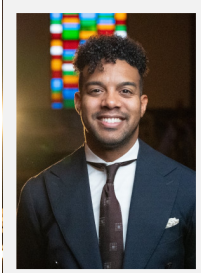


Pastor's Page



Pastor Raul Alvarez

Dear Family,

As we gather together in worship, let us take a moment to reflect upon a profound passage from the book of Joshua, specifically Joshua 5:13-15. In this encounter, Joshua poses a significant question to a mysterious man: "Are you for us or against us?" The man's unexpected response, "Neither," carries a powerful message that resonates with us even in our current politically charged times. It reminds us that God's ultimate purpose is not to take sides, but to save humanity and prepare a heavenly home for all who accept Him as their Savior.

In today's world, it is easy for us to be consumed by the divisions and polarizations that surround us. We are bombarded with messages urging us to pick a side, align ourselves with a particular party, or adopt specific worldviews. While it is our right to engage in political discourse and make informed decisions, we must remember that our primary allegiance lies with God and His kingdom.

The response given by the man in Joshua 5:14 serves as a profound reminder that God's salvation is not limited to a specific group or party. He does not align Himself with human divisions but rather invites all who seek Him with a sincere heart to be part of His redemptive plan. God's love and grace extend beyond the boundaries we create, embracing people from all walks of life, regardless of their political affiliations, worldviews, or the walls that separate them.

In our pursuit of unity and understanding, it is crucial to recognize that God's salvation is not contingent upon our political leanings. He is not concerned with which side of the wall we stand on, but with the condition of our hearts. Our Lord is in the business of saving everyone who desires to be with Him, irrespective of their political party, social status, or personal beliefs. His love knows no boundaries, and His grace is available to all who accept Him as their Savior.

As followers of Christ, we are called to embody His teachings and demonstrate His love to the world. Our church community should be a place where diversity is celebrated, and inclusivity is practiced. Let us strive to create an environment where individuals from all backgrounds feel welcome and valued, where political differences do not hinder our unity, but rather become an opportunity for respectful dialogue and understanding.

In these challenging times, let us remember that our ultimate home is not found here on earth, but in the heavenly mansion prepared for us by our loving Father. Our time on this earth is temporary, and it is our responsibility to live out our faith, spreading the message of God's unconditional love and salvation to all those we encounter.

May we be guided by the wisdom found in Joshua 5:13-15, and may our actions reflect the heart of our Savior. Let us unite in love, embrace diversity, and strive for a deeper understanding of one another, knowing that God is in the business of saving everyone who seeks Him, regardless of the walls that divide us.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Raul Alvarez

Sabbath Together

July 20, 2024

Sabbath School 10:00 AM

9:30 to 9:50 - Breakfast in the Parlor

Adult Classrooms:

Classroom 1 - *Traditional Quarterly*

Board Room - *Traditional Quarterly - Starting August 3*

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

Sabbath Worship Service 11:00 AM

Prelude **Family of God** Congregation

Welcome & Announcements Pastor Raul

Praise Songs **Wonderful Merciful Savior and Worthy** Praise Team

Children's Story Archel Burda
Lamb's Offering will benefit Gillette Camporee

Praise in Giving **Local Church Expenses** Harold Tygart
~~~ Regular tithe and offerings also received at this time ~~~

Offering Response Hymn 694
Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Song of Prayer **A Quiet Place** Hymn 503

Circle of Prayer Ianthe Burda

Song of Response **Hear Our Prayer, O Lord** Hymn 684

Musical Selection Naane Richemond

Message **Where is Your Home?** Pastor Raul
Scripture: Joshua 5:13-15

Closing Hymn **In A Little While We're Going Home** Hymn 626

Benediction Pastor Raul

Postlude

Pianists: Pastor Raul & Joy Ramos

Praise Leader: Ianthe Burda

Praise Team: Maddie Caballero, Nikki Marpa,

Naane Richemond and Nora Richemond

Attendance Last Week: 189

Greeter Next Week: Elizabeth Verastegui

Program Next Week: FLIGHT 3:16

Today's Greeter: Ana Moreno
Head Deacon: David Riley
Elder for July: Daniel Davis

How To Reach Us

Pastor Raul Alvarez 620.277.8130

Board of Elders:

Glenn Blake, Interim Head Elder

Daniel Davis

Jose Garcia

Philip Mainda

Melwin "Bim" Paez

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Vacation Bible School

July 25-27, 2024

BOOK YOUR FLIGHT

For the enjoyment of ages 5-14

Thursday, JULY 25, 5:30-8:00pm:

Our travel itinerary is found in the Bible
(Plan of Redemption)

Friday, JULY 26, 5:30-8:00pm:

My ticket has been purchased by Jesus
(Penalty of Sin - Paid in Full)

Sabbath, JULY 27, 9:00am-10:45am:

Following God's flight plan and
Communicating with the Pilot is
important to reach our destination.
(The Way, The Truth and The Life)

11:00am-12:30pm

Our final destination is beyond imagination:
(Home . . . Finally)

LUNCH: A TASTE OF OUR WORLD

This will be an all-church Potluck lunch!
(Please bring generous portions of an
authentic dish from your country of origin.)



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, Elders, School Teachers and Local Church Ministry Leaders. Upcoming Evangelistic Crusade October 27 thru November 2.**

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

- ◆ John Brown (Health & Healing)
- ◆ Donna Cartwright (Healing)
- ◆ Ken Cartwright (Healing)
- ◆ Joe Castillo (Total Healing)
- ◆ James Crowley, Jr. (Divine Healing)
- ◆ Denise Downing (Health/Healing)
- ◆ Rose Eustace (Healing)
- ◆ Leland Flyger (Strength & Healing)
- ◆ Diane Fremgren (Health & Healing)
- ◆ Olga Garcia (Strength & Healing)
- ◆ Anthony Guerro (Colon Cancer)
- ◆ Lydia Gellido (Strength)

- ◆ Shawn Henderson (Divine Intervention & Restoration to the Father)
- ◆ Mireya Lujan (Total Healing)
- ◆ Danny Meason (Surgery July 17)
- ◆ Sherry Muse (Rehab fm Hip fracture)
- ◆ Andi Nunez (Health & Healing)
- ◆ James Petty (Total Healing)
- ◆ Jennifer Petty (Total Healing)
- ◆ Nettie Reed family (Comfort)
- ◆ Kathie Robertson (Total Healing)
- ◆ Linda Sigala (Total Healing)
- ◆ Esther Slaughter's Grandson "Steven" (Total healing)
- ◆ Morgan Stewart (Stroke)
- ◆ Dorothy Tubbs (Strength & Healing)
- ◆ Olivia Villanueva (Healing)
- ◆ Bryce Whorton (Stage 4 wounds)

- ◆ **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!

7/20/24

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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and visit us on-line: www.lubbockjracademy.org

CHURCH ROOF LOAN

2023	Payment	Received	+ or (-)
Jan-June	\$21,264	\$19,206	(\$2,058)
July-Dec	\$21,264	\$31,983	\$10,791

2024	Payment	Received	+ or (-)
Jan-March	\$10,632	\$9,352	(\$1,280)
April	\$3,544	\$2,521	(\$1,023)
May	\$3,544	\$3,829	\$285
June	\$3,544	\$3,702	\$158

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-June)	Last Year (Jan-June)
June 2024	YTD 2024	YTD 2023
\$32,939	\$187,487	\$217,230

CHURCH OPERATING EXPENSES

	Required	Received	+ or (-)
June, 2024	\$15,874	\$15,490	(\$384)

ROOF LOAN

Original Roof Loan	(15-Year Note) Monthly Payment	Balance 6/30/2024
\$420,000	\$3,544/month	\$122,086

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 Local Church Budget.

For your convenience, use this 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 - July 21

2-6:00pm - **Car Wash, Strawberry Smoothies & more** - Church Parking Lot - Proceeds will benefit LJA Worthy Student Fund & Camporee.

Tuesday - July 23

5:30pm - **School Board** meet in Classroom 1.
6:00pm - **LJA Constituency Annual Meeting** - Conference Center - PLEASE ATTEND - every Church Member is an LJA Constituent

Wednesday - July 24

7:00pm - **Bible Marking on Vacation**
Bible Marking will resume, Wednesday, August 14

Thursday - July 25

5:30pm - **VBS "Flight 3:16"**

Friday - July 26

5:30pm - **VBS "Flight 3:16"**

The Joy and Blessing of the Sabbath
Begins at 8:55pm

Upcoming Events

Vacation Bible School "FLIGHT 3:16" July 25-27

Women's Breakfast - Sunday, July 28, at 10:00am.
Home of Anita McChesney - **Theme: "Farewell"**

Texico Women's Retreat - Early registration is open through July 31. The Retreat will be in Lubbock the weekend of September 20-22. To register go to www.texico.org or scan the QR code from the poster on the bulletin board in the church foyer. Questions - Call (505)244-1611

Pathfinders - leave for Gillette Camporee
Friday, August 2

Additional Adult Sabbath School Class Starting:
Sabbath, August 3, 10:00am, this new class will meet in the Board Room with the Sabbath School Quarterly and will be facilitated by Chani Saied and Glenn Blake. For SS Quarterly go to: www.ssnet.org

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

International Pathfinder Camporee - Gillette, WY
August 5-11, 2024. Our Pathfinders will join Thousands of other Pathfinders from around the World — the spiritual blessing awaiting our Pathfinders there will be invaluable—**Let's help with their expenses.** Just mark your offering envelope: **"Camporee"**

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.

Church Board Recommendations

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER

Second Reading:

▼ **Grant Gina Reinert's** request to transfer her church membership to Grace Fellowship Seventh-day Adventist Church - Madison, AL

And

Second Reading:

▼ **Niang Mung as HEALTH MINISTRY DIRECTOR** replacing **Joy Onwere** (who is moving away). Niang will represent Health Ministry as a Church Board Member .

Today's Events

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

9:30-9:50am: Breakfast in the Parlor

10:00am: Sabbath School for all ages

10:00am: Spanish Speaking Worship Service:
Spanish Chapel - Classroom 20

11:00am: Worship Service with Pastor Raul, presenting **"Where is Your Home?"** from Joshua 5.

7:30pm: Vespers & Ice Cream Social - Vespers will be led by the YAMs in the Fellowship Hall followed by an Ice Cream Social on the Playground. Come, enjoy a refreshing evening of ice cream. Bring your favorite flavor of ice cream & toppings. Don't forget to bring a blanket or lawn chair!

The Joy and Blessing of the Sabbath
Concludes today at 8:58pm
Begins next Friday at 8:55pm