

Pastor’s Page



Pastor Raul

Happy Sabbath, Church Family!

Few subjects touch the human heart as deeply as death. Most of us have stood beside a grave, sat in a hospital room, or received a phone call that changed life in an instant. When someone we love dies, we do not merely ask theological questions. We ask personal ones: Where are they? Are they conscious? Can they see us? Will we ever hold them again?

Our culture offers many different answers. Some believe the dead immediately enter heaven or hell. Others believe they remain near their loved ones, return as spirits, or begin another earthly life. Movies, traditions, and even churches often present conflicting ideas. But during moments of grief, we need something more dependable than speculation, emotion, or tradition. We need to know: What does the Bible really say?

Scripture describes death as a sleep—a state of unconscious rest while the person awaits the resurrection. Jesus used this language when speaking about Lazarus. He first told His disciples, “Our friend Lazarus sleeps,” and then explained plainly, “Lazarus is dead” (John 11:11-14). This truth is not intended to remove our grief. It protects our hope by placing it in the right event: the return of Jesus Christ and the resurrection of the dead.

Paul wrote to grieving believers, “I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope” (1 Thessalonians 4:13). Notice that Christians still sorrow. Faith does not make us emotionless, and hope does not make separation painless. We grieve—but we do not grieve without hope.

Our hope is that death does not have the final word. When Jesus returns, “the dead in Christ will rise first.” Graves will open. Families will be reunited. Bodies marked by age, sickness, and suffering will be raised incorruptible. The voice of Christ will awaken every believer who rests in Him.

This Sabbath, we will carefully examine what the Bible teaches about death, the condition of the dead, and the promise of resurrection. Whether you have questions, fears, or an empty place in your heart left by someone you miss, I invite you to listen to the promise of Jesus: “I am the resurrection and the life.”

For those who belong to Christ, death is real—but it is not permanent. The night of separation is coming to an end. Morning is coming, Jesus is returning, and those who sleep in Him will live again.

- Pastor Raul Alvarez

Sabbath Together

October 3, 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
- 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

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|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Prelude                                               | <i>Family of God</i>                                                                     | Congregation         |
| Welcome & Announcements                               |                                                                                          |                      |
| Pastor Raul                                           |                                                                                          |                      |
| Praise Songs                                          | <i>Oh Come To The Altar</i><br><i>Old Rugged Cross</i><br><i>It Is Well With My Soul</i> | Hymn 159<br>Hymn 530 |
| Children's Story                                      |                                                                                          |                      |
| Smiley Verastegui                                     |                                                                                          |                      |
| <i>Lamb's Offering will benefit: LJA</i>              |                                                                                          |                      |
| Praise in Giving                                      | <i>Local Church Budget</i>                                                               | Elder Bim Paez       |
| ~~~ All tithe and offerings received at this time ~~~ |                                                                                          |                      |
| Offering Response                                     | Hymn 694                                                                                 |                      |
| <i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>        |                                                                                          |                      |
| Song of Prayer                                        | <i>A Quiet Place</i>                                                                     | Hymn 503             |
| Circle of Prayer                                      |                                                                                          |                      |
| Clever Mukombe                                        |                                                                                          |                      |
| Song of Response                                      | <i>Hear Our Prayer, O Lord</i>                                                           | Hymn 684             |
| Scripture Reading                                     | <i>I Thessalonians 4:13-18</i>                                                           | Ethan Castro         |
| Special Music                                         |                                                                                          |                      |
| Naane Richemond                                       |                                                                                          |                      |
| Sermon                                                | <i>What Does the Bible Really Say?</i><br><i>What Really Happens When We Die?</i>        | Pastor Raul          |
| Closing Song                                          |                                                                                          |                      |
| Hymn 251                                              |                                                                                          |                      |
| Closing Prayer                                        |                                                                                          |                      |
| Elder Bim Paez                                        |                                                                                          |                      |

- Pianist: Pastor Raul & Elijah Asamoah
- Praise Leader: Naane Richemond
- Praise Team: Naane & Nikki
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- Speaker Next Week: Pastor Raul
- Offering Next Week: Union (Designated)
- Greeters Next Week:
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- Attendance Last Week: 196
- Elder for October: Bim Paez
- Today’s Greeters: Andreanna Davila

How To Reach Us

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**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



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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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