

When Life Is Difficult

Pastor Geraldo Alonso, II

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God” (2 Corinthians 1:3-4, NIV)

Why do bad things happen in the world?
Why do bad things happen when we least expect them?
Where is God in all of this?
Why are we supposed to praise God in all things?

William Barclay said the following of the struggles we face as Christians:

“Sometimes there falls upon the human spirit the burden and the mystery of this unintelligible world. In the early years of Christianity, those who chose to become Christians chose to face trouble. This might well result in abandonment by their own family, hostility from their pagan neighbours, and persecution from the official powers” (The Letters to the Corinthians).

When we become Christians we are not promised a life of ease. We are however promised a life coupled with the Spirit of God. Jesus told His disciples that after He returned to His Father that the Holy Spirit would come to us to help us. **“He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn’t looking for him and doesn’t recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you. No, I will not abandon you as orphans—I will come to you” (John 14:17-18, NLT).**

This week one of our elders will be sharing God’s word. Abel Rios will be exploring why bad things happen and the big promises that God has for us. The promise of not forgetting us and the promise to help us through the challenges that come our way. As we go through God’s word this week think about the challenges you face and know that God has not left you abandoned.

For this reason we can do just as Paul suggests—praise in all things. Let us praise our God because He comforts us in troubles. Let us praise Him because we not orphans!
In God we will make it through all things. AMEN!

Church Board Recommendations

First Reading:

Antonia “Toni” Herrera, to represent the Spanish Ministry on the church board.

Second Reading Membership Transfer

From Lubbock: Dennis Muse to the Hunstville Seventh-day Adventist Church in Huntsville, AL.

Sabbath Together

May 20, 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 We Have This Hope Hymn 214

Pastoral Welcome Robert Plant, II

Praise Songs Create In Me A Clean Heart, O God Congregation

Children’s Story Hans Burda
The Lamb’s Offering will benefit Vacation Bible School
All children ages 5-14 are now invited to attend Children’s Church in the Conference Center - Parental permission is requested

Praise in Giving Church Budget Robert Plant, II
~ ~ ~ All tithes and offerings also received at this time ~ ~ ~

Offering Response Hymn 694
Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Song of Prayer As We Come To You In Prayer Hymn 671

Circle of Prayer Robert Plant, II

Song of Response Hear Our Prayer, O Lord Hymn 684

Message in Song Midnight Cry Robert Plant, II

Message **A Righteous Person Nobody Wants To Be** Abel Rios

Closing Song I Love To Tell The Story Hymn 457

Benediction Abel Rios

Postlude

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

Praise Leader: Robert Plant, II
Pianist: Gina Reinert-Umstead

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Speaker Next Week: Robert Plant, II
“Here Is Wisdom”

Offering Next Week: Texico Ministries

Attendance Last Week: 190

Deacon Today: Leland Flyger

Today’s Greeter: Tammy Allen

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.

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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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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

MAKER FUN FACTORY

Created by GOD
Built for a Purpose

It Moves!

COMING IN JUNE

**Mark Your Calendar
Tuesday - Sabbath
June 6-10, 2017**

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**

◆ **Pray for Christ's followers who are being persecuted and/or killed for their faith world wide.**

◆ Ajima-Juma family (comfort)

◆ John Brown (healing)

◆ Irma Brown's daughter Rachel (healing)

◆ Eric Byrd's brother (health)

◆ Jennifer Byrd's friend "Kim"

◆ Frank Calkins (healing)

◆ Donna Cartwright (health)

◆ Joe Castillo (health/healing)

◆ Karen Contreras (health)

◆ Michele Crawford's nephew Ryan Conley (healing)

◆ Pauline DeJohn's friend "Tsunii"

◆ Denise Downing (health/healing)

◆ Walter Foust (health/healing)

◆ Jaydee Fremgen (health/healing)

◆ Vaughn James (healing)

◆ Cindy Johnston (healing)

◆ Keith Marpa (rapid recovery)

◆ Flo McIntire (healing)

◆ Angel Moreno (Safety & Peace)

◆ Debra Murphree's cousin's husband, Randy; Aunt's sister, Donna Temple; and her Aunt's granddaughter, Lexie (all with serious health problems)

◆ Alton Muse (healing)

◆ Peggy Myers (health)

◆ Kathy Pate (healing)

◆ 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)

◆ Brenda Stephenson's sister (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.

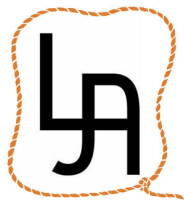
May God Bless You!

Prayer FAX Line 806.799.5136

Email: lubbockadventist@sbcglobal.net

5/20/17

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:

Vivianna Nikol Facundo, Principal and Teacher
Email: missfacundo@gmail.com

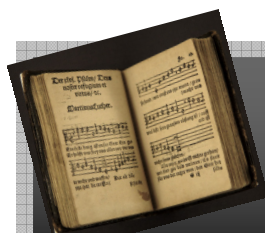
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or the Church Office 806.793.8614



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

please sponsor one, five, ten or more, Sponsor now before they are all gone!

Just mark your offering envelope

Hymnals

140 yet to be sponsored !

CHURCH FINANCES AT A GLANCE

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April 2017	This Year (Jan-April) YTD 2017	Last Year (Jan-April) YTD 2016
\$25,924	\$102,177	\$109,526

CHURCH BUDGET

May 2017	Required	Received	Need
	\$14,825	\$6,164	\$8,661

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

VIDEO SYSTEM UPGRADE

April 2017	Required	Received	Need
	\$19,774	\$17,125	\$2,649

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

All the ministry efforts of the Lubbock Seventh-day Adventist Church have been made possible by your generous contributions and faithful stewardship. You are deeply appreciated and your financial support is making a significant difference. For your convenience, there's also a link for online giving, <http://www.lubbockadventist.org>

Upcoming Events

Corporate Sabbath School - Sabbath, May 27, 9:00am, in the Conference Center.

Spanish Health Weekend - May 27 and 28. Sabbath, May 27 - 11:00am and at 3:00-5:00pm. Sunday, May 28 - 10am-12:00pm. All in Classroom 20 on the South Hall.

"Lubbock Adventist Youth" Vespers - Sabbath, June 3, at 7:00pm in the Youth Lounge. This Youth & Young Professionals, 18-35 age-group, meet bi-weekly.

Men's Breakfast - Sunday, June 4, 9:00am. All men are invited to meet at the Golden Corral for breakfast and fellowship.

Eunice Juma Memorial Service - Sunday, June 4

Vacation Bible School - Tuesday-Sabbath, June 6-10 For the enjoyment of ages 4-12. Invite your friends & bring your neighbors.

Ronald McDonald House - Saturday, June 10, 5:30pm The evening meal will be provided for the residents of the Ronald McDonald House. Contact David Riley at 806.577.2990 to volunteer food.

Pathfinder Backyard Campout - June 17-18 at the Verastegui Home.

Finance Committee - Monday, June 19, 6:00pm

Church Board - Monday, June 19, 7:00pm, Classroom 1

Children's Church - Next Sabbath, June 24, following the Children's Story. Children ages 5-14 are invited to attend Children's Church in the Conference Center - Parental permission is requested

Corporate Sabbath School - Sabbath, June 24, 9:00am, in the Conference Center.

Host Texico "Youth Rush" June 30 to July 21.

All Church Picnic - Sunday, July 9, 1:00-4:00pm, Wagner Park on 26th Street & Elgin Avenue. Hosted by Women's Ministry.

Deaconesses Meeting - Sunday, August 6, 1:00pm in the Board Room.

REVELATION 101: September 7-16 with Steve Case

Corporate Sabbath School - Sabbath, September 30, 9:00am, in the Conference Center.

Sabbath School Council - Sabbath, September 30, Following the Worship Service, in Classroom 1.

Today's Events

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

11:00am - Divine Worship Service - Worship Center

Called To Lead - Part 2

2:00pm - Team Building & Volunteer Management, Presenters: Kaylee Jordan & Jan Yates

3:10pm - Organizing & Leading A Ministry, Presenters: Tammy Allen & Jake Sexton

4:20pm - Administration & Management, Presenters: Elizabeth & Smiley Verastegui

5:30pm - Presentation of Certificates Plan to attend every session

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

The Joy and Blessing of the Sabbath

Concludes today at 8:44pm

Begins next Friday at 8:48pm

Events This Week

Sunday - May 21

8:30am - 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.

12:30-4:00pm - Pathfinder Club - Conference Center

2:00pm - Abel Rios will define "Peace and Violence"

What is the position of the Adventist Church?

This lecture is open to students, parents, & anyone interested. You will learn just how the church has arrived at their position toward non-combatancy and what this means for us.

Tuesday - May 23

7:00pm - Healthy Cooking Class Support Group - Conference Center.

7:00pm - Reversing Diabetes - Conference Center

Wednesday - May 24

7:00pm - Prophecy Study - Choir Room

Friday - May 26

2:00pm - Last Day of School for LJA

7:00pm - Prayer Warriors - Prayer Room

8:48pm - The Joy & Blessing of the Sabbath Begins