



Nehemiah: What's In A Vow?
(Nehemiah 9:38-10:39)

Tradition is a fence around the law;
tithes are a fence around riches;
vows are a fence around abstinence;
a fence around wisdom is silence.
—Akiva ben Joseph

November is a very special month for me. It has always been filled with warm and exciting memories. These memories are connected to a very special person to me. You see, November 16, 2008 I asked Suzy to be my girlfriend and a year later on November 15, 2009 we were married! Suzy has been my girlfriend for 9 years and we have been married for 8 years. Time has flown by!

On November 15, 2009 I vowed to be hers and only hers. I made this promise to Suzy because she has been such a special part of my life. Some people think of this level of commitment and panic because they aren't sure they want to give up their freedom to another person. I had no problem making this vow because of the relationship I have with Suzy. I love her and want to spend the rest of my life with her.

This week, as we continue our **Nehemiah: Building on the Will of God** sermon series we will be looking at the people taking a vow as a nation. They have recognized their need for God. They have recognized their failures and the disasters that have resulted. But now, they are realizing that they need God and they want to take up a vow in order to have a relationship with Him.

What vows have you made in your life? Do you think vows are important? Notice what Psalms 116:12-14:
“How can I repay the Lord for all His goodness to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people (NIV).”

Vows are about relationship.
Relationship is about sacrifice.
Sacrifice is about love.
And vows of love lived out in our lives
is how we can best honor those
that matter most to us!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Geraldo

Sabbath Together

November 25, 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 2
Juniors - Grades 5-7: Classroom 7
Earliteen - Grades 7-9: Classroom 9
Classrooms are on the North & West Halls

Sabbath Worship 11:00 AM

Call To Worship	<i>We Have This Hope</i>	Hymn 214
Pastoral Welcome		Pastor Geraldo
Praise Song	<i>Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart</i>	Hymn 27
Children's Story		Archel Burda <i>The Lamb's Offering will benefit Children's Ministry</i>
Praise In Giving	Texico Ministries	Pastor Geraldo ~~~ Tithes and all offerings also received at this time ~~~
Offering Response		Hymn 694 <i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>
Song of Prayer	<i>Cares Chorus</i>	Congregation
Circle of Prayer		Pastor Geraldo
Song of Response	<i>Hear Our Prayer, O Lord</i>	Hymn 684
Message In Song:		Grace Notes Quartet
Message	Nehemiah: What's In A Vow? (Nehemiah 9:38-10:39)	Pastor Geraldo
Closing Song	<i>Lead On O King Eternal</i>	Hymn 619
Benediction		Pastor Geraldo

Postlude

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

**Praise Team:** Almai Burda, Ethan Burda, Akkoy Flores & Keon Paez

**Pianist:** Joy Ramos

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Speaker Next Week: Pastor Geraldo  
“Homing Coming, Walls & Lists” Nehemiah 11 & 12

**Offering Next Week: Church Budget**

Attendance Last Week: 185

Deacon Today: Gary Sitton

**Today's Greeter:** Johnson Fung

**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<br><a href="mailto:gaalonso2@gmail.com">gaalonso2@gmail.com</a>       |
| Robert Plant, II, Chair, Board of Elders        | 806.441.1090                                                                       |
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| Michele Crawford, Chair, Board of Deaconess     | 970.901.0987                                                                       |
| Walter Foust, Bible School/Resource Coordinator | 806.470.4144                                                                       |
| Kathy Flyger, Church Event/Building 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         | 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>                        |

**Christmas Food Baskets**



If you, or if you know of someone who would be blessed by receiving a **Christmas Food Basket**, please contact: Tammy Allen, Connie Buckman, Johnson Fung, Kathy Flyger, Lydia Gellido, Victorina Prieto, or Pastor Geraldo.

**To sponsor a basket:** Place \$25 in an offering envelope and designate: **“Christmas Basket”**

**Volunteers Still Needed for: WALK THROUGH BETHLEHEM**

The third-annual “Walk-Through-Bethlehem” will be December 14, 15 & 16. A variety of talents are needed for Costumes, Booth set-up and more. Cast members are also needed, if you are willing to fill the same role you did last year, or if you did not participate and you would be willing to, please contact Cindy Riley 806.928.9713



**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 Church, our Pastor and our School 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"
- ◆ David Cartwright (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/surgery)
- ◆ Sammy Espinosa (health/healing)
- ◆ Leland Flyger (continued healing)
- ◆ Walter Foust (continued healing)
- ◆ 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; and her Aunt's granddaughter, Lexie (both with serious health problems)
- ◆ Alton Muse (healing)
- ◆ Marybell Orellana's sister "Mirna"
- ◆ Pauda family (comfort)
- ◆ Jennifer Petty (healing)
- ◆ Petty's niece, Melinda (healing)
- ◆ Petty's Grandson, Bryce
- ◆ 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)
- ◆ MaryAnn Ulery (family justice)
- ◆ Jerry Walker (healing)
- ◆ Addie Wood (healing)
- ◆ Kathy Yates (healing)
- ◆ Mike Yates brother (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.

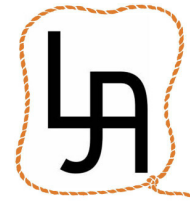
May God Bless You!

Prayer FAX Line 806.799.5136

Email: lubbockadventist@sbcglobal.net

11/25/17

## Lubbock Junior Academy . . .



Currently accepting students for 2018-2019 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

~ ~ ~ Just a Dollar-a-Day ~ ~ ~  
The Church Roof is being replaced.  
We have borrowed \$450,000 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

| TITHE        |                     |                     |
|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|              | This Year (Jan-Oct) | Last Year (Jan-Oct) |
| October 2017 | YTD 2017            | YTD 2016            |
| \$27,042     | \$250,497           | \$251,055           |

### CHURCH BUDGET

|               | Required | Received | Need    |
|---------------|----------|----------|---------|
| November 2017 | \$17,253 | \$8,794  | \$8,459 |

~ ~ 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

**Children's Church** - Sabbath, December 2, following the Children's Story. Children ages 5-14 are invited to attend Children's Church in the Conference Center - Parental permission is requested.

**Fellowship "Pot Luck" Lunch** - Sabbath, December 2, in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the Worship Service.

**Pathfinder PBE** - Sabbath, December 2, 1:00-2:00pm, one-hour study will follow the Worship Service in Classroom 2. PBE is a study of Daniel and Esther. Meetings are scheduled semi-monthly on the first and third Sabbaths.

**"Lubbock Adventist Youth" Vespers** - Sabbath, December 2, at 7:30pm in the Youth Lounge. This Youth & Young Professionals, 18-35 age-group, meet bi-weekly.

**Men's Breakfast** - Sunday, December 3, 9:00am. All men are invited to meet at the Golden Corral for breakfast and fellowship.

**Women's Prayer Breakfast** - Sunday, December 3, 9:00am at the home of Anita McChesney.

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

**Guest Speaker** - Sabbath, December 9, Pastor Sean Robinson.

**Ronald McDonald House** - Saturday, December 9, 5:30pm. Men's Ministry will provide the evening meal for the residents of the Ronald McDonald House. Contact David Riley at 806.577.2990 to volunteer food.

**Walk Through Bethlehem** - Thursday, Friday & Saturday, December 14-16. Watch for details.

**LJA Christmas Program** - Sabbath, December 16.

**Hub City Veg Potluck** - Sunday, December 17, 4:30pm in the Youth Lounge

**Home & School** - Tuesday, December 19, 6:00pm  
**School Board** - Tuesday, December 19, 7:00pm

### In Sympathy

It is with intense sadness we report one of our shut-in members,

*Peggy Myers*

Passed away on November 9.

Please continue to keep her family in prayer for comfort during this time of loss.

## Today's Events

**9:30am - Sabbath School**

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

**2:30-5:00pm - "Carry With Respect" Backpack/suitcase Drive** in the South Foyer. For more ways to donate items contact Johnson Fung at 806.283.6715.

**3:00pm - Prayer Ministry** - Board Room

**5:00pm - Vespers** - Classroom I

*The Joy and Blessing of the Sabbath*

Concludes today at 5:41pm  
Begins next Friday at 5:39pm

## Events This Week

**Wednesday** - November 29

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

**Friday** - December 1

**5:39pm** the Joy and Blessings of the Sabbath begins.

### Church Board Recommendations

#### First Reading

\*Grant the request of **Elizabeth Atwenewah-Antwi** to transfer her membership to Lubbock from the Maakro-Kumsai Seventh-day Adventist Church in Ghana-West Africa.

#### Second Reading

\* Accept **Leland Flyger's** resignation as Head Deacon.

\* Nominate **David Riley** as Head Deacon and Church Board Member.

\* Accept **Beatriz Brunken's** resignation as Health Ministry Director

\* Nominate **Candice Rendon** as Health Ministry Director and Church Board Member

\* Nominate **Connie Buckman** as Associate Health Ministry Leader

\* Nominate **Cindy Riley** as School Board Member

\*Nominate **Michele Crawford** School Board Member

\* Grant the request of **Leroy Green** to transfer his church membership to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd Seventh-day Adventist Church in Lubbock, TX from the Lubbock Seventh-day Adventist Church.