

Pastor's Page



Pastor Raul Alvarez

Dear Church Family,

As we gather this week, I want to reflect on a powerful truth found in the book of James, specifically James 1:25, where we learn that God's Law is perfect and brings us freedom. This concept might seem paradoxical at first—how can law, which often feels restrictive, lead to freedom? Yet, as God's children, understanding and keeping His Law is essential for experiencing the abundant life He desires for us.

God's Ten Commandments were not arbitrarily assigned; they were given for our benefit. They reflect His character and provide a framework for living in harmony with Him and with one another. Romans 7:12 reminds us that the law of God is holy, righteous, and good. This means that God's commands are rooted in His nature, designed to guide us toward a life that mirrors His goodness and justice.

In our society, we are surrounded by laws—some just, some corrupt. The laws of our land aim to maintain order and fairness among citizens. Similarly, God's Law serves a divine purpose: it helps us cultivate a relationship with Him and encourages us to embody His righteousness. When we follow His commandments, we align ourselves with His will, which leads to true freedom.

It's vital to understand that adherence to God's Law does not earn us salvation. We are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:8-9). Instead, we keep His Law out of love and gratitude for what He has done for us. Our obedience is a response to His love, a desire to reflect His character in our daily lives.

As we strive to live according to God's commandments, let us remember that they are not burdensome. They are a pathway to freedom, teaching us to navigate the complexities of life with divine wisdom. When we embrace God's Law, we cultivate a heart that seeks justice, mercy, and humility—qualities that are desperately needed in our world today.

This week, I encourage you to meditate on how you can incorporate God's Law into your life. Ask yourself: How can I reflect God's character in my actions? How can I show love to others through obedience to His commands?

May we keep God's Law not out of obligation, but from a heartfelt desire to grow closer to Him and to become more like Him. In doing so, we will experience the true freedom that comes from living in accordance with His perfect will.

Blessings to you all,
Pastor Raul Alvarez

Sabbath Together

October 5, 2024

Sabbath School 9:00 AM

9:00am - Prayer Time

9:30 to 9:50 - Breakfast will resume October 5

Adult Classrooms:

9:00am: 28-Fundamentals - Philip Minda - Classroom 14

9:30am: Traditional Quarterly - Classroom 1

Spanish Sabbath School - Classroom 20 -

10:00am Young Adult 18-35 - Youth Lounge

Hans Burda & Daniel Davis

10:00am: 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 (by Selah) Praise Team
Holy Forever (by Bethel Music)

Children's Story Archel Burda
Lamb's Offering will benefit Worthy Student Fund
At this time all children ages 5-14 are invited to Children's Church
in the Conference Center - Parental permission is requested

Praise in Giving Local Church Expenses David Riley

~ ~ ~ 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 671

Circle of Prayer Glenn Blake

Song of Response Hear Our Prayer O Lord Hymn 684

Musical Selection Ianthe Burda, Ethan Burda & Nora Richemond

Message **The Law of Freedom** Pastor Raul
Scripture: James 1:19-27

Closing Hymn Jesus, I Come Hymn 292

Benediction Pastor Raul

Postlude

Pianist: Pastor Raul

Praise Leader: Ianthe Burda

Praise Team: Sarah Alvarez, Ethan Burda,
Naane Richemond, & Nora Richemond

Attendance Last Week: 215

Offering Next Week: Southwest Adventist University

Greeter Next Week: Kristy Tygart

Today's Greeter: Jane Perez
Head Deacon: David Riley
Elder for October: Glenn Blake

How To Reach Us

Pastor Raul Alvarez

Board of Elders:

Glenn Blake, Interim Head Elder

Daniel Davis

Jose Garcia

Philip Minda

Melwin "Bim" Paez

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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/>

*Lord, while You
prepare a place for us ~
Please, Prepare us
for that place!*

FALL HEALTH FAIR!

FREE!!!

5302 ELGIN AVE, LUBBOCK, TX 79413

Fall into Wellness!

- blood glucose checks
- blood pressure checks
- BMI and % body fat checks
- assessments for depression, anxiety, sleep apnea
- EKG
- resources in the community
- help with Medicaid applications
- live music and MORE!

FUN for the Kids!

- bounce house
- bubbles
- prizes galore!

OCT. 27.2024
1:00 PM- 5:00PM

For more info



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.**

- ♦ Shawn Henderson (Divine Intervention & Restoration to the Father)
- ♦ Mireya Lujan (Total Healing)
- ♦ Danny Meason (Total Healing)
- ♦ Andi Nunez (Health & Healing)
- ♦ Tiffany Perez (Healing fm surgery)
- ♦ James Petty (Praise Report)
- ♦ Jennifer Petty (Complete Healing)
- ♦ Kathie Robertson (Total Healing)
- ♦ Linda Sigala (Total Healing)
- ♦ Esther Slaughter's Grandson "Steven" (Total healing)
- ♦ Morgan Stewart (Stroke)
- ♦ Vicki Taylor (Total Healing)
- ♦ Rebecca Walker (Elbow fracture)
- ♦ Bryce Whorton (Stage 4 wounds)

Upcoming Evangelistic Crusade October 27 - November 2.

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

- ♦ John Brown (Health & Healing)
- ♦ Donna Cartwright (Healing)
- ♦ Ken Cartwright (Health&Healing)
- ♦ Joe Castillo (Total Healing)
- ♦ James Crowley,Jr.(Divine Healing)
- ♦ Denise Downing (Broken hip)
- ♦ Leland Flyger (Strength & Healing)
- ♦ Olga Garcia (Strength & Healing)
- ♦ Anthony Guerro (Colon Cancer)
- ♦ Lydia Gellido (Strength)

♦ **WAR VICTIMS**
♦ **TORNADO VICTIMS**
♦ **EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS**
♦ **FIRE VICTIMS**
♦ **SHOOTING VICTIMS**

♦ **Unspoken** prayer requests
Healing, finances and families.

PRAY FOR EVANGELIST

Herb Orellana, Coming to present:

The Final Battle

Save The Date: October 26 - November 2

Intercessory Prayer

And I sought for a man among them that should make up the hedge and stand in the gap before me . . .

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!*

Prayer FAX Line 806.799.5136

10/5/24

Lubbock Junior Academy



**Accepting PreK Ages 4 & 5;
1st-8th Grade 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

Mission Statement

To inspire every learner to develop a life of faith in God, and use their knowledge, skills, and understandings to serve God and mankind through a well-balanced spiritual, moral, physical, intellectual, and social education.

Please feel free to contact:

Melwin "Mr. Bim" Paez, Teacher
Phone or Text 240.460.7923

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### CHURCH ROOF LOAN

| 2024       | Payment  | Received | + or (-)  |
|------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Jan-March  | \$10,632 | \$ 9,352 | (\$1,280) |
| April-June | \$10,632 | \$10,052 | (\$580)   |
| July       | \$3,544  | \$ 2,951 | (\$593)   |
| August     | \$3,544  | \$ 4,474 | \$930     |
| September  | \$3,544  | \$ 2,382 | (\$1,162) |

*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

| TITHE       |                              |                              |
|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| August 2024 | This Year (Jan-Aug) YTD 2024 | Last Year (Jan-Aug) YTD 2023 |
| \$40,376    | \$257,498                    | \$426,974                    |

### CHURCH OPERATING EXPENSES

| October, '24 | Required | Received | + or (-)  |
|--------------|----------|----------|-----------|
|              | \$15,874 | \$13,442 | (\$2,432) |

### ROOF LOAN

| Original Roof Loan | Monthly Payment | Balance 9/30/2024 |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| \$420,000          | \$3,544/month   | \$112,920         |

*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.

*All the ministry efforts of the Lubbock Seventh-day Adventist Church have been made possible by your generous, prayerful contributions.*

## Upcoming Events

**Tuesday - October 8:** 6:00pm, Finance Committee.  
7:00pm - Church Board in the Conference Center

**Wednesday - October 9:**  
6:00pm - Lite Supper - Fellowship Hall  
7:00pm - Bible Marking - Conference Center

**Friday - October 11-13:**  
SWAU to host ACF at a Southwestern Union Conference event.

**The Joy and Blessing of the Sabbath**  
Begins at 7:17pm

**October 15: Adventurer/Pathfinder Clubs**  
Meetings are held the 1st & 3rd Tuesday/month  
**Adventurers:** 5:00pm in Classroom 2  
**Pathfinders:** 5:00pm in the Conference Center.

**October 18-20: Texico Conference CLUB MINISTRIES LEADERSHIP Retreat at the Inlow Baptist Camp in Tajiue, NM.**

Key Note Speaker will be the NAD Associate Youth Director, Pastor Armando Miranda, Jr.  
**Registration is required.**  
Fee: \$160.00



**October 19: Children's Church Schedule:**  
October 19, Nov. 2, 16 & 30, Dec. 14 & 28.

**October 22: LJA Re-accreditation & School Board**

**October 26: Divine Worship Service, 11:00am, Evangelist "Herb Orellana" with the first session of "The Final Battle" from the Book of Revelation - Here in our Sanctuary.**

**October 26: Adventurer Club Social 7:00pm - At I Do Farms, 6323 FMI294 - For information contact Candice Rendon.**

**October 27: "FALL HEALTH FAIR"**  
1:00-5:00pm - Fellowship Hall  
**FALL INTO WELLNESS**

- Blood Glucose checks
- Blood Pressure checks
- BMI and % body fat check
- Assessment for depression, anxiety, sleep apnea
- EKG
- Community Resources
- Medicaid application help
- Live Music and MORE!

### FUN for the KIDS!

Bounce House - Bubbles - Prizes Galore

**October 27-November 2: 7:00pm every evening.**  
Speaker Herb Orellana will present:  
**"The Final Battle"** from the Book of Revelation.

## 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.*

**"THE FINAL BATTLE"**  
A Revelation Series

**Join us**  
Oct. 26 - Nov 2  
**7:00 PM nightly**

5302 Elgin Ave

**Herb Orellana**  
Evangelist

## Today's Events

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

**9:30: Traditional Sabbath School Class - Room 1**

**9:30 to 9:50am: Breakfast to resume soon.**

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

**11:00am: Divine Worship - Sanctuary**

**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 7:25pm  
Begins next Friday at 7:17pm