

Pastor’s Page



Pastor Raul

Hello Church Family,

Have you ever felt completely stuck? Perhaps you’ve faced a situation where every option seemed hopeless. Staying where you are doesn’t solve the problem. Going backward isn’t possible. Moving forward feels uncertain. Most of us have experienced seasons like that, moments when fear whispers that it’s safer to do nothing at all.

The Bible tells the story of four lepers who found themselves in exactly that situation (2 Kings 7). They were outcasts, forced to live outside the city because of their disease. Inside the city, the people were starving during a terrible famine. Outside the walls, the enemy army surrounded them. It appeared there was no good option.

Then one of them asked a question that changed everything: **“Why are we sitting here until we die?”** (2 Kings 7:3).

Instead of remaining paralyzed by fear, they decided to take one step forward. They had no guarantee of success. They had no promise that everything would work out. Yet while they were walking toward the enemy camp, God was already at work. The Lord caused the Syrian army to hear the sound of chariots and horses, and they fled in panic, leaving behind food, clothing, silver, gold, and everything the starving city desperately needed.

Those four lepers discovered something that all of us need to remember: **God is often working long before we can see it.** Their miracle did not begin when they arrived at the camp. It began when they chose to trust God enough to take the next step.

But the story doesn’t end there. After satisfying their hunger and gathering treasures, one leper said, **“We are not doing right. This day is a day of good news, and we remain silent”** (2 Kings 7:9). They immediately returned to the city to share what they had found.

This Sabbath we will discover how God often meets us in moments of uncertainty, why faith requires movement even when we cannot see the outcome, and why those who have experienced God’s grace cannot keep the good news to themselves.

If you’ve ever felt stuck, discouraged, or uncertain about what comes next, this message is for you. Join us as we learn that sometimes the miracle God has prepared begins with one step of faith, and that the good news we receive is always meant to be shared.

Pastor Raul Alvarez

Sabbath Together

July 25, 2026

Sabbath School	9:30AM
9:00am - Intercessory Prayer - Conference Center	
Adult Classrooms:	
9:30am: 28-Fundamentals - Philip Mainda - Classroom 16	
9:30am: Traditional Quarterly - Classroom 1 and in the Sanctuary	
10:00am: Spanish Sabbath School - 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	How Great Thou Art My Hope is Built on Nothing Less	Hymn 86 Hymn 522	
Children's Story <i>Lamb's Offering will benefit: Church Worthy Student</i>		Archel Burda	
Praise in Giving	Texico Ministries <i>~ ~ ~ All tithe and offerings received at this time ~ ~ ~</i>	Siobhan Davis	
Offering Response Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow		Hymn 694	
Song of Prayer	Now Dear Lord As We Pray	Hymn 671	
Circle of Prayer		Daniel Davis	
Song of Response	Hear Our Prayer Oh Lord	Hymn 684	
Scripture Reading	2 Kings 7:3-5	Mackenzie Alava	
Special Music		Siobhan Davis	
Sermon Series	"What If...?" What If You're One Step Away?	Pastor Raul	
Closing Song	A Shelter in the Time of Storm	Hymn 528	
Closing Prayer		Elder Glenn Blake	
Pianist: Elijah Asamoah			
Praise Leader: Ianthe Tipgos			
Praise Team: Naane, Madelyn, Ianthe			
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<b>Speaker Next Week:</b> Pastor Raul			
<b>Offering Next Week:</b> Local Church Budget			
<b>Greeter Next Week:</b>			
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Attendance Last Week: 193			
Elder for July: Glenn Blake			
Today's Greeter:			

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 TRANSFERS

First Reading
For
Angeles Ortiz

From:
Iglesia Campestre Norte
Seventh-day Adventist Church
Reynosa Tamaulipas, Mexico

To: Lubbock Seventh-day Adventist Church

Second Reading
For
Christian Luis Grellman Mckendrick

From : **Houston Northwest**
Seventh-day Adventist Church
Houston, TX
To: Lubbock Seventh-day Adventist Church
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Second Reading
For
Jose Garcia as Elder

*Children ages 5-14 are invited for
Children’s Church
in the Conference Center
(Parental permission is requested)*



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!

07/25/2026

The Joy and Blessing of the Sabbath

Concludes Today at 8:52pm

Begins next Friday at 8:49pm

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

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## CHURCH FINANCES AT A GLANCE

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|-----------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|
|           | This Year<br>(Jan-July) | Last Year<br>(Jan-July) |  |
| July 2026 | YTD 2026                | YTD 2025                |  |
| \$10,573  | \$196,666               | \$172,986               |  |

| CHURCH OPERATING EXPENSES |          |          |          |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
|                           | Required | Received | + or (-) |
| July 2026                 | \$18,455 | \$11,283 | \$-7,172 |

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

Children's Church: Conference Center 11:30AM

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

Health Ministries: Health and Happiness Project Planning Meeting in the Parlor after potluck 2PM

## Events This Week

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

Wednesday Night Crochet Class: For all who are interested meet in Classroom I @ 6PM

## Upcoming Events

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. 25 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!

SIGN UP SHEET IN THE FOYER

# 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.



Seventh-day Adventist Church  
TEXICO CONFERENCE

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