



## Changing All The Rules

Have you ever wondered why and how Christianity was able to spread so quickly around the world?

For several decades after Jesus' ascension to heaven the Roman Empire viewed Jews and Christians as one and the same religion. After much persuasion, the Jewish nation was able to convince the Roman Empire that Christians were not part of the Jewish belief structure. When this designation was made, the Christian believers instantly became public enemy #1. Despite the subsequent persecution, this small sect of believers became the largest movement within the Roman Empire.

### BUT WHY?

According to the book "Church History in Plain Language" there were four main reasons that the gospel was able to spread so prolifically by these early Christians:

1. The early Christians were moved by a burning conviction in the salvation ministry of Jesus and the grace and peace that He extends to all.
2. The Christian gospel met a widely felt need in the hearts of the people.
3. The practical expression of love was probably among the most powerful causes of their success.
4. Persecution in many instances helped publicize the Christian faith.

In fact, notice what the Emperor Julian says about Christians and their faith. As you read this quote, Emperor Julian still considered Christians as part of the Jewish sect and he also considered them atheists:

***Atheism [i.e., Christian faith] has been specially advanced through the loving service rendered to strangers, and through their care for the burial of the dead. It is a scandal that there is not a single Jew who is a beggar, and that the godless Galileans care not only for their own poor but for ours as well; while those who belong to us look in vain for the help that we should render them (Dr. Bruce L. Shelley, Church History in Plain Language: Fourth Edition, p. 38).***

The early Christians emphasized a love for one another, but most importantly as noted by Emperor Julian, they expressed a love for all of humanity! This week as we continue our study in the Book of Colossians we will note that Paul leaves us with some very important truths about love. In his practical and rule changing message we will see that at the heart of these changes is a love for Jesus that pours out into every fiber of society.

As we get ready for this study we must ask ourselves the following question: Do I love Jesus enough to love myself, my family, my friends and everyone that I come in contact with?

Grace and Peace, Pastor Geraldo

## Sabbath Together

July 15, 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 Pastor Geraldo

Praise Song Redeemed Hymn 338  
We Have Come into This House Congregation

Children's Story Portia Ameyaw  
*The Lamb's Offering will benefit LJA Worthy Student*  
**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 Eh Dahlay Way  
~~~ Tithes and all offerings also received at this time ~~~

Offering Response Hymn 694  
*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Song of Prayer Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus Hymn 290

Circle of Prayer Pastor Geraldo

Song of Response Hear Our Prayer, O Lord Hymn 684

Message In Song

State of The Church Address Pastor Geraldo

Message "Colossians - Changing All The Rules" Pastor Geraldo

Closing Song Sweet By and By Hymn 428

Benediction Pastor Geraldo  
Postlude

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

**Praise Leader:** Dondie Ramos **Pianist:** Joy Ramos

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**Speaker Next Week:** Pastor Geraldo  
**"Colossians - Complete The Work"**

**Offering Next Week:** Texico Ministries

Attendance Last Week: 190

Deacon Today: Gary Sitton

**Today's Greeters:** Tammy Allen & Lydia Gellido

## 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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Cindy Riley, Treasurer 806.928.9713  
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Church Website: <http://www.lubbockadventist.org>  
Marybel Orellana; LJA Principal/Teacher 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: <http://www.texico.org/>

## Volunteer Opportunities

**Mark these dates on your calendar**  
**REVELATION 101 INTENSIVE**  
**Friday, September 8 through**  
**Saturday, September 16**  
**7:00 to 8:30 PM**  
**In the Fellowship Hall**

**Volunteers needed in all areas**  
Choose the opportunity that fits you best and contact that leader.

~ ~ ~ Here's the choices ~ ~ ~

### Opportunity Facilitator/Leader

**Prayer:** DelGracia Stewart  
**Greeters:** Tammy Allen  
**Hosting/Logistics:** Smiley Verastegui  
**Snacks:** Beatriz Brunken  
**Floaters:** David Jeter  
**AV:** Mike Zauner  
**Child Care:** Archel Burda  
**Facilities/Parking Lot:** Leland Flyger  
**Communications/Marketing:** Robert Plant  
**Follow-Up:** 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  
Lubbock, TX 79493-6277*

**5302 Elgin Avenue  
Lubbock, Texas 79413  
806.793.8614**

Website: <http://www.lubbockadventist.org>

## Prayer Requests

### ► CHURCH FINANCES

(for God's continual Leading)

◆ **Our President, Leaders of our country, Leaders of our Church, our Pastor and our teacher**

◆ **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)

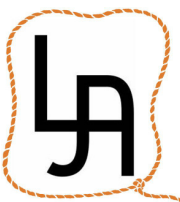
◆ Addie Wood (healing)

◆ Duane Young Family (healing)

◆ Sandy Zauner (health)

◆ Unspoken prayer requests for Healing, finances and families

## 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, M.Ed., Principal and Teacher**

**Email:** morellana@texico.org

**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

## LUBBOCK JUNIOR ACADEMY REGISTRATION

### GRADES: K-8

## SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2:00PM CLASSROOM 24

### CHURCH FINANCES AT A GLANCE

#### TITHE

| June 2017 | This Year (Jan-June) YTD 2017 | Last Year (Jan-June) YTD 2016 |
|-----------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| \$16,810  | \$145,552                     | \$161,920                     |

#### CHURCH BUDGET

| July 2017 | Required | Received | Need    |
|-----------|----------|----------|---------|
|           | \$14,825 | \$4,915  | \$9,910 |

~ ~ 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 | \$17,666 | \$2,108 |

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

**Lubbock Junior Academy Registration** - Sunday, July 23, 2:00pm. Discounts available for early registration.

**Communion Sabbath** - July 29. Come, prepare to be blessed.

**"Lubbock Adventist Youth" Vespers** - Sabbath, July 29, at 7:00pm in the Youth Lounge. This Youth & Young Professionals, 18-35 age-group, meet bi-weekly.

**Minister's Workers Meeting** - July 31-August 3. Pastor Alonso will be attending a Minister's Workers Meeting. Please contact one of the Elder's for Pastoral needs during this time.

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

**Men's Breakfast** - Sunday, August 6, 9:00am. All men are invited to meet at the Golden Corral for breakfast and fellowship.

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

**LJA Consecration** - August 12, following the Worship Service. Join the Pastor & LJA Faculty in the school for a special consecration

**Ronald McDonald House** - Saturday, August 12, 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.

**Wedding** - Sunday, August 13, 4:00pm. Kathy Pate and Todd Yates. Come, add your blessings to this union.

**Lubbock Junior Academy** - Monday, August 14, 8:30am - First Day of School.

**Handshaking & Watermelon Feed** - Monday, August 14, 2:00pm at Lubbock Junior Academy

**Welcome Back LJA** - Sunday, August 27, 5:00pm. Potato Bash and more!! Save the date.

**LJA Field Trip** - Thursday, August 31, TTU Museum & Moody Planetarium

**LJA Outdoor School** - Wednesday-Friday, September 6-8 for Grades 5-8 at Sam Tobias Park, Ruidoso, NM

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

## Today's Events

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

**9:30am - Sabbath School**

**11:00am - Divine Worship Service** - Worship Center  
Worship Service presented in English

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

**5:00pm - Prayer Warriors** - Prayer Room

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

**7:00pm - "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 8:59pm*

*Begins next Friday at 8:56pm*

## Events This Week

**Sunday - July 16**

**2:00pm - Finance Committee** - Board Room

**3:00pm - Church Board** - Classroom I

**Wednesday - July 19**

**Prophecy Study** - Class will resume, August 2

**Friday - July 21**

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

**8:56pm - The Joy & Blessing of the Sabbath Begins**

## ~ ~ ~ BULLETIN ~ ~ ~

**The Church Roof must be replaced.**

**The Church-In-Business Session**

**Voted to borrow \$350,000 from the SWUC Revolving Fund.**

**The monthly payment will be \$2,768 for 15 years!**

**Which will revise our monthly budget from \$14,825 to \$17,253 Effective August 1, 2017**

**This debt could be erased if only 100 folks would donate \$1/day for 15 years!**

### 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

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