

Nehemiah 5: Social Justice

Until the great mass of the people shall be filled with the sense of responsibility for each other's welfare, social justice can never be attained.

-Helen Keller

What is the moral and ethical responsibility of the Christian regarding the less fortunate? Is it important for us to take care of the needy, the orphan, the widow, the oppressed? As we survey society right now there is a lot of conversation about this topic and what responsibility government has to play. But what is our responsibility as followers of Jesus?

Does it anger you when you see suffering occur?
Does it anger you when you see people being oppressed?
Does it anger you when you see a widow struggling?
Does it anger you when you see an orphan cry out?

More often than not we turn a blind eye to it all. If you are like me you probably drive up to a busy intersection, look at the cardboard sign, make a judgement and look away. It is too easy to make judgements on our fellow human being. It is hard to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Every time I come up to an intersection I have to remind myself that Jesus said, "Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you" (Matthew 5:42, NIV).

Jesus calls us to a higher standard. I am trying to open my eyes and my heart to the needs around me.

This week as we continue our *Nehemiah: Building on the Will of God* series, we see that the people of Israel are in a real crisis situation. Famine has hit. People are suffering. People are dying. Nehemiah calls the people to action and this call to action is what we will be studying. In preparation for this study ask yourself the following question.

"Is God calling me to action,

Is He calling me to open my eyes, to open my heart?"

May we become the hands, feet, eyes and heart of Jesus in our sphere of influence!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Geraldo

Sabbath Together

September 23, 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 Halls

Sabbath Worship 11:00 AM

Call To Worship We Have This Hope Hymn 214

Pastoral Welcome Pastor Geraldo

Praise Song Redeemed! Hymn 337

Children's Story Archel Burda

The Lamb's Offering will benefit Children's Ministry

All children ages 5-14 are now invited to attend Children's Church in the Conference Center - Parental permission is requested

Praise In Giving Texico Ministries Julia Paez
~~~ Tithes and all offerings also received at this time ~~~

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

Lubbock Junior Academy LJA Students

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

Circle of Prayer Pastor Geraldo

Song of Response Hear Our Prayer, O Lord Hymn 684

Message In Song In The Sanctuary Robert Plant, II

Message **Nehemiah 5 - "Social Justice"** Pastor Geraldo

Closing Song Great Is Thy Faithfulness Hymn 100

Benediction Pastor Geraldo

Postlude

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

Praise Leader: Robert Plant, II

Pianist: Gena Umstead

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Speaker Next Week: Pastor Geraldo
Communion Sabbath

Offering Next Week: SWAU

Attendance Last Week: 190

Deacon Today: Gary Sitton

Today's Greeters: Tammy Allen & Dottie Haney

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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Texico Conference Office 1.505.244.1611

Conference Website: <http://www.texico.org/>

Domestic Violence Awareness

GOAL: 150 items

*3rd Annual
Case
for
Dignity & Awareness
Collection Drive*

Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017

It is nearly time for the Third annual "collection drive" and "Domestic Violence" awareness.

This year's drive will benefit both

Women's Protective Services and Voice of Hope, both located in Lubbock, Texas.

Items collected will be distributed by both agencies to abused victims and their children throughout the coming year.

Bring "New" or "Gently Used" duffle bag(s), suitcase(s), backpack(s), or sling chest cross-body bag(s)

on Saturday, September 30 here to the church, between 2:00-5:00pm.

For more ways to donate contact Johnson Fung 806.283.6715
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



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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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 - EARTHQUAKES, FIRES & FLOODS**

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

- ◆ 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)
- ◆ Carolyn English (health/finances)
- ◆ Sammy Espinosa (health/healing)
- ◆ Leland Flyger (healing/recovery)
- ◆ Jaydee Fremgen (health/healing)

- ◆ Vaughn James (healing)
- ◆ Cindy Johnston (healing)
- ◆ Keith Marpa (rapid recovery)
- ◆ Flo McIntire (healing)
- ◆ Angel Moreno (Safety & Peace)
- ◆ Terri Moreno's daughter & baby
- ◆ 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)
- ◆ Alton Muse's friend: Shirley Castillo (healing)
- ◆ Peggy Myers (health)
- ◆ Kathy Yates (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)
- ◆ 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.

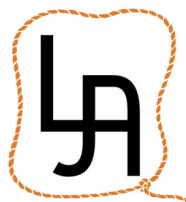
May God Bless You!

Prayer FAX Line 806.799.5136

Email: lubbockadventist@sbcglobal.net

9/23/17

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:

Marybel Orellana, M.Ed., Principal and Teacher

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

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or the Church Office 806.793.8614

~ ~ ~ Just a Dollar-a-Day ~ ~ ~
The Church Roof is being replaced.
We have had to borrow \$350,000 from the SWUC Revolving Fund.
The monthly payment will be \$2,768 for 15 years!
This revised our monthly budget from \$14,825 to \$17,253 Effective August 1, 2017
This debt could be erased with only 100 folks donating \$1/day for 15 years!

CHURCH FINANCES AT A GLANCE

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| August 2017 | This Year (Jan-Aug) YTD 2017 | Last Year (Jan-Aug) YTD 2016 |
|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| \$25,365 | \$198,090 | \$206,718 |

CHURCH BUDGET

| | Required | Received | Need |
|----------------|----------|----------|---------|
| September 2017 | \$17,253 | \$9,067 | \$8,226 |

~ ~ Thank You For Remembering our Church Expenses ~ ~
 A total of \$17,253 is required monthly for every ministry to be funded.

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> Thanks for your sacrificial heart for giving.

Upcoming Events

ABC D2U Order Deadline - Thursday, September 28, will be the last day to place orders for Adventist Book Center (D2U) October 4 delivery. To see the ABC food list and monthly sales go to: www.abckeene.com
REMEMBER: You must order to have a package on this truck. To order call 1.800.333.1844.

Communion Sabbath - September 30.

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

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

Annual Suitcase Drive - Sabbath afternoon, September 30. "Carry With Respect" 2:00-5:00pm. For more ways to donate items to this organization contact Johnson Fung 806.283.6715.

LJA Fall Week of Prayer - Monday through Friday, October 2-6, 9:00-10:00am, in the LJA School Chapel.

Adventist Book Center - D2U - Wednesday, October 4, 3:45pm in our church parking lot. Only orders placed before September 22 will be on this delivery truck.

Men's Breakfast - Sunday, October 1, 9:00am. All men are invited to meet at the Golden Corral for breakfast and fellowship.

Pathfinder Club - Sunday, October 1, 1:00-4:00pm, in the Conference Center. Pathfinder Club is scheduled to meet semi-monthly on the 1st and 3rd Sunday.

Finance Committee - Monday, October 3, 6:00pm
Church Board - Monday, October 3, 7:00pm

Children's Church - Sabbath, October 7, following the Children's Story. Children ages 5-14 are invited to attend Children's Church in the Conference Center - Parental permission is requested

Pathfinder PBE - Sabbath, October 7, 1:00-2:00pm, one-hour following the Worship Service in Classroom 2. PBE is the study of Daniel and Esther. PBE Meetings are scheduled for the first and third Sabbath monthly.

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

Church Board Recommendation

Membership Transfer

Second Reading:

Georgina Schmidt dePidoux, to Lubbock from the Aurora First Seventh-day Adventist

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" Backpack/suitcase Drive in the South Foyer, or by appointment by calling Johnson Fung at 806.283.6715.

5:00pm - Pathfinder Overnight Campout - through Sunday, September 24. On the Church Playground. Starting with Sabbath Vespers at 5:00pm, break camp Sunday at Noon.

5:00pm - Prayer Ministry - Board Room

7:00pm - Vespers - Classroom 1

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 7:44pm

Begins next Friday at 7:36pm

Events This Week

Sunday - September 24

9:00am - Women's Prayer Breakfast - Sunday, at the home of Anita McChesney - 2804 24th St.

Tuesday - September 26

9:30am - Bible Study "Never Thirst Again" at the home of Michele Crawford. To be included, call 970.901.0987

6:00pm - Healthy Cooking Support Class, at the home of Connie Buckman, 3203 53rd Street. Please RSVP by texting Connie at 817.296.0874.

Wednesday - September 27

7:00pm - Prophecy Study - Choir Room

Friday - September 29

7:00pm - Communion Rehearsal for Deaconesses, Deacons & Elders. Please meet in the Sanctuary.

7:00pm - Prayer Team - Board Room

7:36pm - The Joy & Blessing of the Sabbath Begins