Pastor's Page



Happy Sabbath, **Church Family!**

It is always a joy to greet you on this blessed day of rest. I pray that as you entered the doors of our church this morning, you felt the peace of God embracing you. It is my prayer that the Lord continues to bless your life and that He gives you peace in the

midst of any struggles, worries, or burdens you may be carrying today. The Sabbath is God's gift to us - a reminder that He is our Creator, our Sustainer, and our Redeemer.

Today, we continue our sermon series titled "Rooted." In this series, we have been reflecting on what it truly means to be firmly grounded in God's Word and in His love. A tree without strong roots cannot stand when the storm comes, and in the same way, a believer who is not rooted in God will be easily shaken by the trials and confusion of this world.

Our focus text this morning comes from Genesis 4:9, where Cain asked God, "Am I my brother's keeper?" This question echoes throughout history, and sadly, it continues to echo in our world today. All around us, we see hatred, division, and violence. We see families torn apart, communities divided, and nations in conflict. Political parties fight one another, and sometimes people even lose their lives simply because they believe differently.

But as children of God, we are called to live differently. The Bible reminds us that we are indeed our brothers' and sisters' keepers. We are called to care, to watch over one another, and to extend the same love that Christ has shown us. At the end of the day, regardless of race, language, or political view, we are all God's children.

Being rooted in Christ means that we do not let hatred, anger, or division take root in our hearts. Instead, we allow the Spirit of God to plant in us seeds of love, forgiveness, and compassion. It is only by living this way that the world will see Jesus in us.

So today, may we remember that God has entrusted us with the responsibility of being our brother's keeper. Let us encourage one another, lift each other up, and walk together as one family in Christ.

Happy Sabbath, dear church family. May the peace of God dwell richly in your heart today and always!

Blessings, Pastor Raul Alvarez

Sabbath Together

September 20, 2025

Sabbath School

9:00 AM

9:00am - Intercessory Prayer - Conference Center Adult Classrooms:

9:30am: 28-Fundamentals - Philip Mainda - Classroom 14 9:30am: Traditional Quarterly - Classroom I

New Class: Meet in the Sanctuary

10:00am: Spanish Sabbath School - Classroom 20 10:00am Young Adult 18-35 - Youth Lounge

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

Baby Dedication: Miss Anny Bardot Torrez

Pastor Raul Sandy Ramirez's Granddaughter

Prelude Family of God Congregation

Welcome & Announcements Pastor Raul

Praise Team **Praise Songs** How Great thou Art **Great is Thy Faithfulness** Hymn 100

Dedication to Jesus: Pastor Raul

Ivan Appiah and Daryl Appiah

Nicholas Appiah & Lordina Bonsu's children:

Jamie Martel Children's Story The Lamb's Offering will benefit

Lubbock Knights Pathfinder Club

Praise in Giving Local Church Budget Moraa Kemboi All tithe and offerings received at this time OFFERING WILL BE COLLECTED BY THE LUBBOCK KNIGHTS PATHFINDER CLUB

Offering Response Hymn 6 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Song of Prayer **Quiet Place** Praise Team

Circle of Prayer Elias Rendon

Song of Response Hear Our Prayer O Lord Hymn 684

Special Music Nehemiah Gervais & Naane Richemond

"ROOTED"

Pastor Raul

Sermon Title Scripture: Genesis 4:9

When We All Get to Heaven Closing Song Hymn 633

Benediction Pastor Raul

Postlude

Pianist: Pastor Raul Alvarez Praise Leader: Naane Richemond

Praise Team: Macky Alava, Holly Cooper, Kerubo Kemboi, Moraa Kemboi, Abby Rendon and Elias Rendon

Offering Next Week: Texico Ministries

Speaker Next Week: Ismael "Smiley" Verastegui Attendance Last Week: 230

Greeters Next Week: Andreanna Davila & Michael Wright

Elder for September: Ismael Verastegui Head Deacon: David Riley Todays Greeter: Sara Alvarez

How To Reach Us

Pastor Raul Alvarez Board of Elders:

Glenn Blake, Head Elder

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PATHFINDER MINISTRY

Candice Rendon & Keith Marpa

The Pathfinder Ministry was established in the 1950's, not as a service corps to help local communities, but as a place of growth for our young people and a place to develop a deeper

relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. A place to make lasting Christian friendships and a place to have fun growing in Christ. Every club was unique across the globe at this point but they all strived for the same goal, growing as a person and getting to know God. Along that path Leaders took the time to teach our youth about service to others, cooking, cleaning, hygiene, survival and so much more. In that process leaders encouraged daily devotion, prayer and memorizing whole swaths of bible texts; to always have those words stored in their hearts for the moments in life when they would be needed the most.

Pathfinder Ministry gained in organization through time and in the 1970's there was a uniform idea of how the Pathfinder Club, as we know it today, would function. It has been an amazing ride through time and history. The way our young people, ages 10 and up, have made use of the resources God has provided is awe inspiring. Through the Pathfinder club one of our goals is to give our youth the skills that will help make their lives meaningful, weather that is through Christian friendships, Christian mentorship or faith based activities and service.

> Our Local club is known affectionately as the **Lubbock Knights Pathfinder Club**

which has been an active club for 20 years, as of 2025. This Club has been blessed with some amazing Leaders, experiences and opportunities, such as attending the last three World wide camporees in different locations across the U.S.; Experienced a Star party in Fort Davis seeing the greatness of God's creation; spent time together putting Gods word to heart and earned top place in the (PBE) National Pathfinder Bible Experience, met new friends and learned new skills.

The hope is that this year will be another year of amazing experiences as young people and growth as leaders. Our prayer is that we will open new doors and opportunities to see God working in our community, and personally in our lives. Thank you Church. for always being our support. We look forward to many more years together in continued growth.



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.
- ♦ Donna Cartwright (Healing)
- ♦ Ken Cartwright (Health&Healing)
- ♦ loe Castillo (Total Healing)
- James Crowley,Jr.(Divine Healing)
- ◆ Anthony Guerro (Colon Cancer)
- ♦ Olga Garcia (Strength & Healing)
- ♦ Lydia Gellido (Healing fm surgery)
- ♦ Dottie Haney (Strength & Health)
- ♦ Mike Howell (Detached Retina)
- ♦ Henry Loya (Health & Healing)
- ♦ Danny Meason (Total Healing)

- ♦ Paula McGee (Total Healing)
- ♦ Randy McGee (Health & Healing)
- ♦ Andi Nunez (Health & Healing)
- ♦ James Petty (Strength & Healing)
- ◆ Jennifer Petty (Complete Healing)
- ♦ Mauro Ramirez (Stroke/Heart)
- ♦ Kathie Robertson (Total Healing)
- ♦ Linda Sigala (Total Healing)
- **♦ FLOOD & WAR VICTIMS**
- **♦ TORNADO VICTIMS**
- **+ EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS**
- ◆ SHOOTING VICTIMS
- ♦ All Disaster Victims RIOTS, PROTESTS, FIRES, FLOODS AND DEVASTATION THE HURRICANES and FIRES HAVE RECENTLY CAUSED!
- 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 . .

Naı	ne:
	(Optional)
	Flease 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!

09/20/25

Lubbock Junior Academy



Accepting Pre-K Ages 4 & 5; 1st-2nd Grade Students for 2025-2026 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 LJA 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, Head 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

Email: lubbockadventist@texico.org

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#### **CHURCH FINANCES AT A GLANCE**

|          | TITHE     |           |
|----------|-----------|-----------|
|          | This Year | Last Year |
| August   | (Jan-Aug) | (Jan-Aug) |
| 2025     | YTD 2025  | YTD 2024  |
| \$32,085 | \$215,734 | \$254,499 |

 CHURCH OPERATING EXPENSES

 Required
 Received
 + or ( - )

 August 2025
 \$15,874
 \$17,272
 \$1,398

 ROOF LOAN

 (15-Year Note)

 Original
 Monthly
 Balance

 Roof Loan
 Payment
 8/31/2025

 \$420,000
 \$3,544/month
 \$21,429

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, you can also 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

Lubback Seventh-day Adventist Church

are made possible by your generous, prayerful contributions.

#### CHURCH ROOF LOAN

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|------------|----------------|-----------|----------|
| 2025       | <b>Payment</b> | Received  | + or ( - |
| Jan-March  | \$10,632       | \$25,824  | \$10,632 |
| April-June | \$10,632       | \$ 8,223  | \$64,007 |
| July       | \$ 3,544       | \$ 4,172  | \$628    |
| August     | \$ 3,544       | \$ 6,369  | \$2,825  |
| September  | \$ 3,544       | Let's Pay | it OFF!  |

### **Events This Week**

LJA Popcorn Fundraiser - has been EXTENDED to
September 28. You have another week to get more
orders before you need to Turn your completed
order sheets in (including funds) to Jan Yates,
Cindy Riley, or Bim Paez by next Sunday,
September 28! For questions call or
Text: Jan Yates at 806.535.1010

Sunday, September 21, 11:30am to 2:00pm
"Welcome Back to School Party," 11:30am 11:30am to 2:00pm at Roll Arena - 7340 19th St.
Not to late to let us know what you want to bring to the "Party" Questions: Contact Janie Perez or Nikki Marpa.

Wednesday, September 24

Wednesday Bible Study at 7:00pm with Pastor Raul - Conference Center.

Thursday, September 25

Adventist Book Center Delivery truck has been delayed - New Order By Date: September 25. New Delivery Date Wednesday, October 1. to our Church Parking Lot.

Friday - September 26 Maranatha Symphony Orchestra & Choir rehearsal - Church Sanctuary

> The Joy and Blessing of the Sabbath Begins at 7:38pm

## **Upcoming Events**

Maranatha Symphony Orchestra & Choir - Will Bless our church with music Sabbath, Sept. 27.

**Haystack Potluck -** Sabbath, September 27, following the Worship Service.

Sunday, September 28 at 2:00pm - Don't Miss the Maranatha Symphony Orchestra - 2025 Fall Concert, at 2:00pm, on Sunday, September 20, in the Lubbock Church Sanctuary.

**Children's Church Schedule**: October 4 & 18 in the Conference Center.

Men's Breakfast - Sunday, October 5, at 9:00am.

All men are invited to meet at the Golden Corral for Breakfast & Fellowship.

**LJA Fall Break -** Friday, October 10

YAMS Sabbath Day Hiking Trip - ACF Fuse 1.0.
October 11. Location will be chosen between
Palo Duro, Caprock Canyon or Carlsbad Caverns.

#### 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 is World Pathfinder Day!
Pathfinder Club is for Girls and Boys

Ages: 10 and Up



9:00am: Intercessory Prayer - Conference Center

9:30am: Adult Sabbath School classes meet in in the Sanctuary and in Classroom 1.28 Fundamental Doctrines Class - Classroom 14.

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

I 1:00am: Pastor Raul reflects on what it truly means to be firmly grounded in God's Word!

6:30pm: Church Board - Conference Center

7:00pm: "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 7:56pm



# **Lubbock Knights Pathfinder Club:**



**Members:** Jamie Martel; Moraa Kemboi; Mackenzie Alava; Elias Rendon; Kerubo Kemboi; Abby Rendon & Holly Cooper.

> **Leaders:** Keith Marpa, Sara Alvarez, Bella Verastegui & Akkoy Flores