



The Seven Churches - Sardis

While finishing my time at Southwestern Adventist University, it was suggested that I visit a psychologist or counselor as part of a mental health checkup. Many people have a stigma about this because we are made to feel that only "the crazies" seek out professional help. I went, and it was very beneficial to me. I received some good advice that helped me work on some deficiencies that I had unknowingly been developing.

Some times we have deficiencies and don't know it. We let ourselves be so consumed by our "normal" routines that we don't pause to self-examine our lives. This was the state of the church in Sardis. Jesus told the church;

**“you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God”** Revelation 3:1-2, NIV

Sardis was not always a healthy church. At one point in their history Sardis was healthy and thriving, but it became very sick as time went by. The amazing grace that we have in Christ is that He never leaves us lacking. Jesus always provides a source of counsel to help restore His people. **“The remedy to the situation of this church is to ‘remember,’ to go back to the source, to listen, to hear God through His Word made alive by His Spirit. To those who give heed to the invitation, the ultimate covenant blessing of being Jesus’ companions is granted.”** - Diop, Ganoune. **“Jesus Christ in the Midst of His People: A Study of Revelation 1:9-3:22.”** Journal of the Adventist Theological Society.

Dr. Diop tells us that the solution is a faithful return to God. The church of Sardis had drifted away from all they had originally learned. It was similar to the church of Ephesus that lost its first love. A Christian that finds something out of place in their journey toward God will need to return to the source of life. If they do not, the results can be disastrous.

My counselor shared with me some things that I could work on. As I did, I felt much better about myself, and the trajectory of my life. When God reveals things to us it is up to us to act. This week we will be studying the complete message to the church at Sardis, but most importantly, we will be looking at the bravery required to self-examine.

May we all find the courage necessary to overcome in the name of Jesus! If we do there are great things in store for all of us.

Grace and Peace,  
*Pastor Geraldo*

## Sabbath Together

April 8, 2017

### Sabbath School 9:30 AM

Classroom 1 - Traditional Quarterly  
Parlor - Prayer Study - Jan Yates  
Choir Room - Prophecy Study - David Rendon  
Youth Lounge - (10:00am) Young Adult 18-35 - Pastor Geraldo

#### Children's Classes:

Cradle Roll - Birth to 3: Classroom 3  
Kindergarten - Age 4 through 1st Grade: Classroom 4  
Primary - Grades 2-5: Classroom 7  
Juniors - Grades 5-7: Classroom 2  
Earliteen - Grades 7-9: Classroom 9

Classrooms are on the North & West Hall

### Sabbath Worship 11:00 AM

Call To Worship	<i>We Have This Hope</i>	Hymn 214
Pastoral Welcome		Pastor Geraldo
Baptism	James Narcisse	Pastor Geraldo
Praise Song	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	Hymn 100
Children's Story		Archel Burda
	<i>The Lamb's Offering will benefit LJA Worthy Student Fund</i>	
	<b>All children ages 5-14 are now invited to attend Children's Church in the Conference Center - Parental permission is requested</b>	
Praise in Giving	Christian Record Services	
	~~~ All tithes and offerings also received at this time ~~~	
Offering Response		Hymn 694
	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	
Ministry Spotlight	Health Ministry	Beatriz Brunken
Song of Prayer	<i>Sweet Hour Of Prayer</i>	Hymn 478
Circle of Prayer		Pastor Geraldo
Song of Response	<i>Hear Our Prayer, O Lord</i>	Hymn 684
Message in Song		Praise Team
	“The State of The Church Address”	
Message	Seven Churches - Sardis	Pastor Geraldo
Closing Song	<i>Marching to Zion</i>	Hymn 422
Benediction		Pastor Geraldo
	Postlude	

~~~ Please remain seated until your row is dismissed ~~~

**YouVersion Link:** <https://bible.com/events/193564>

**Praise Leader:** Tammy Allen **Pianist:** Emelyn Elaida

**Program Next Week:** LJA and Lubbock Young Voices

Offering Next Week: Church Budget

Attendance Last Week: 180

Deacon Today: Gary Sitton

**Today's Greeters:** Tammy Allen & Pauline DeJohn

## Welcome

to the Lubbock Seventh-day Adventist Church.

It is good to have you with us today. We pray that our time together assists you in your growth in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**If you are visiting, please speak with our Pastor, or one of our Elders or Deacons — who are also here to greet you. We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today.**

### How To Reach Us

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|---|--|
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| Leland Flyger, Chair, Board of Deacons          | 806.239.1600   |
| Michele Crawford, Chair, Board of Deaconess     | 970.901.0987   |
| Walter Foust, Bible School/Resource Coordinator | 806.470.4144   |
| Kathy Flyger, Church Coordinator                | 806.535.7770   |
| Johnson Fung, Church Library                    | 806.283.6715   |
| Church Office                                   | 806.793.8614   |
| Church FAX                                      | 806.799.5136   |
| Church Email Address                            | <a href="mailto:lubbockadventist@sbcglobal.net">lubbockadventist@sbcglobal.net</a> |
| Church Website:                                 | <a href="http://www.lubbockadventist.org">http://www.lubbockadventist.org</a>      |
| Nikki Facundo, LJA Principal/Teacher            | 817.202.5217   |
| Lubbock Junior Academy                          | 806.795.4481   |
| Adventist Book Center - Texas                   | 1.800.333.1844   |
| Texico Conference Office                        | 1.505.244.1611   |
| Conference Website:                             | <a href="http://www.texico.org/">http://www.texico.org/</a>                        |



LUBBOCK

SEVENTH-DAY

ADVENTIST

CHURCH

### MISSION STATEMENT

We, as children of the Living GOD, are here to

***UPLIFT JESUS CHRIST,***

His teachings and His commandments with all our hearts, souls and minds.

As redeemed servants of Christ, we are to serve and to prepare all for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ as the Blessed Hope and encouragement for all mankind.

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**The Lubbock Seventh-day Adventist Church**

**Health Ministry Presents:**

**FREE HEALTH EXPO**

Are You Healthy?

YOU'RE INVITED TO A

FREE HEALTH SCREENING

APRIL 9, 2017

2 - 5 PM

Science Spectrum  
2579 S Loop 289  
Lubbock, TX 79413

<https://www.facebook.com/LubbockHealthyLifestyle/>

Sunday, April 9, 2:00 to 5:00pm

On-Line Registration:

[lubbockadventist.org/health](http://lubbockadventist.org/health)



## Prayer Requests

### ► CHURCH FINANCES

(for God's continual Leading)

◆ **Our President, Leaders of our country, Leaders of our Conference and our Pastor and his family**

### ◆ All Disaster Victims

- ◆ John Brown (healing)
- ◆ Irma Brown's daughter Rachel (healing)
- ◆ Eric Byrd's brother (health)
- ◆ Jennifer Byrd's friend "Kim"
- ◆ Sandra Cabellero's cousin's family (Dannette Pauda Rojas/healing)
- ◆ Donna Cartwright (health)
- ◆ Ken Cartwright (health)
- ◆ Joe Castillo (health/healing)
- ◆ Karen Contreras (health)
- ◆ Sammy Espinoza (remission)
- ◆ Jaydee Fremgen (health/healing)
- ◆ Vaughn James (healing)
- ◆ Cindy Johnston (healing)
- ◆ Eunice Juma (speedy recovery)
- ◆ Keith Marpa (rapid recovery)
- ◆ Flo McIntire (healing)

- ◆ Danny Meason (speedy recovery)
- ◆ Debra Murphree's father, Elvice Duncan; cousin's husband, Randy; Aunt's sister, Iona Temple; and Aunt's granddaughter, Lexie (all with serious health problems)
- ◆ Alton Muse (healing)
- ◆ Peggy Myers (health)
- ◆ Jennifer Petty (healing)
- ◆ Petty's niece, Melinda (healing)
- ◆ Kathy Phillips (health/healing)
- ◆ Rebekkah Plummer's sister (health)
- ◆ Cindy Riley's brother (healing)
- ◆ David Riley (healing)
- ◆ Mary Robertson (healing)
- ◆ Esther Slaughter (health)
- ◆ MaryAnn Ulery's nephew (Jeremiah Jacob Schaffer - thrive)
- ◆ Jerry Walker (healing)
- ◆ Addie Wood (healing)
- ◆ Mike Yates (health)
- ◆ Duane Young Family (healing)
- ◆ Sandy Zauner (health)
- ◆ **Unspoken** prayer requests for healing, finances, and family.

### Intercessory Prayer

*And I sought for a man among them that should make up the hedge and stand in the gap before me for . . .*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Optional)

*Please stand in the gap for me—that God's divine will be done regarding the following . . .*

*Fill in your request, tear off, place in the Offering plate, or give directly to the Pastor or to one of the Elders.*

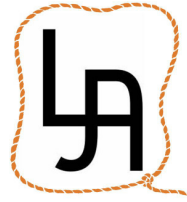
*May God Bless You!*

Prayer FAX Line 806.799.5136

Email: [lubbockadventist@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lubbockadventist@sbcglobal.net)

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## Lubbock Junior Academy . . .



Currently accepting students for 2017-2018 School year

Student Handbook & Applications are available in the church office.

### Lubbock Junior Academy

School Motto

**Building A Better World ~ One Child at a time**

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Please feel free to contact:

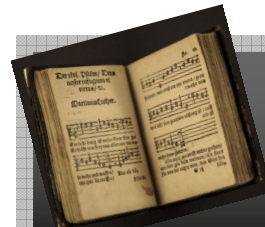
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or the Church Office 806.793.8614



### Hymnals

We have ordered new Church Hymnals!

We hope to finally have enough for everyone that wants one!

Each hymnal will be gifted by our congregation. 200 are on order at a sale price of \$16.00/each

feel free to sponsor one, five, ten or more,

Sponsor now before they are all gone!

Just mark your offering envelope

### Hymnals

### CHURCH FINANCES AT A GLANCE

#### TITHE

| March 2017 | This Year (Jan-March) YTD 2017 | Last Year (Jan-March) YTD 2016 |
|------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| \$28,285   | \$76,253                       | \$82,586                       |

#### CHURCH BUDGET

| April 2017 | Required | Received | Need     |
|------------|----------|----------|----------|
|            | \$14,825 | \$3,797  | \$14,825 |

~ ~ Thank You For Remembering our Church Expenses ~ ~  
A total of \$14,825 is required monthly for every ministry to be funded.

#### RESEAL & RE-STRIPE PARKING LOT

| January 2017 | Required | Received | Need     |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|
|              | \$14,200 | \$1,300  | \$12,900 |

Please place your contribution in an offering envelope and designate the ministry to which your offering is to be allocated.

For your convenience, there's also a link for online giving, <http://www.lubbockadventist.org>

## Upcoming Events

**Community Service Ministry** recently collected items for their "Adopt-A-Family" Ministry. Terri Moreno and Kathy Flyger coordinated and collected household items. Nearly every item on the list came in. The only item left is a "Vacuum," and a "Juicer" has been added, plus, they could use more bath towels. The outpouring of support and gifts has been overwhelming! THANKS CHURCH !!!

**Adventurer/Pathfinder Club Meeting** - Sunday, April 16, 12:30 to 4:30pm. **Adventurer Club** in Classroom 7, **Pathfinders** in the Conference Center.

**Healthy Cooking Class Support Group** - Tuesday, April 18, 6:30-7:30pm in the Conference Center.

**24-Hour Prayer Vigil** - Friday, April 21, Will start at Noon, through Noon Sabbath, April 22.

**Children's Church** - Sabbath, April 22, following the Children's Story. Children ages 5-14 are invited to attend Children's Church in the Conference Center - Parental permission is requested

**Safety Sabbath** - April 22.

**"Lubbock Adventist Youth" Vespers** - Sabbath, April 22, at 7:00pm in the Youth Lounge. This Youth & Young Professionals, 18-35 age-group, meets bi-weekly.

**Spanish Health Weekend** - April 22-23. Classroom 20

**LJA School day**, Sunday, April 23, 12:30-4:00pm. Meet in the classroom for a required day of (school) gardening.

**Health Ministry** to team with **Restoring Hope's, "Divine Mercy Sunday"** 3rd Annual Event for the Homeless, Sunday, April 23, 2:00-5:00pm, at Mackenzie Park. (east Broadway entrance). To volunteer, talk with Tammy Allen or Beatriz Brunken.

**Women's Prayer Breakfast** - Sunday, April 23, 9am, at the home of Anita McChesney.

**ALL-CHURCH Leadership Training Weekend** - April 28 & 29, with Dr. Steve Case, Everyone is invited and is promised to learn new skills — Please plan to attend.

### Church Board Recommendation School Board Members

#### First Reading:

To nominate **Antonia Herrera, Del'Gracia Stewart** and **Jan Yates** to serve as School Board Members for the next 3-school years.

To replace: Glenn Blake, Melwin Paez and Elizabeth Verastegui, who have served the last three school years and will all be rotating off.

## Today's Events

**9:00am - Spanish Divine Worship Service** - Worship Center

**9:30am - Sabbath School Classes**

**11:00am - Divine Worship Service** - Worship Center

**12:30pm - Sabbath School Council - Classroom I**  
All Sabbath School personnel (teachers, division leaders, secretary)- please attend.

**2:30-5:00pm - "Carry With Respect" Suitcase Drive** in our South Foyer, or by appointment by calling Johnson Fung at 806.283.6715.

**4:00pm - Prayer Warriors** - Prayer Room

**5:00pm - The Great Controversy** - Historical Review - Classroom I

**5:30pm - Ronald McDonald House** - The evening meal will be provided for the residents of the Ronald McDonald House. Contact David Riley at 806.577.2990 to volunteer food.

**6:00pm - Sundown Vespers.** Classroom I

**7:00pm - "Lubbock Adventist Youth" Vespers** - in the Youth Lounge. This Youth & Young Professionals, 18-35 age-group, meets bi-weekly.

### The Joy and Blessing of the Sabbath

Concludes today at 8:13pm

Begins next Friday at 8:17pm

## Events This Week

**Sunday - April 9**

**8:30am - River Workers Homeless support group**

Meet at the home of Beatriz Brunken to prepare breakfast and deliver to the Homeless at Moose Head Park, 27th & Ave. Q. To donate, designate your offering envelope "Homeless" Warm socks, and hygiene items are also being collected.

**10:00am - School Board** - Conference Center

**2:00-5:00pm - HEALTH EXPO** - at the Science Spectrum - 2579 S loop 289, Lubbock, TX

**Monday-Friday - LJA Spring Week of Prayer**

**Tuesday - April 11**

**7:00pm - Reversing Diabetes** - Tuesdays & Thursdays, April 11 through May 2, 7:00-8:00pm in the Conference Center. Invite your friends.

**Wednesday - April 12**

**7:00pm - Prophecy Study** - Choir Room

**Friday - April 14**

**7:00pm - Prayer Warriors** - Prayer Room

**8:17pm - The Joy & Blessing of the Sabbath Begins**