

Pastor’s Page



Pastor Raul

Hello Church Family,

Over the past two Sabbaths, we have been asking some of life’s most difficult questions. First, we asked, “*What if we’ve been wrong?*” and discovered that disappointment with God often begins with expectations He never gave us. Last Sabbath, we asked, “*What if God is silent?*” and learned through the prophet Habakkuk that God’s silence is not God’s absence. Even when we cannot see Him working, we can trust Him because yesterday’s faithfulness gives confidence for tomorrow.

This Sabbath, we take another step in our journey with perhaps the most personal question of all:

What if God says no?

Every one of us has prayed prayers that seemed certain to be answered. We prayed for healing, but the sickness remained. We prayed for a relationship to be restored, but the pain continued. We prayed for a door to open, but it stayed closed. In those moments, we often wonder if God has stopped listening or if our faith somehow wasn’t strong enough.

The apostle Paul understood those feelings. Few people in Scripture experienced God’s power as dramatically as Paul. He saw miracles, planted churches, and faithfully preached the gospel throughout the Roman Empire. Yet when he pleaded with God three times to remove what he called his “thorn in the flesh,” God’s answer was not the one Paul hoped for. Instead of removing the thorn, God offered something greater: **“My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.”**

Sometimes we spend so much time asking God to change our circumstances that we miss what He is trying to accomplish within us. Could it be that God’s greatest gift is not always the answer we want, but His presence, His grace, and His transforming power through life’s greatest struggles?

I invite you to join us this Sabbath as we continue our “**What If...?**” series and discover that even when God says “no,” He is never withholding His love. His grace is always enough, His wisdom is always perfect, and His plans are always better than our own.

I look forward to worshiping with you this Sabbath.

Pastor Raul Alvarez

Sabbath Together

July 18, 2026

Sabbath School	9:30AM
9:00am - Intercessory Prayer - Conference Center	
Adult Classrooms:	
9:30am: 28-Fundamentals - <i>Philip Mainda</i> - Classroom 16	
9:30am: <i>Traditional Quarterly</i> - Classroom 1 and in the Sanctuary	
10:00am: <i>Spanish Sabbath School</i> - Classroom 20	
10:00am: Young Adult 18-35 - Youth Lounge	
10:00am: <u>Birth to High School Classrooms</u>	
Cradle Roll - Birth to 3: Classroom 3	
Kindergarten - Age 4 through First Grade - Classroom 4	
Primary - Grades 2-5: Classroom 2	
Juniors - Grades 6-8: Classroom 7	
High-School - Grades 9-12: Classroom 9	
Classrooms are on the North, South & West Halls	
For directions, ask a Greeter for assistance.	

Sabbath Worship Service 11:00AM		
Prelude	<i>Family of God</i>	Congregation
Welcome & Announcements		Pastor Raul
Praise Songs	<i>Praise Him, Praise Him All Things Bright and Beautiful</i>	Hymn 249 Hymn 93
Children's Story		Hans Burda
<i>Lamb's Offering will benefit: Church Worthy Student</i>		
Praise in Giving	<i>Local Church Budget</i>	Yolanda Garcia
<i>~ ~ ~ All tithe and offerings received at this time ~ ~ ~</i>		
Offering Response		Hymn 694
<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>		
Song of Prayer	<i>Now Dear Lord As We Pray</i>	Hymn 671
Circle of Prayer		Jose Garcia
Song of Response	<i>Hear Our Prayer Oh Lord</i>	Hymn 684
Scripture Reading	<i>II Cor. 12:9</i>	Micah Rios
Special Music		LJA Kids
Sermon Series	<i>"What If...?" What if God Says No?</i>	Pastor Raul
Closing Song	<i>Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus</i>	Hymn 524
Closing Prayer		Elder Glenn Blake

Pianist: Kathlyn Felix
Praise Team: LJA Kids
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**Speaker Next Week:** Pastor Raul  
**Offering Next Week:** Texico Ministries  
**Greeter Next Week:**  
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Attendance Last Week: 178
Elder for July: Glenn Blake
Today’s Greeter: Nehemie Gervais

How To Reach Us

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Church Website	<u>http://www.lubbockadventist.org</u>
Lubbock Junior Academy	806.795.4481
Adventist Book Center - Texas	800.333.1844
Texico Conference Office	505.244.1611
Conference website:	<u>http://www.texico.org/</u>

**CHURCH BOARD RECOMMENDATION:
MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER**

**First Reading
For
Christian Luis Grellman Mckendrick**

**From : Houston Northwest
Seventh-day Adventist Church
Houston, TX**

To: Lubbock Seventh-day Adventist Church

FAMILY PRAYER CORNER

*Do you need prayer?
Are you carrying a heavy
burden?*

**Meet with our Elders after the service
Up at the front for prayer**





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)
- ♦ Joe Castillo (Total Healing)
- ♦ James Dent (Pancreatic Cancer)
- ♦ Lydia Gellido (Peace & Comfort)
- ♦ Dottie Haney (Strength & Health)
- ♦ Henry Loya (Health & Healing)
- ♦ Andi Nunez (Health & Healing)

- ♦ James Petty (Strength & Healing)
- ♦ Jennifer Petty (Complete Healing)
- ♦ Kathie Robertson (Total Healing)
- ♦ Linda Sigala (Total Healing)
- ♦ Jan Yates (Strength & Healing)
- ♦ Loya Family (Peace & Comfort)
- ♦ Paul Barker (Peace & Comfort)
- ♦ Jerry Walker (Strength & Health)

♦ FLOOD & WAR VICTIMS
♦ TORNADO VICTIMS
♦ EARTHQUAKE 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!

07/18/2026

The Joy and Blessing of the Sabbath

Concludes Today at 8:56pm

Begins next Friday at 8:53pm

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<br>(Jan-July) | Last Year<br>(Jan-July) |  |
| July 2026 | YTD 2026                | YTD 2025                |  |
| \$6,605   | \$182,126               | \$164,404               |  |

| CHURCH OPERATING EXPENSES |          |          |          |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
|                           | Required | Received | + or (-) |
| July 2026                 | \$18,455 | \$3,739  | -14,716  |

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 \$18,455 is required monthly for every ministry to be fully funded.

All the ministry efforts of the Lubbock Seventh-day Adventist Church are made possible by your generous, prayerful contributions, and faithful stewardship. You are deeply appreciated and your financial support makes a significant difference.



Please scan the QR code for convenient online giving

# Today's Events

Intercessory Prayer: Conference Center 9AM

Health Ministries Planning Meeting: July 18 immediately following the service in The Parlor

## Events This Week

Wednesday Night Bible Study: Amazing Facts Bible Studies  
Conference Center 6PM

## Upcoming Events

Children's Church: July 25 Conference Center 11:30AM

Haystack Potluck: July 25 All are invited to join in the Fellowship Hall

Children's Church: Aug. 8 Conference Center 11:30AM

Elder's Meeting: Aug. 8 5PM

Finance Committee Meeting: Aug 8 6PM

Church Board: Aug. 8 630PM

LJA First Day of School: Aug. 12

Women's Ministry Meeting: Aug. 18 6PM  
Home of Anita McChesney

Children's Church: Aug. 22 Conference Center 11:30AM

All Church Potluck: Aug. 25 Fellowship Hall

Texico Conference Convocation: Aug. 28-29 Corrales, NM

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Join us as we represent Lubbock SDA Church in Corrales, New Mexico for the Texico Conference Convocation on August 28-29, 2026.

More details to come so stayed tuned!

## Church Board Recommendation

First Reading:  
to accept  
Jose Garcia as Elder

# 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.

# VOLUNTEERS

We are building a team to help us Spring Clean our church.

If you are interested, please speak with

Gio or Janie for more information.

Sign up sheet in the foyer

TEXICO CONFERENCE CONVOCATION 2026

In His  
PRESENCE

A Personal Walk That Transforms

August 28-29, 2026  
CORRALES, NM



ENGLISH SPEAKER  
Richie Halverson  
Director of Church Growth & Revitalization, Southern Union Conference



SPANISH SPEAKER  
Elvis Diaz  
Director of Sales and Marketing, El Centinela Magazine



YOUNG ADULT SPEAKER  
Greg Taylor  
Youth Director, Southern Union Conference



YOUTH SPEAKER  
Mark Tamalea  
International Speaker, Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Advocate



Exciting children's programming led by Texico's Children's Ministry Director, Kathy Clifford.

Join us for a weekend of worship, renewal, and transformation.  
Stay connected—scan the QR code for the latest event updates and information.



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