



Nehemiah: Happy Ever After?

The first time I went on an overnight back packing trip, some friends and I set out on a short 20-mile hike through Greenleaf State Park just outside of Braggs, OK. Half of us decided to hike and the other half decided to ride mountain bikes. We started our journey leaving the registration booth and set out on the first 10 miles before making it to our primitive camping spot.

About two miles into the hike we had to cross a highway bridge over a lake. Crossing this bridge was exciting. It had an incredible view, but the most exhilarating part was knowing that we were coming up to a point of no return. Now we were on the hike and committed. There was no quitting, there was just going. Over each hill, around every turn, with every bit of perspiration and with every step we were determined to make it to our campsite that evening!

We made it to our campsite, had many laughs, a great meal and an itchy rest due to some ticks. The next morning we woke up early, had breakfast, more laughs, and then we started our journey back. We retraced our steps and rediscovered the beauty of the trail, but as we took each step our legs became all the more tired. So much so that when we arrived back to that highway my fellow hikers decided they wanted to quit.

When our friends on the mountain bikes caught up with us after they finished exploring another trail they were asked to ride back to the start and get a vehicle to pick them up. They were done before the end. They didn't have any more fight in them. Let's be clear about something. Hiking is enjoyable and the views can be amazing, but hiking is a fight. You fight everything within you that tells you to quit and go back. And sometimes that fight is so compelling that you literally want to throw in the towel.

As my friends were getting ready to drive off they asked, "Are you sure you don't want a ride back?" I told them, "No, I'm going to finish the hike. It's only two miles." I really wanted to quit. I didn't want to go anymore. That crucial moment reminds me of Paul when he says:

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing" (2 Timothy 4:7-8, NIV).

I have shared this story before. However, this time I want to ask a few questions in the context of Nehemiah 13:

What happens when we don't finish what we set out to do?
 What happens when we quit because it is hard?
 My friends that quit early never went out on another hike.
 What happens when the church quits?

What happens when we don't do what Jesus calls us to do?
 This week as we wrap up our **Nehemiah: Building on the Will of God** series we will learn some important lessons. May we never quit and may we "finish the race" and be ready when Jesus comes back!

Grace and Peace,
 Pastor Geraldo

Sabbath Together

January 6, 2018

Sabbath School 9:30 AM

Classroom 1 - Traditional Quarterly
 Classroom 14 - 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
Baptism	Bonifacio Grimaldo	Pastor Geraldo
Praise Song	<i>Praise To The Lord</i>	Hymn 1
Children's Story		Archel Burda <i>The Lamb's Offering will benefit Lubbock Junior Academy</i>
Praise In Giving	Church Budget	Pastor Phil Robertson ~ ~ ~ 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>I Need Thee Every Hour</i>	Hymn 483
Circle of Prayer		Mikhail Johnson
Song of Response	<i>Hear Our Prayer, O Lord</i>	Hymn 684
Message In Song	Midnight Cry	Robert Plant, II
Message	Nehemiah: Happy Ever After?	Pastor Geraldo
Closing Song	<i>I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go</i>	Hymn 573
Benediction		Pastor Geraldo
	Postlude	
	~ ~ ~ Please remain seated until your row is dismissed ~ ~ ~	

Praise Leader: Robert Plant, II
Pianist: Mikhail Johnson

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Speaker Next Week: Robert Plant, II
"Take My Yoke"

Offering Next Week: Texico Ministries

Attendance Last Week: 140

Deacon Today: David Riley

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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It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that we bid farewell to the Alonso family. God has blessed our church through your leadership, friendship and love for the past two years and we will miss you! Thank you for your faithful and compassionate service. May God continue to richly bless you and your ministry as you begin the next chapter in your lives. With great affection and gratitude we wish you Grace and Peace now and always, Your Lubbock Church Family

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"The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace."
Numbers 6:24-26



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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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**

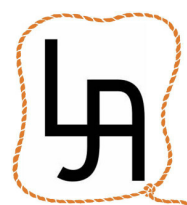
◆ **All Disaster Victims - EARTHQUAKES, FIRES & FLOODS**

◆ **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
- ◆ 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)
- ◆ Kathy Flyger's friend: "Venus Woddell (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 (recovery/healing)
- ◆ Petty's niece, Melinda (healing)
- ◆ Petty's Grandson, Bryce
- ◆ Kathy Phillips (health/healing)
- ◆ Rebekkah Plummer's sister(health)
- ◆ Cindy Riley's brother (healing) & Infant nephew "Gino"
- ◆ Sue Pyle (healing)
- ◆ Dondie Ramos "Dad" (healing)
- ◆ Mary Robertson (healing)
- ◆ Esther Slaughter (health)
- ◆ Brenda Stephenson's sister(health)
- ◆ MaryAnn Ulery (family justice)
- ◆ Jerry Walker (healing)
- ◆ Addie Wood (healing)
- ◆ Venus Woddell (healing)
- ◆ Kathy Yates (healing)
- ◆ Mike Yates' brother (healing)
- ◆ Duane Young Family (healing)
- ◆ Sandy Zauner (health)
- ◆ Unspoken prayer requests for Healing, finances and families

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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"Beloved, I wish above all things

that thou mayest prosper

and be in health,

even as thy soul prospereth."

III John 1:2 [KJV]

CHURCH FINANCES AT A GLANCE

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December 2017	This Year (Jan-Dec) YTD 2017	Last Year (Jan-Dec) YTD 2016
\$31,675	\$306,139	\$300,922

CHURCH BUDGET

December 2017	Required	Received	Over
	\$17,253	\$34,571	\$17,318

~ ~ 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.

Receipts for your 2016 tithe & offering contributions will be available by January 15.

Upcoming Events

"Health Talks" - Wednesday, January 10, 17, 24 & 31. 6:30-8pm in the Choir Room. Presented by our Health Ministry Team Wednesdays this January.

Children's Church - Sabbath, January 13, Conference Center, following the Children's Story. Children ages 5-14 are invited to attend. Parental permission is requested.

Ronald McDonald House - Saturday, January 13, 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.

Women's Prayer Breakfast - Sunday, January 14, 9:00am at the home of Anita McChesney.

School Board - Tuesday, January 16, 7:00pm

Pathfinder PBE - Sabbath, January 20, 1:00-2:00pm, one-hour study will follow the Worship Service in Classroom 7. PBE is a study of Daniel and Esther. Meetings are scheduled semi-monthly on the first and third Sabbaths.

"Lubbock Adventist Youth" Vespers - Sabbath, January 20, 7:30pm in the Youth Lounge. This Youth & Young Professionals, 18-35 age-group, meet bi-weekly.

Pathfinder Club - Sunday, January 21, 1:00-4:00pm, in the Classroom 7. Pathfinder Club meets semi-monthly on the 1st and 3rd Sunday.

LJA Field Trip - Thursday, January 25, 9:00am to the National Heritage Center.

Children's Church - Sabbath, January 27, Conference Center, following the Children's Story. Children ages 5-14 are invited to attend. - Parental permission is requested.

Ya-Li Pekowski Piano Recital - Sunday, January 28, 3:00pm, in the Worship Center. Everyone is invited.

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

Children's Church - Sabbath, February 10, Conference Center, following the Children's Story. Children ages 5-14 are invited to attend. Parental permission is requested.

Hub City Veg Potluck - Sunday, February 11, 4:30pm in the Youth Lounge

Bible University - Sabbath afternoons, February 20 through March 10, 3:00-4:00pm in Classroom I. Contact Tammy Allen for further details.

Today's Events

Welcome

as we gather for worship today, we rejoice in God's many blessings. We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us this morning.

9:30am - Sabbath School - Church in Bible Study

11:00am - Divine Worship Service - Worship Center

12:30pm - "Pastor Farewell Lunch" - Everyone is invited, and encouraged, to stay for lunch immediately following the Worship Service today.

1:30pm Pathfinder PBE - one-hour study in Classroom 7 will follow the Pastor Farewell Lunch. PBE is a study of Daniel and Esther. Meetings are scheduled semi-monthly on the first and third Sabbaths.

3:00pm - Prayer Ministry - Board Room

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 5:55pm
Begins next Friday at 6:00pm*

Events This Week

Sunday - January 7

9:00am - Men's Breakfast. All men are invited to meet at the Golden Corral for breakfast.

1:00-4:00pm - Pathfinder Club - Classroom 7. Pathfinder Club meets semi-monthly on the 1st and 3rd Sundays.

3:00pm - Finance Committee: Board Room
4:00pm - Church Board - Classroom I

Tuesday - January 9

9:30am - Small-Group Bible Study - Classroom I "Never Thirst Again." To be included, call Michele Crawford at 970.901.0987

Wednesday - January 10

6:30-8:00pm - "Health Talks" in the Choir Room. Plan to join the Health Ministry Team every Wednesday in January for "Health Talks"

Friday - January 12

6:00pm the Joy and Blessings of the Sabbath begins.

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!

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