

Pastor's Page



Pastor Raul Alvarez

Dear Church Family,

In the book of I Kings 17:1-7, we find a powerful story of how God provided for the prophet Elijah during a time of great need. Elijah was tasked with delivering a message of repentance to the people of Israel, but due to their unbelief, God decided to stop the rain. Despite the challenging circumstances, God remained faithful to Elijah, providing for his every need.

One key lesson we can draw from this passage is the assurance that God always provides for His children. Just as He supplied water and food for Elijah in the wilderness, we can trust that God will meet our needs in every season of life. This assurance brings us peace of mind, knowing that we serve a God who cares for us deeply.

It is also worth noting how God chose to provide for Elijah through unconventional means. Instead of sending a more "clean" or expected source of sustenance, God used ravens to bring food to Elijah. These birds are not known for being the most pristine creatures, yet God used them to demonstrate His provision in a miraculous way.

This unconventional provision serves as a reminder that God's ways are not our ways. He can use anyone or anything to accomplish His purposes, regardless of how we may perceive their cleanliness or suitability. Just as God used Elijah, imperfect and human, to deliver His message to the people of Israel, He can use each one of us to share the gospel with those in need.

So, let us take heart in the fact that God can work through us, despite our imperfections and shortcomings. As we seek to bring the bread of life to those who hunger for spiritual nourishment, let us do so with confidence, knowing that God equips and empowers us for His divine purposes.

May this story of Elijah's provision and ministry inspire us to trust in God's faithfulness, to step out in faith, and to share His love with those around us. May we find peace in the knowledge that God is our ultimate Provider, Sustainer, and Guide.

Blessings to you all,
Pastor Raul Alvarez

Sabbath Together

April 20, 2024

Sabbath School 9:30 AM

Adult Classrooms:

Classroom 1 - *Traditional Quarterly*
Classroom 20 - *Spanish Sabbath School*
Classroom 14 - 28-Fundamentals - *Philip Mainda*
Youth Lounge - Young Adult 18-35 - *Hans Burda & Daniel Davis*

Birth to High School Classes:

Cradle Roll - Birth to 3: Classroom 3
Kindergarten - Age 4 through First Grade - Classroom 4
Primary - Grades 2-5: Classroom 2
Juniors - Grades 5-8: Classroom 7
High-School - Grades 9-12: Classroom 9

Classrooms are on the North, South & West Halls

For directions, see posted floor plan or ask the Greeters for assistance.

Sabbath Worship Service 11:00 AM

Prelude	<i>Family of God</i>	Congregation
Welcome & Announcements		Pastor Raul
Praise Songs	Blessed Assurance Leaning on the Everlasting Arms	Hymn 463 Hymn 469
Profession of Faith	Keith, Margie & Jordyn Grayson	Pastor Raul
Children's Story	<i>Lamb's Offering will benefit Church Landscaping</i>	Almai Burda
Offering Call	Local Church Expense ~~~ Regular tithe and offerings also received at this time ~~~	Anita McChesney
Offering Response	<i>Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	Hymn 694
Song of Prayer	<i>I Must Tell Jesus</i>	Hymn 485
Circle of Prayer		Jose Garcia
Song of Response	<i>Hear Our Prayer, O Lord</i>	Hymn 684
Musical Selection		Garcia Sisters
Message	"Finding Peace" I Kings 17:1-6, NIV	Pastor Raul
Closing Hymn	Wonderful Peace	Hymn 466
Benediction		Pastor Raul

Postlude

Pianist: Kristine Reyes
Praise Team: Garcia Sisters
Offering Next Week: Local Church Expenses
Greeters Next Week: Charlotte & Jesse Pauda
Speaker Next Week: Pastor Raul
Attendance Last Week: 213

Today's Greeter: Georgina Pidoux
Head Deacon: David Riley
Elder for April: Philip Mainda

How To Reach Us

Pastor Raul Alvarez

Board of Elders:

Glenn Blake, Interim Head Elder
Daniel Davis
Jose Garcia
Philip Mainda
Melwin "Bim" Paez
Abel Rios
Ed Thorne

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Jane Perez, Chair, Board of Deaconesses
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Lubbock Junior Academy 806.795.4481

Adventist Book Center - Texas 800.333.1844

Texico Conference Office 505.244.1611

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

Please Plan to Attend and invite all your Friends and Family!!



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 on funding of our church and LJA.

◆ **Our President, Leaders of our country, Leaders of our Church and Conferences, Our Elders, School Teachers and Local Church Ministry Leaders.**

◆ **All Disaster Victims - WAR, EARTHQUAKES, RIOTS, PROTESTS, FIRES & FLOODS**

◆ Alex Bachicha (Job & Finances)
◆ Deborah Bellknap (Healing, Health & Finances)

◆ John Brown (Health & Healing)
◆ Donna Cartwright (Healing)

◆ Joe Castillo (Total Healing)
◆ James Crowley, Jr. (Divine Healing)

◆ Denise Downing (Health/Healing)
◆ Diane Fremgren (Health & Healing)

◆ Anthony Guerro (Colon Cancer)
◆ Lydia Gellido (Strength)

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◆ Randall Kruse family (Comfort in loss of his wife, Faith)

◆ Mireya Lujan (Total Healing)

◆ Sherry Muse (Health, Healing)

◆ Andi Nunez (Health & Healing)

◆ James Petty (Total Healing)

◆ Jennifer Petty (Total Healing)

◆ Josh Ramirez (Healing)

◆ Nettie Reed (Total Healing)

◆ Kathie Robertson (Total Healing)

◆ Linda Sigala (Total Healing)

◆ Esther Slaughter's Grandson "Steven" (Total healing)

◆ Morgan Stewart (Stroke)

◆ Elizabeth Verastegui (Sister's FIL)

◆ Olivia Villanueva (Healing)

◆ Bryce Whorton (Stage 4 wounds)

◆ Jerry Walker (Healing fm Surgery)

◆ **WAR VICTIMS**

◆ **TORNADO VICTIMS**

◆ **EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS**

◆ **FIRE VICTIMS**

◆ **SHOOTING VICTIMS**

◆ **Unspoken** prayer requests
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!*

4/20/24

Lubbock Junior Academy



Accepting K-8 Students for 2024-2025 School year

Student Applications & Handbooks are available at the school or church office.

Lubbock Junior Academy

Building A Better World ~ One Child at a time

Please feel free to contact:

Melwin "Mr. Bim" Paez, Teacher

Phone or Text 240.460.7923

Cindy Riley - School Board Chair

Phone or Text 806.928.9713

School, 806.795.4481 or the Church Office, 806.793.8614

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### CHURCH ROOF LOAN

| 2023        | Payment  | Received | + or (-)  |
|-------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Jan-June    | \$21,264 | \$19,206 | (\$2,058) |
| July-Dec    | \$21,264 | \$31,983 | \$10,791  |
| <b>2024</b> |          |          |           |
| January     | \$3,544  | \$2,754  | (\$790)   |
| February    | \$3,544  | \$2,770  | (\$774)   |
| March       | \$3,544  | \$3,828  | \$284     |
| April       | \$3,544  | \$1,743  | (\$1,801) |

*We need to stay a month ahead at all times, as the payment is drafted directly from our bank account on the 10th of each month.*

### CHURCH FINANCES AT A GLANCE

|            | TITHE                 |                       |
|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|            | This Year (Jan-March) | Last Year (Jan-March) |
| March 2024 | YTD 2024              | YTD 2023              |
| \$39,005   | \$86,403              | \$125,176             |

### CHURCH OPERATING EXPENSES

|             | Required | Received | + or (-)  |
|-------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| April, 2024 | \$15,874 | \$7,018  | (\$8,856) |

### ROOF LOAN

| Original Roof Loan | (15-Year Note) Monthly Payment | Balance 3/31/2024 |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| \$420,000          | \$3,544/month                  | \$131,154         |

*Please place your contribution in an offering envelope and designate the ministry to which your offering is to be allocated. Undesignated offerings will go to the Local Church Budget.*

*For your convenience, here's the link for on-line giving:*  
<http://www.lubbockadventist.org>

*Thank You For Remembering our Local Operating Expenses and for the sacrificial way you continually give.*

A total of \$15,874 is required monthly for every ministry to be fully funded.

## Events This Week

**Sunday - April 21**

10:00am - **Adventurer Fun Day** -  
At the Amarillo Spanish Gymnasium.

**Tuesday - April 23**

6:00pm - **Finance Committee** - Board Room  
6:30pm - **Church Board** - Conference Center

**Wednesday - April 24**

6:00pm - Lite Supper to benefit LJA - Fellowship Hall  
7:00pm - Bible Marking Class with Pastor Raul

**Wednesday-Friday - April 24-26**

**Outdoor Education** for all Texico  
Conference 5th - 8th Grade Students.

**Friday, April 26**

7:00pm - **COMMUNION REHEARSAL:**

**The Joy and Blessing of the Sabbath**  
Begins at 8:27pm

## Upcoming Events

**COMMUNION:** Sabbath, April 27.

**SCHOOL BOARD:** Tuesday, April 30, 7:00pm.

**JAIME JORGE - WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 7:00pm**



### Jaime Jorge

**Will perform here in our Sanctuary, Wednesday Evening, May 1, 2024 at 7:00pm.**

**PATHFINDER FAIR** - May 3-5, 2024. Inlow Baptist Camp, Tajique, NM. **Registration INCLUDES** Lodging, Meals, Honors, Awards & T-Shirt.

**Men's Breakfast**, Sunday morning, May 5, 9:00am.

All men are invited to meet at the Golden Corral for breakfast & Fellowship.

**Women's Prayer Breakfast:** Sunday Morning,

May 5, 10am. All women are invited to the home of Anita McChesney for Breakfast, Prayer and Fellowship.

**Elders Meeting,** May 11 - 5:00pm - Board Room

## 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 introduce yourself to our Pastor or one of our Elders, Deacons or Deaconesses - who are here to greet you.**

If you are looking for a church home, we pray you will find it with us! We would love to welcome you into our church by baptism, by your profession of faith in Jesus, or by transfer from another Seventh-day Adventist church.

## Today's Events

**9:00am: Discipleship Class** - Classroom 14

An in-depth study of the 28 Fundamental Doctrines.

**9:30am: Sabbath School** for all ages

**10:00am: Spanish Speaking Worship Service:**

Spanish Chapel - Classroom 20

**11:30am: New Three-Week Series starting today:**

"Finding Peace" with Pastor Raul

**1:30pm: Sabbath School Council Meeting -**

**Classroom 1** - Following the Worship Service. (Sabbath School Council comprises the Sabbath School Superintendent, Department Leaders, Secretaries, and ALL Teachers.)

**7:30pm "YAM" Young Adult Ministry** - This 18-35

age group meet weekly in the Youth Lounge.

**The Joy and Blessing of the Sabbath**

Concludes today at 8:22pm

Begins next Friday at 8:27pm



### JAMES STEVEN CONLEY

*Arrived at the home of Kyle & Melissa Conley Monday morning, April 14, 2024. "Baby James" weighed in at 7 pounds, 13 ounces!*

*This little Guy is 20 inches tall and has lots of blonde hair. "Baby James" was joyfully welcomed by his parents, two big sisters Clare & Kate! Grandparents! Aunties! Uncles! Cousins! and lots of friends he is yet to meet.*

*Our united church prayer is for God to continually pour His richest blessings on this precious child and his family.*