

## The Sufferfest

A friend of mine recently suggested that I read a book about a man's struggle and suffering to build schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan. The book is **Three Cups of Tea** by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. The book chronicles all the highs and lows that Mortenson experienced as he worked to improve the lives of the impoverished in this part of the world. As I read this book I was amazed by the stories of Mortenson's work.

Mortenson has been called the *Indiana Jones* of humanitarian work. I can see why as he tells of how he struggled to secure funding for the schools, build trust within a Muslim community as an infidel, and how he was held captive by the Taliban. His work brought education to thousands of children in the war torn regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan. However, this struggle and suffering also brought with it some bigger moral problems.

After I finished reading this incredible story I wanted to learn more about Mortenson and his work to make our world a better place. A quick Goggle search revealed some troubling things. Apparently, this story that I had fallen in love with was made up. CBS, and others, questioned if the book was more fiction than fact. Mortenson eventually did an interview on "60 Minutes" admitting that he had made many mistakes. When probed further Mortenson admitted that while many of the stories did occur, just maybe not so much in the sequence that the book portrayed.

Just like that. Inspiration and awe left me. The wonder of the story melted away. In the end, this was all about Greg Mortenson, and not about the people in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

In the Book of Colossians Paul writes about his suffering and struggles. However, Paul tells us that this is all about Christ and the church that believes in Jesus. This is why he was able to endure hardship, pain and suffering. Paul advocates that suffering he is enduring for Christ was meant to build up the church. When we study about Paul's life we find that he was no stranger to suffering and pain.

The reality is that this world is full of suffering and pain. As I continued to learn more about Mortenson it was discovered that funds from his charity were misused for personal gain. Paul made sure that his suffering was for the gain of the church. As you struggle through life you have to ask yourself the following question. What is your struggle, suffering and pain for?

This week we will analyze this question and more as we continue our study of Colossians with this message called, **"Colossians: The Sufferfest"**. May we learn lessons that will help us through pain, suffering and struggles. More importantly, may we find ways to stay focused on Christ.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Geraldo

## Sabbath Together

June 17, 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
Praise Song	<i>Father, Lead Me</i>	Hymn 482
Children's Story	<i>The Lamb's Offering will benefit Church Landscaping</i>	Jan Yates
Praise In Giving	Church Budget	Pastor Geraldo
~~~ All tithe and offerings also received at this time ~~~		
Offering Response	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	Hymn 694
Song of Prayer	<i>In The Garden</i>	Hymn 487
Circle of Prayer		Pastor Geraldo
Song of Response	<i>Hear Our Prayer, O Lord</i>	Hymn 684
Message In Song		Lev and Graciela Lirazan
Message	<b>Colossians The Sufferfest</b>	Pastor Geraldo
Closing Song	<i>Trust and Obey</i>	Hymn 590
Benediction		Pastor Geraldo

Postlude

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

**Praise Leader:** Melwin Paez

**Pianist:** Yali Pekowski

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**Speaker Next Week:** Pastor Geraldo  
**Colossians: The Law Has Nothing On Me**

**Offering Next Week:** Texico Ministries

Attendance Last Week: 180

Deacon Today: Henry Loya

**Today's Greeters:** Dottie Haney & Gary Sitton

## 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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| Pastor Geraldo Alonso, II                                    | 817.357.5343   |
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| Robert Plant, II, Chair, Board of Elders                     | 806.441.1090   |
| Cindy Riley, Treasurer                                       | 806.928.9713   |
| 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>      |
| Marybel Orellana; LJA Principal/Teacher (July 1)             | 817.709.3965   |
| 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>                        |

Revelation 101  
Volunteers Needed  
September 7-16

**Mark these dates on your calendar**  
**Volunteers needed in all areas:**

|                                  |                                    |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Prayer:</b>                   | <b>Leader</b><br>DelGracia Stewart |
| <b>Greeters:</b>                 | Tammy Allen                        |
| <b>Hosting/Logistics:</b>        | SmileyVerastegui                   |
| <b>Snacks:</b>                   | Beatriz Brunken                    |
| <b>Floater:</b>                  | David Jeter                        |
| <b>AV:</b>                       | Mike Zauner                        |
| <b>Child Care:</b>               | Archel Burda                       |
| <b>Facilities/Parking Lot:</b>   | Leland Flyger                      |
| <b>Communications/Marketing:</b> | Robert Plant, II                   |
| <b>Follow-Up:</b>                | Tammy Allen & Congregation         |



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.

*Mailing Address: P O Box 6277  
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**5302 Elgin Avenue  
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806.793.8614**

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## Prayer Requests

### ► CHURCH FINANCES

(for God's continual Leading)

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

◆ **All Disaster Victims**

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

- ◆ Ajima-Juma family (comfort)
- ◆ Connie Beam (speedy recovery)
- ◆ John Brown (healing)
- ◆ Irma Brown's daughter Rachel
- ◆ Connie Buckman's Neighbor's family
- ◆ Eric Byrd's brother (health)
- ◆ Jennifer Byrd's friend "Kim"
- ◆ Frank Calkins (healing)
- ◆ David Cartwright (hospitalization, recovery and healing)
- ◆ Donna Cartwright (health)
- ◆ Joe Castillo (health/healing)
- ◆ Karen Contreras (health)
- ◆ Michele Crawford's nephew Ryan Conley (healing)
- ◆ Denise Downing (health/healing)
- ◆ Sammy Espinosa (health/healing)
- ◆ Walter Foust (health/healing)
- ◆ Jaydee Fremgen (health/healing)
- ◆ Vaughn James (healing)

- ◆ Cindy Johnston (healing)
- ◆ Keith Marpa (rapid recovery)
- ◆ Flo McIntire (healing)
- ◆ Kate Moreland's friend "Cassie"
- ◆ 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)
- ◆ Sue Pyle (healing)
- ◆ Mary Robertson (healing)
- ◆ Esther Slaughter (health)
- ◆ Brenda Stephenson's sister (health)
- ◆ Jerry Walker (healing)
- ◆ Wertz family (comfort)
- ◆ Addie Wood (healing)
- ◆ Duane Young Family (healing)
- ◆ Sandy Zauner (health)
- ◆ Unspoken prayer requests for Healing, finances and families

### 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.*

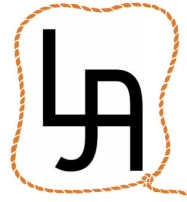
*May God Bless You!*

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:

**Marybel Orellana, Principal and Teacher**  
Email: [esmarybel@hotmail.com](mailto:esmarybel@hotmail.com)

Phone or Text - 817.709.3965 ~ ~ ~ School - 806.795.4481

Pastor & School Board Chair: Geraldo Alonso, II - 817.357.5343

Connie Buckman - School Board Co-Chair, 817.296.0874

Robert Plant, II - LJA Treasurer - 806.441.1090

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

117 yet to be sponsored !

### CHURCH FINANCES AT A GLANCE

#### TITHE

| May 2017 | This Year (Jan-May) YTD 2017 | Last Year (Jan-April) YTD 2016 |
|----------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| \$26,564 | \$128,742                    | \$131,808                      |

#### CHURCH BUDGET

| June 2017 | Required | Received | Need     |
|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
|           | \$14,825 | \$3,856  | \$11,969 |

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

#### AV-VIDEO SYSTEM UPGRADE

| June 2017 | Required | Received | Need    |
|-----------|----------|----------|---------|
|           | \$19,774 | \$17,412 | \$2,362 |

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

**Parking Lot Maintenance - This week June 19-23.**  
The Parking lot is scheduled to be resealed and restriped, starting this week, Monday, June 19, (weather permitting) ~ ~The Parking Lot will be closed during this process.~ ~

**Finance Committee - Monday, June 19, 6:00pm**  
**Church Board - Monday, June 19, 7:00pm, Classroom I**

**Corporate Sabbath School - Sabbath, June 24, 9:00am,**  
in the Worship Center. Sabbath School promotion.

**Children's Church - 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

**Wednesday Prophecy Class - Will be on "Summer Break" beginning June 28.** Classes will resume August 2.

**Texico Conference Camp Meeting - June 29 to July 2.**  
Bonita Park Camp - Capitan, NM. For Details: See Bulletin Board Or [www.texicoconference.org](http://www.texicoconference.org)

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

**"Lubbock Adventist Youth" Vespers - Sabbath, July 1,** at 7:00pm in the Youth Lounge. This Youth & Young Professionals, 18-35 age-group, meet bi-weekly.

**Men's Breakfast - Sunday, July 2, 9:00am.** All men are invited to meet at the Golden Corral for breakfast and fellowship.

**Ronald McDonald House - Saturday, July 8, 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.

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

**Home & School - Tuesday, July 11, 6:00pm, Classroom I.**  
**School Board - Tuesday, July 11, 7:00pm, Classroom I**

**Communion Sabbath - July 29.** Come prepared to be blessed.

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

**REVELATION 101: September 7-16, 7:00pm,** with Dr. Steve Case. To volunteer — please contact Pastor Geraldo or Tammy Allen.

## Today's Events

**9:00am - Divine Worship Service - Classroom 20**  
9:00am Worship Service presented in Spanish  
11:00am Worship Service presented in English  
**11:00am - Divine Worship Service - Worship Center**

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

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

**5:00pm - Great Controversy Historical Review**

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

**7:30pm - "Lubbock Adventist Youth" Vespers -**  
in the Youth Lounge. This Youth & Young Professionals, 18-35 age-group, meet bi-weekly.

**The Joy and Blessing of the Sabbath**

*Concludes today at 8:57pm*

*Begins next Friday at 9:01pm*

## Events This Week

**Sunday - June 18 - Father's Day**

**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.

**Monday - June 19**

**6:00pm - Finance Committee - Board Room**

**7:00pm - Church Board - Classroom I**

**Tuesday - June 20**

**6:30pm - Next Healthy Cooking Support Class -**

RSVP REQUIRED - Will be at the home of Connie Buckman, - To RSVP or for more information call or Text 817-296-0874.

**Wednesday - June 21**

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

**Friday - June 23**

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

**9:01pm - The Joy & Blessing of the Sabbath Begins**



*A thankful heart is a happy HEART*