

Pastor's Page



Pastor Raul Alvarez

In the annals of biblical history, the story of the young Hebrew boys in the book of Daniel stands as a testament to unwavering faith and divine protection.

In Daniel 3:18, we find these courageous young men faced with a harrowing choice: bow down to the golden image erected by King Nebuchadnezzar or face the fiery furnace. Their response echoes through the ages as a clarion call to all believers: *"But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up."*

Their steadfast refusal to compromise their faith serves as a timeless reminder that obedience to God often requires courage in the face of adversity. Despite the grave consequences they faced, they remained resolute in their commitment to honor God above all else.

Such unwavering faith is not merely a relic of ancient times but a living example for us today.

As we navigate the trials and tribulations of life, we too are confronted with choices that test the depth of our faith. Whether it be societal pressures, personal temptations, or adversities beyond our control, the flames of life's furnace often threaten to consume us. Yet, like the young Hebrew boys, we are called to stand firm in our convictions, trusting in the faithfulness of God to see us through.

What transpired next in the narrative of Daniel 3 serves as a profound illustration of God's miraculous intervention on behalf of His faithful servants. Despite being cast into the fiery furnace, the flames did not consume them. Instead, they walked unscathed amidst the inferno, their only bonds incinerated by the divine presence in their midst.

In this miraculous deliverance, we find a profound spiritual truth that transcends the confines of ancient history. Just as God protected Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace, He remains ever-present in the midst of our trials today. When we entrust our lives to Him and remain faithful to His commands, He promises to be our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble.

Moreover, the imagery of the chains that bound the young men being consumed by the flames holds a symbolic significance for us as believers. Often, it is the very things that bind us – whether it be fear, doubt, or sin – that are ultimately consumed in the fires of adversity. Through trials, God refines and purifies us, stripping away the shackles that hinder our walk with Him and empowering us to live victoriously in His strength.

Dear friends, let us take heart from the example of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and let their unwavering faith inspire us to stand firm in the face of adversity. May we never waver in our commitment to honor God above all else, trusting in His promise to protect and deliver us through the fires of life.

As we journey together in faith, may we emerge from the flames purified, strengthened, and ever more resolute in our devotion to our faithful God.

Sabbath Together

March 23, 2024

Sabbath School 9:30 AM

Adult Classrooms:

Classroom 1 - Traditional Quarterly
 Classroom 20 - Spanish Sabbath School
 Classroom 14 - 28-Fundamentals - Philip Maida
 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

Praise Songs *Redeemed* Hymn 337  
*Oh, How I Love Jesus* Hymn 248

Children's Story Archel Burda

*Lamb's Offering will benefit Children's Ministry*  
*At this time all children ages 5-14 are invited to Children's Church*  
*in the Conference Center - Parental permission is requested*

Offering Call *Texico Ministries* Josh Shetler

~~~ 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 Barbara Lewis-Heywood

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

Special Music Naane Richmond

Message: **MOLDED IN THE FIRE** Pastor Raul
But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."
Daniel 3:18, NIV

Closing Hymn *Standing on the Promises* Hymn 518

Benediction Pastor Raul

Postlude

Pianist: Joy Ramos

Praise Leaders: Macky Alava; Kerubo & Moraa Kemboi

Offering Next Week: Local Church Expenses

Speaker Next Week: Pastor Andes Canizalez, Pastor of the Clovis, NM Church and the Clovis Choir

Greeter Next Week: Yolanda & Jose Garcia

Attendance Last Week: 144

Today's Greeter: Naane Richmond

Head Deacon: David Riley

Elder Team for March: Bim Paez & Ed Thorne

How To Reach Us

Pastor Raul Alvarez

Board of Elders:

Glenn Blake, Interim Head Elder

Daniel Davis

Jose Garcia

Philip Maida

Melwin "Bim" Paez

Abel Rios

Ed Thorne

Cindy Riley, Treasurer

David Riley, Chair, Board of Deacons

Jane Perez, Chair, Board of Deaconesses

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Lubbock Junior Academy 806.795.4481

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Texico Conference Office 505.244.1611

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

2024 TEXICO CONVOCATIONS
ONE FAMILY
Forward Together - Ephesians 4:4
ONE HOPE

LUBBOCK, TX | APRIL 5 - 6, 2024
 LUBBOCK SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Youth Rally
Michael Campos
Executive Secretary,
 Illinois Conference

English
Ivan Williams
Vice President,
 North American
 Division (NAD)

Spanish
Robert Costa
Director of
 Escrito Esta

Children's Program
Team Cisneros
Children Ages 5-12:
 Adult Supervision
 Required for
 Sign-In/Out

QR code: To register, visit www.texico.org or scan the QR code.

Seventh-day Adventist Church TEXICO CONFERENCE

2024 West Texas Convocation.
Weekend Camp Meeting - April 5 & 6
 Prepare for:
 Spiritual Renewal, Great Preaching,
 Fellowship with God's Family, Inspiring Music,
 Conference reports and Updates.

Also a Youth Rally & Children's Program
Youth Speaker will be Michael Campos,
 Executive Secretary for Illinois Conference.
Children's Program presented by
Team Cisneros for children 5-12!

Adult Speakers:
Ivan Williams, President of the North American
 Division for English and **Robert Costa**,
 Speaker for **It Is Written** (Escrito Esta)



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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PRAY FOR OUR Upcoming:

Texico Conference Convocation 2024
Here at our Lubbock Church, April 5 & 6!
 Check Posters on bulletin Board for more details.

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 (Praise for Healing)
 ◆ James Crowley, Jr. (Divine Healing)
 ◆ Denise Downing (Health/Healing)
 ◆ Diane Fremgren (Health & Healing)
 ◆ Anthony Guerre (Colon Cancer)
 ◆ Faith Kruse (Health & Healing)
 ◆ Mireya Lujan (Total Healing)

◆ Sherry Muse (Health, Healing)
 ◆ Andi Nunez (Health & Healing)
 ◆ Charlotte Pauda & Jane Perez (comfort in loss of Mother)
 ◆ Janie Perez (Pain relief)
 ◆ Jennifer Petty (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)
 ◆ 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!*

3/23/24

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 |
| 2024 | | | |
| January | \$3,544 | \$2,754 | (\$790) |
| February | \$3,544 | \$2,770 | (\$774) |
| March | \$3,544 | | |

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-Feb) YTD 2024 | Last Year (Jan-Feb) YTD 2023 |
|---------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| February 2024 | \$25,618 | \$47,399 |
| | \$47,399 | \$83,219 |

| CHURCH OPERATING EXPENSES | March 2024 | Required | Received | + or (-) |
|---------------------------|------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| | | \$14,125 | | ROOF LOAN |

| (15-Year Note) | Original Roof Loan | Monthly Payment | Balance 2/29/2024 |
|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | \$420,000 | \$3,544/month | \$134,029 |

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 Local Operating Expenses and for the sacrificial way you continually give.

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



Jamie Jorge
Wednesday Evening,
May 1, 2024
World Renowned Violinist

Events This Week

Sunday - March 24

10:00am - Women's Prayer Breakfast: All women are invited to the home of Anita McChesney for Breakfast, Prayer and Fellowship.

2-6:00pm - FREE CAR WASH - Church Parking Lot
 Donations will benefit the upcoming HUB CITY SUMMIT

Tuesday - March 26

7:00pm - School Board - LJA Classroom

Wednesday - March 27

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

Friday - March 29

The Joy and Blessing of the Sabbath
 Begins at 8:06pm

Upcoming Events

Guest Speaker: Next Sabbath, March 30, Pastor Andes Canizalez, Pastor of Clovis, NM Church, and the Clovis Choir.

Baptism: Sabbath, March 30.

All-Church Fellowship Lunch - Sabbath, March 30

West Texas Convocation - April 5-6
Weekend Camp Meeting
 (More information on back page)

YAMs Orchestra Spring Clinic April 5-7

Men's Breakfast, Sunday morning, April 7, 9:00am.
 All men are invited to meet at the Golden Corral for breakfast & Fellowship.

Lubbock Orchestra - April 7 - Watch for time & place.

LJA Week of Prayer with Pastor Raul - April 8-12
 in the LJA Chapel.

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

Texico Conference Adventure Club Fun Day -
 Sunday, April 14, 10:00am, in the Amarillo Spanish Church Gym.

LJA OUTDOOR EDUCATION for all Texico Conference 5th - 8th Grade Students: April 24-26.

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, March 23,
 has been designated as emphasis on **ADVENTIST EDUCATION**
 By the Southwestern Union Conference

Many of our YAM members are in Carlsbad, NM today.

They are there to participate in the **Chamber Orchestra Concert at 11:00am** in the **Carlsbad Seventh-day Adventist Church.**
 Keep them in prayer for safe travel and that their desire to serve the Lord will continue to flourish and grow.

Lubbock Church:
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

11:00am - Message: "MOLDED IN THE FIRE"
 with Pastor Raul

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 8:01pm
 Begins next Friday at 8:06pm

FREE CAR WASH
 (Donations Appreciated)
 Sunday, March 24, 2:00-6:00pm
 Church Parking Lot
 Proceeds will assist in financing the **ACF/YAMS HUB CITY SUMMIT**