline for receiving announcements to be printed in the bulletin is **11:00 a.m. Wednesday.**

You may phone your announcements to the church office at 918-834-6671 or email announcements to sda920@cox.net.

Email preferred.



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