Pastor's Page



When we reflect upon the words "Alpha" and "Omega," we are reminded of the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. By using these symbols, John, the author of Revelation, conveys the notion that God encompasses all things from the very beginning to the ultimate conclusion. He is the originator of

existence and the destination of our journey. How awe-inspiring it is to comprehend that our Heavenly Father stands as the Alpha and Omega, guiding us through every step of our lives!

Moreover, John's messages to the seven churches in Revelation serve as a testament to God's enduring love and care for His people. Despite their trials and tribulations, these churches were reassured that God was with them, watching over them in their times of need. In this divine communication, we witness how God's presence is not confined to a distant realm, but rather actively involved in our daily lives, providing strength, encouragement, and direction.

As we delve deeper into the book of Revelation, we discover that John's words were not only intended for those specific churches but also resonate with us today. They serve as a timeless reminder that God's love and guidance extend to all believers, regardless of time or place. In times of uncertainty or spiritual struggle, we can find solace in the fact that God is with us, offering His wisdom, comfort, and unwavering support.

Let us take a moment to reflect on the significance of these words. The Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, encapsulate the entirety of our existence. It is a reminder that God is not only the Creator, but also the ultimate destination of our faith journey. He is the constant companion who walks beside us, guiding us through the highs and lows of life.

So, dear church community, let us embrace the truth that God's love and presence are ever-present in our lives. Let us find comfort in the fact that, just as He was with the seven churches in Revelation, He is also with us today. May we draw strength from the assurance that our Heavenly Father is the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, and trust in His unwavering guidance as we navigate the path set before us.

May God bless you abundantly as you continue to seek His presence and walk in His light.

Pastor Raul

Sabbath Together

February 17, 2024

Sabbath School

9:30 AM

Adult Classrooms:

Classroom I - Traditional Ouarterly 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

~~~ Health Nugget ~~~

Prelude Family of God Congregation Welcome & Announcements Pastor Raul To God be the Glory Praise in Worship Hymn 341 You are Holy (Prince of Peace) Revelation Song

Children's Story Archel Burda Lamb's Offering will benefit our Church Landscaping

Offering Call Local Church Expenses **Daniel Davis**  $\sim$   $\sim$  Regular tithe and offerings also received at this time  $\sim$   $\sim$ 

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

Song of Prayer A Quiet Place Hymn 503

Circle of Prayer Glenn Blake

Song of Response Hear Our Prayer, O Lord Hymn 684

Special Music Niiang Mung

> The Truth Shall Set You Free Pastor Raul

8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." Revelation 1:8, NIV

Closing Hymn Holy, Holy, Holy Hymn 73

Message

Benediction Pastor Raul

#### **Postlude**

Pianists: Joy Ramos & Pastor Raul Alvarez Praise Team: Niiang Mung, Siobhan Davis, Nehemie Gervais, Nora Richemond and Archel Burda

> Offering Next Week: Texico Ministries Speaker Next Week: Glenn Blake Greeter Next Week: Nehemie Gervais Attendance Last Week: 148

Todays Greeter: Elizabeth Verastegui Head Deacon: David Riley Elder Team for February: Jose Garcia & Glenn Blake

#### How To Reach Us

Pastor Raul Alvarez

Board of Elders:

Glenn Blake, Interim Head Elder

Daniel Davis

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# Pathfinder Bible Experience

#### "2024 PBE"

PBE Scripture: Joshua & Judges.

**LUBBOCK DIRECTOR: Bim Paez** 

LUBBOCK COACH: Ubani Ikonne

LUBBOCK TEAM: Ethan Burda, Almi Flores, Moraa Kemboi, Julia Paez, and Nora Richemond.

AREA LEVEL: February 3 - 2-5:00pm at San Angelo Advent Hope Church, San Angelo, TX (Received: Third Place)

**CONFERENCE LEVEL:** March 2, 11:00am to 5:00pm at the El Paso Central Seventh-day Adventist Church. El Paso, TX

UNION LEVEL: March 30, 9:00am PBE 9:30am at Southwestern Adventist University Gymnasium

NAD LEVEL: April 19-20 - Island Grove Event Center -Greely, Colorado

Watch for updates!!

#### **MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER**

**Second Reading:** 

**Church Board recommends the** Church accept the **Membership Transfer of:** 

#### Niiang Mung

From the San Benito Seventh-day Adventist Church (San Benito, Texas) To the Lubbock Seventh-day Adventist Church (Lubbock, Texas)



# LUBBOCK SEVENTH-DAY **ADVENTIST**

# MISSION STATEMENT

CHURCH

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 LIA.

- ♦ 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** ♦ MaryAnn Ulery (Abnormal Lab)
- ♦ Alex Bachicha (Job & Finances)
- ♦ Deborah Bellknap (Healing, Health & Finances)
- ♦ John Brown (Health & Healing)
- ◆ Donna Cartwright (Healing)
- ♦ Joe Castillo (Praise for Healing)
- ♦ James Crowley, Jr. (Divine Healing)
- ♦ Anthony Guerro (Colon Cancer)
- ♦ Dottie Haney (Health & Healing)
- ♦ Faith Kruse (Health & Healing)
- ♦ Mireya Lujan (Total Healing)
- ♦ Sherry Muse (Total Healing)

- ♦ Andi Nunez (Health & Healing)
- ♦ Charlotte Pauda & Jane Perez (comfort in loss of Mother)
- ♦ Janie Perez (Pain relief')
- ♦ Tiffany Perez (Healing)
- ♦ Jennifer Petty (Total Healing)
- ♦ Kathie Robertson (Total Healing)
- ♦ Linda Sigala (Total Healing)
- ♦ Esther Slaughter's Grandson "Steven" (Total healing)
- ♦ Morgan Stewart (Stroke)
- ♦ Vicki Taylor (Praise No Cancer)
- ♦ Olivia Villanueva (Healing)
- ♦ Bryce Whorton (Stage 4 wounds)
- ♦ Kathy Yates (Health & Strength)
- ♦ Kay Young (Strength & Healing)
- **♦ WAR VICTIMS**
- **♦ TORNADO VICTIMS**
- **♦ EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS**
- **♦ FIRE VICTIMS**
- **\* SHOOTING VICTIMS**
- **♦ Unspoken** prayer requests Healing, finances and families.

#### THERE IS always, always, always, SOMETHING TO BE GRATEFUL FOR.

## Intercessory Frayer And I sought for a man among them that should

make up the hedge and stand in the gap before me for . .

(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!

## **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 2022 **Payment** Received + or (-) Jan-Dec \$42,528 \$56,520 \$13,992 2023 \$21,264 \$19,206 (\$2,058)Jan-June **July-Dec** \$21,264 \$31,983 \$10,791 2024 January \$3,544 \$2,754 (\$790)

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

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| | This Year | Last Year |
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| January | (January) | (January) |
| 2024 | YTD 2024 | YTD 2023 |
| \$21,780 | \$21,780 | \$53,193 |

CHURCH OPERATING EXPENSES

2024 Required Received + or (-) \$14,125 \$10,296 (\$3,829)

ROOF LOAN

Balance

1/31/2024

\$136,933

Original Monthly Roof Loan **Payment** \$3,544/month

Church Security REMINDER

All Backpacks are to be left at the front door on arrival. **Backpacks** carried into the church building will be searched.

Events This Week

Sunday - February 18

Women's Prayer Breakfast: at I0a.m. All women are invited to the home of Anita McChesney for a Prayer Breakfast and Fellowship.

Monday, February 19 - Presidents Day Holiday No School.

Tuesday - February 20

Adventurer/Pathfinder/ Club - 5:00-7:00pm Adventurers in Classroom 2 and

Pathfinders in the Conference Center.

6:00pm Flag Burning Ceremony.

All worn out flags that are ready to be retired will be welcome to this ceremony.

Wednesday - February 21

6:00pm - Lite Supper - Fellowship Hall 7:00pm - "Pastor Raul will direct us through John Earnhardt's Bible Marking" Guide. "An easy Bible Marking system that chainreferences texts for 38 Bible topics!"

Friday - February 23

Pastor Raul will present the message in Spanish to Texico Youth & Young Adult FESJA in Keene, TX - Friday & Sabbath, February 23-24.

The Joy and Blessing of the Sabbath Begins at 6:38pm

Upcoming Events

Texico Youth & Young Adult FESJA (Adventist Youth Federation) Pastor Raul as speaker Feb. 24.

YAMs will team up with members of the MLK Seventhday Adventist Church, Sabbath afternoon, Feb. 24, in Community Service to the homeless.

School Board - Tuesday, February 27, 6:30pm in the LIA Classroom

Conference Level PBE – 11:00am to 5:00pm at the El Paso Central SDA Church: March 2.

YAMs to visit Midland Seventh-day Adventist Church -Sabbath, March 2.

Pathfinder/Adventurer Club: Tuesday, March 5 & 19, 5:00-7:00pm Adventurers in Classroom 2 and Pathfinders in the Conference Center.

ABC D2U - Your Order will be delivered to our church Parking Lot, March 13. (11:30ish) March 7 is the **final day to order.** To place an order call the ABC at 800-333-1844. If you wish to see their food list and monthly sales go to: www.abckeene.com

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.

Today's Events

Today, Several members of our YAM (Young Adult Ministry) group are attending the ACF (Adventist Christian Fellowship) retreat at SWAU in Keene, Texas. Please keep them in prayer for God to bless them and for safe travels.

9:00am - Discipleship Class - Classroom 14 A study of the 28 Fundamental Doctrines.

9:30am - Sabbath School for all ages

9:30am - Spanish Speaking Worship Service -Spanish Chapel - Classroom 20

II:00am - Message: The Truth Shall Set You Free with Pastor Raul.

12:30pm - Health Ministry Committee Meeting -In the Conference Center immediately following the Worship Service.

5:30pm - Vespers - Fellowship Hall will feature Kathy Yates relating blessings & miracles she has experienced.

You won't want to miss this beautiful testimony.

The Joy and Blessing of the Sabbath

Concludes today at 6:32pm Begins next Friday at 6:38pm



Save-The-Date Wednesday Evening, March 6, 2024!

Lubbock Junior Academy SCIENCE FAIR

AT 5:30PM

Followed by a

Lite Supper at 6:00pm **Proceeds benefit Lubbock Junior Academy**

Bible Marking at 7:00pm