

## Pastor's Page



Pastor Raul

Hello Church Family,

Have you ever wondered, *What if...?*

What if I had made a different decision? What if I had taken another job? What if I had chosen a different path? As we grow older, these questions become more common. We look back on life and wonder how things might have been different.

But there is another kind of “what if” that is even more important. What if the questions we carry about life, faith, and God are not obstacles to belief—but invitations to know Him more deeply?

This Sabbath we begin a brand-new sermon series titled “**What If...?**” Over the next several weeks, we will explore some of the most honest and difficult questions people ask. Questions about doubt, suffering, waiting, purpose, forgiveness, faith, and God’s will. These are not questions that only skeptics ask. They are questions that sincere believers have wrestled with throughout Scripture.

Our first message will take us to the road to Emmaus in Luke 24. Two disciples were walking away from Jerusalem carrying shattered hopes and unanswered questions. Everything they believed seemed to have fallen apart. Yet, without realizing it, Jesus was walking beside them. Before He gave them answers, He gave them His presence. Before He corrected their understanding, He walked with them in their confusion.

Perhaps you have come to church this Sabbath carrying questions of your own. Maybe you are wondering why God has not answered a prayer, why life has taken an unexpected turn, or whether your faith is strong enough. If so, know that you are not alone. God has never been intimidated by honest questions, and He is still willing to walk with those who seek Him sincerely.

My prayer is that this series will remind us that faith is not the absence of questions—it is the decision to keep walking with Jesus even while we are searching for answers. As we open God’s Word together each week, may our confidence rest not in having every answer, but in knowing the One who is the Truth.

I invite you to join us each Sabbath as we discover that our greatest “what if” moments can become opportunities to experience God’s grace, His truth, and His presence in a deeper way.

I look forward to worshiping with you this Sabbath.

**Pastor Raul Alvarez**  
Lubbock Seventh-day Adventist Church

## Sabbath Together

July 4, 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: Birth to High School Classrooms**  
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	<b>Family of God</b>	Congregation
Welcome & Announcements		Pastor Raul
Praise Songs	<b>Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory In the Garden</b>	Hymn 647 Hymn 487
Children’s Story	<i>Lamb’s Offering will benefit: LJA</i>	Archel Burda
Praise in Giving	<b>Local Church Budget</b>	Cindy Riley ~~~ All tithe and offerings received at this time ~~~
Offering Response	<b>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</b>	Hymn 694
Song of Prayer	<b>A Quiet Place</b>	Hymn 503
Circle of Prayer		Elder Glenn Blake
Song of Response	<b>Hear Our Prayer Oh Lord</b>	Hymn 684
Scripture Reading	<b>Luke 24:33–35</b>	Elder Glenn Blake
Special Music		Nehemie Gervais
Sermon Series	<b>"What If...?" "What If We've Been Wrong?"</b>	Pastor Raul
Closing Song	<b>Trust and Obey</b>	Hymn 590
Closing Prayer		Elder Glenn Blake

**Pianist:** Elijah Amoah-Asamoah  
**Praise Leader:** Laura Garcia  
**Praise Team:** Ianthe Tipgos, Almie Flores, Laura Garcia  
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**Speaker Next Week:** Pastor Raul  
**Offering Next Week:** World Budget  
**Greeters Next Week:** Damara Narcisse & Isabella Verastegui  
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**Attendance Last Week:**  
**Elder for June:** Glenn Blake  
**Today’s Greeter:** Andreanna Davila

## How To Reach Us


Pastor Raul Alvarez	806.793.8614
<b>Board of Elders:</b>	
Glenn Blake, Head Elder	806.793.8614
Ben Caballero	806.793.8614
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Church Office	806.793.8614
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<b>Church Website</b>	<b><a href="http://www.lubbockadventist.org">http://www.lubbockadventist.org</a></b>
Lubbock Junior Academy	806.795.4481
Adventist Book Center - Texas	800.333.1844
Texico Conference Office	505.244.1611
Conference website:	<b><a href="http://www.texico.org/">http://www.texico.org/</a></b>

**CHURCH BOARD MEETING**  
**July 11 @ 6:30pm**  
**MEMBERS**  
**Please submit any agenda or calendar items**  
**to**  
**Janie Perez**  
**@ [jperez5610@gmail.com](mailto:jperez5610@gmail.com)**  
**by**  
**Thursday, July 9, 2026 by 6pm**

**FAMILY PRAYER CORNER**

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

**Meet with our Elders after the service**  
**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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Website: <http://www.lubbockadventist.org>

## 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)

- ◆ FLOOD & WAR VICTIMS
- ◆ TORNADO VICTIMS
- ◆ EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS
- ◆ SHOOTING VICTIMS
- ◆ All Disaster 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 . . .

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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!

07/04/2026

## The Joy and Blessing of the Sabbath

Concludes Today at 9:01pm

Begins next Friday at 8:59pm

## 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

| TITHES    |                     |                     |
|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|
|           | This Year           | Last Year           |
| June 2026 | (Jan-June) YTD 2026 | (Jan-June) YTD 2025 |
| \$26,283  | \$175,520           | \$158,463           |

| CHURCH OPERATING EXPENSES |          |          |          |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
|                           | Required | Received | + or (-) |
| June 2026                 | \$18,455 | \$13,531 | -4,924   |

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



## Events This Week

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

## Upcoming Events

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

Elders Meeting: July 11 5PM

Church Board: July 11 630PM

Men's Breakfast: July 12 Golden Corral 9AM

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

Direct to You: Sept. 17 order by 6PM (more to come)

Direct to You: Sept. 23 Delivery to Church parking lot 11:30-12:00

## 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

Evangelistic Meetings

Arturo Quintero Nov. 11-14, 2026

## Direct 2 You



Only a \$10 Delivery Charge

## GOD IS IN MY STORY

SOUTHWESTERN UNION WOMEN'S RETREAT  
SEPTEMBER 18-20 | 2026  
Embassy Suites | Frisco, Texas  
7600 John Q Hammons Dr | Frisco, Texas 75034

ENGLISH SPEAKER  
**DESIREE BRYANT**  
North American Division  
Ministerial Spouses  
Associate Director

SPANISH SPEAKER  
**NESSY P. GRIEVE**  
La Voz de la Esperanza  
Associate Director

Scan QR Code to REGISTER

| RETREAT REGISTRATION                  | HOTEL RESERVATION                                                    |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Early Bird Rate: \$150 until April 30 | Rooms: \$179 + tax per night, up to 4 people. Breakfast is included. |
| Regular Rate: \$175 through July 31   | Reservation Deadline: August 26                                      |
| Late Rate: \$200 through September 2  | Phone: 800.774.1500 972.712.7200                                     |

Seventh-day Adventist Church SOUTHWESTERN UNION Women's Ministries

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