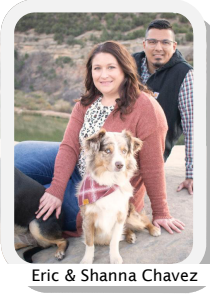


Speaker's Page

Confidence is Key! Jokingly I have said this time and time again to young people when overcoming challenges and trials...but the truth is that I also live by this. Often, I am terrified when I must do new things, but as a leader I cannot show outwardly that I am riddled with fear and anxiety. I am a very anxious person, and unfortunately the Lord has placed me in a career position that makes me very uncomfortable.



Eric & Shanna Chavez

When you look at scripture, rarely do you read of individuals that are the best, the most confident, the most skilled, and even the best looking. As you read about our good friend Daniel, what do we read? You read about a young person who was green in life! Daniel and his friends were not college graduates with a great future mapped out, they were not the bro's at the gym who were slinging weight like the social media influencers you see today, and they weren't the young people you see spitting wisdom on TikTok!

In Daniel 1:4 we do read that Daniel and his friends had certain traits that made them more appealing than others, but let's not be mistaken, good looks don't always align with confidence. Confidence comes from within and is often unseen. As we continue reading, about our good friend here, we see that he had something that none of the other captives did, he carried himself differently, he spoke differently, he looked different because he was different! Daniel had the assurance of a God who was real! Daniel knew that no matter what he and his friends went through, God was still God!!! Daniels confidence was key! His confidence was in a God who he knew delivered his people, his confidence was in a God that you didn't have to worship in a way that doesn't make sense, his God showed up when called upon, and his God never left him!

Daniel 1:9 tells us that for some reason the leaders of that time had seen favor upon Daniel in a way that didn't make sense. Imagine being taken from your home to a new country, a new language, new culture, a new way of eating...everything completely different! Your only hope of a constant would be the hope and promise of heaven! That hope and promise only comes by a confidence in what God said... "if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." John 14:3.

Now yes, this is New Testament, but the promise of a salvation was still the same!! Daniel was in a new place but had confidence in the promise of heaven!!

So, where are you? Do you have confidence in what Jesus says? Do you have confidence you are making it to heaven? You should! Without a doubt, you should!!! Let's explore more together today! We love visiting our Lubbock family and look forward to opening Gods word with you!

Today's Scripture

Daniel in Nebuchadnezzar's Court

During the third year of King Jehoiakim's reign in Judah, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it.
Daniel 1:1, NLT

Sabbath Together

January 6, 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	Family of God	Congregation
Welcome & Announcements		Pastor Raul Alvarez
Opening Hymn	Crown Him with Many Crowns	Hymn 223
Children's Story		Archel Burda
	Lamb's Offering will benefit Lubbock Junior Academy	
Offering Call	Local Operating Funds	Cindy Riley
	~ ~ ~ Regular tithe and offerings also received at this time ~ ~ ~	
Offering Response		Hymn 694
	Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow	
Song of Prayer	I Must Tell Jesus	Hymn 485
Circle of Prayer		Pastor Raul
Song of Response	Hear Our Prayer, O Lord	Hymn 684
Special Music		Grace Notes Boys Quartet
Message	Confidence is Key!	Pastor Eric Chavez
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Closing Hymn	Amazing Grace	Hymn 108
Benediction		Pastor Raul

Postlude

Pianists: Kristine Reyes

Praise Team: Almi Flores, Denisse Moreno, Julia Paez
Offering Next Week: *Religious Liberty PARL
Speaker Next Week: Chaplain Ephraim Anderson
Greeter Next Week: Ben & Sandra Caballero
Attendance Last Week: 185

*PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY - PARL exists for one simple reason: We work to position the Seventh-day Adventist Church and its services to a standing of credibility, trust, and relevance in the public realm.

Todays Greeter: Rachel Johnson Head Deacon: David Riley
Elder Team for January: Glenn Blake & Daniel Davis

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

Cindy Riley, Treasurer

David Riley, Chair, Board of Deacons

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Kathy Flyger, Clerk, Church Event Coordinator

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Adventist Book Center - Texas 800.333.1844

Texico Conference Office 505.244.1611

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

"2024 PBE" PATHFINDER BIBLE EXPERIENCE

PBE Scripture:
Joshua & Judges.

LUBBOCK DIRECTOR: Bim Paez

LUBBOCK COACH: Ubani Ikonne

LUBBOCK TEAM: Almi Flores, Jamie Martel, Julia Paez, and Noora Richemond. More Pathfinders may join this team.

AREA LEVEL: February 3 - 2-5:00pm at San Angelo Advent Hope Church, San Angelo, TX

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 - Greeley, Colorado

Watch for updates!!

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER

First Reading

To Lubbock:

The Church Board recommends the church grant the Membership Transfer requested by:
Pastor Ruber Raul Alvarez Matos,
To the Lubbock Seventh-day Adventist Church from the Las Cruces Spanish Seventh-day Adventist church



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
Lubbock, TX 79493-6277

5302 Elgin Avenue
Lubbock, Texas 79413
806.793.8614

eMail

Website: <http://www.lubbockadventist.org>

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**

◆ Deborah Bellknap - Healing & Finances

◆ John Brown (Health & Healing)

◆ Donna Cartwright (Healing)

◆ Joe Castillo (Total Healing)

◆ James Crowley, Jr. (Divine Healing)

◆ Flores & Ramos family (Comfort)

◆ Anthony Guerro (Colon Cancer)

◆ Dottie Haney (Health & Healing)

◆ Faith Kruse (Health & Healing)

◆ Mireya Lujan (Total Healing)

◆ Sherry Muse (Total Healing)

◆ Andi Nunez (Health & Healing)

◆ Ms. Cruz Perez (Divine Healing)

◆ Janie Perez (Pain relief)

◆ Jennifer Petty (Total Healing)

◆ Ramos & Flores family (Comfort)

◆ Kathie Robertson (Total Healing)

◆ Linda Sigala (Total Healing)

◆ Esther Slaughter's Grandson

"Steven" (Total healing)

◆ Olivia Villanueva (Healing)

◆ Kathy Yates (Total Healing)

◆ Kay Young (Strength & Healing)

◆ **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!

God Bless You

Lubbock Junior Academy



Accepting K-8 Students for 2023-2024 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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and visit us on-line: [www.lubbockjracademy.org](http://www.lubbockjracademy.org)

### CHURCH ROOF LOAN

| 2022      | Payment  | Received | + or (-)  |
|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Jan-Dec   | \$42,528 | \$56,520 | \$13,992  |
| 2023      |          |          |           |
| Jan-June  | \$21,264 | \$19,206 | (\$2,058) |
| July-Sept | \$10,632 | \$21,563 | \$10,931  |
| October   | \$3,544  | \$1,880  | (\$1,664) |
| November  | \$3,544  | \$2,673  | (\$871)   |
| December  | \$3,544  | \$5,867  | \$2,323   |

**We must 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 (Jan-Dec) | Last Year (Jan-Dec) |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| December 2023 | YTD 2023            | YTD 2022            |
| \$54,869      | \$426,148           | \$318,499           |

#### CHURCH OPERATING EXPENSES

| 2023    | Required  | Received  | + or (-)   |
|---------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Jan-Dec | \$169,500 | \$151,880 | (\$17,620) |

#### ROOF LOAN

| Original Roof Loan | Monthly Payment | Balance 12/31/2023 |
|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| \$420,000          | \$3,544/month   | \$138,779          |

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 Church Budget.

For your convenience, here's the link for on-line giving:

<http://www.lubbockadventist.org>

Thank You For Remembering our Church Budget and for the sacrificial way you continually give.

A total of \$14,125 is required monthly for every ministry to be fully funded.

## Events This Week

**Sunday - January 7**

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

**Tuesday - January 9**

6:00pm - **Finance Committee** - Board Room

6:30pm - **Church Board** - Conference Center

**Friday-Monday - January 12-15**

**Texico Academy Youth & Young Adult**

SKI RETREAT - Ski Santa Fe - For information and to register go to: [www.texico.org](http://www.texico.org)

**Friday - January 12**

**The Joy and Blessing of the Sabbath**

Begins at 5:59pm

## Upcoming Events

**Elder's Meeting** - Sabbath afternoon - January 13, 5:00pm in the Board Room.

**MLK Holiday** - Monday, January 15. No School for LJA

**Pathfinder/Adventurer Club Schedule** - Tuesday, January 16 & 30; February 6 & 20, 5:00-7:00pm  
Adventurers in Classroom 2 and Pathfinders in the Conference Center.  
Starting in February both Clubs will meet the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month.

**All-Church Fellowship Potluck Lunch** - Sabbath, January 20 - In the Fellowship Hall following the Worship Service.

**Mini-Health Fair** - Sabbath afternoon, January 20, 2:00pm in the Spanish Chapel.  
Keynote speaker will be Niiang Mung. Plan to attend to learn more about "Mental Health"

**Texico Youth & Young Adult HOOPS FEST - SWAU** - January 24-27: Pastor Raul will be one of the speakers for this event. For information and to register go to: [www.texico.org](http://www.texico.org)

**LJA Teacher In-Service** - No school - January 29

**Receipts for your 2023 Tithes & Offering Contributions will be available January 31, or before**

*Thank you for the sacrificial way you continually give.*

## 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.

Our Pastor, Elders or Church Clerk will be happy to help you make membership arrangements.

Simply write your request on a Card and drop it in the offering plate. Cards are located in the Sanctuary pew racks.

**We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today.**

## Today's Events

**Today, We Welcome, Pastor Eric Chavez to our pulpit. He & his wife Shanna serve our Texico Conference as the Youth & Young Adult Director.**

**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

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

**6:30pm "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 5:54pm

Begins next Friday at 5:59pm

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REVIVAL IN PROPHECY

Dr. Jorge Rico will be our Evangelist! Friday & Sabbath, February 2 & 3 All-Church Fellowship Lunch

THIS IS A MUST ATTEND EVENT!

Please mark your calendar and invite your FAMILY & FRIENDS!