

Pastor’s Page



Pastor Raul

Happy Sabbath, Church Family!

Few biblical subjects have produced as much fear, confusion, and misunderstanding as hell. Many people have been taught that God keeps the lost alive throughout eternity so they can experience unending conscious torment. For some, this teaching has become a reason to fear God. For others, it has become the reason they cannot believe in Him at all.

The question is both theological and deeply personal: Would a loving God burn people forever?

We should not answer that question by removing God’s justice from the Bible. Scripture clearly teaches that sin has consequences, a final judgment is coming, and evil will not continue forever. God takes human choices seriously, and there will ultimately be a separation between those who accept His salvation and those who persistently reject it.

However, we must also ask whether the traditional picture of everlasting conscious torment accurately represents what Scripture teaches. Does the Bible say the lost will live forever in flames, or does it say they will finally perish? Is the punishment an eternal process that never ends, or an irreversible judgment whose results will last forever?

The Bible declares that “the wages of sin is death,” not eternal life in suffering. Jesus said that God gave His Son so that whoever believes in Him “should not perish but have everlasting life.” According to that familiar promise, everlasting life belongs to those who receive Christ. The alternative is not everlasting life in another location—it is perishing.

This Sabbath, we will examine passages about the lake of fire, “eternal fire,” “everlasting punishment,” the smoke that rises forever, and the story of the rich man and Lazarus. We will allow Scripture to explain Scripture as we seek to understand both God’s justice and His character.

The final destruction of sin is not an act of cruelty from an angry God. It is God’s decisive act to end rebellion, suffering, violence, disease, and death forever. The fire of judgment does not preserve evil throughout eternity; it removes evil so God can create a world in which pain will never return.

God does not delight in anyone’s destruction. Through Jesus Christ, He has done everything love can do to save us without taking away our freedom to choose.

I invite you to come with your questions, bring your Bible, and listen with an open heart. We are not asking what tradition says or what fear imagines. Together, we will ask: What does the Bible really say?

-Pastor Raul Alvarez

Sabbath Together

October 10, 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

Prelude	Family of God	Congregation
Welcome & Announcements		Pastor Raul
Praise Song	We Know Not The Hour	Hymn 604
Baptism	Alvaro Lopez Velasco	Pastor Raul
Praise Song	Leaning On The Everlasting Arms	Hymn 469
Children’s Story	Jesus Loves Me	Archel Burda
	Lamb’s Offering will benefit: Church Landscaping	
Praise in Giving	Union (Designated)	Van Brofas
	~ ~ ~ All tithe and offerings received at this time ~ ~ ~	
Offering Response		Hymn 694
	Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow	
Song of Prayer	Now Dear Lord As We Pray	Hymn 671
Circle of Prayer		Philip Mainda
Song of Response	Hear Our Prayer, O Lord	Hymn 684
Scripture Reading	Malachi 4:1-3	Mateo Reyes
Special Music		Siobhan Davis
Sermon Series	What Does the Bible Really Say?	Pastor Raul
	Would a Loving God Burn People Forever?	
Closing Song	In A Little While We’re Going Home	Hymn 626
Closing Prayer		Elder Bim Paez

Pianist: Elijah Asamoah
Praise Leader: Nikki Marpa
Praise Team: Almie, Laura, Nikki, Naane
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Speaker Next Week: Julieto Gonzales  
Filipino Convocation  
Offering Next Week: Local Church Budget  
Greeters Next Week:  
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Attendance Last Week: 208
Elder for October: Bim Paez
Today’s Greeters:

How To Reach Us

Pastor Raul Alvarez	806.793.8614
Board of Elders:	
Glenn Blake, Head Elder	806.793.8614
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Lubbock Junior Academy	806.795.4481
Adventist Book Center - Texas	800.333.1844
Texico Conference Office	505.244.1611
Conference website:	http://www.texico.org/

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

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

2026 ENDS ON

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026

2:00 A.M.

1:00 A.M.



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, School Teachers and Local Church Ministry Leaders

- ◆ Andi Nunez (Total Healing)
- ◆ Linda Sigala (Total Healing)

- ◆ FLOOD & WAR VICTIMS
- ◆ TORNADO VICTIMS
- ◆ EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS
- ◆ SHOOTING VICTIMS

- ◆ Unspoken prayer requests Healing, finances and families

- ◆ Joe Castillo (Total Healing)

- ◆ Jodeanna Castro (Healing-Covid)

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!

10/10/2026

The Joy and Blessing of the Sabbath

Concludes Today at 7:19pm

Begins next Friday at 7:12pm

Lubbock Junior Academy



Accepting Pre-K Ages 4 & 5;
1st-2nd Grade Students for
2026-2027 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

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## CHURCH FINANCES AT A GLANCE

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|--------------|------------------------|------------------------|--|
|              | This Year<br>(Jan-Oct) | Last Year<br>(Jan-Oct) |  |
| October 2026 | YTD 2026               | YTD 2025               |  |
| \$3,141      | \$271,413              | \$244,403              |  |

## CHURCH OPERATING EXPENSES

|              | Required | Received | + or (-)  |
|--------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| October 2026 | \$18,455 | \$2,958  | \$-15,497 |

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

Elder's Meeting: 5PM

Finance Committee Meeting: 6PM

Church Board Meeting: Conference Center 6:30PM

## Events This Week

Stewardship In Action: October 11 10AM-3PM

LJA Popcorn Fundraiser Deadline: October 13 Please turn in orders and money to Jan, Cindy, or Bim

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

Wednesday Night Crochet Class: Join us every week in Classroom I 6PM

## Upcoming Events

Filipino Convocation: October 16-18



The Giving Table: October 22 Fellowship Hall 6:30-7:30PM

Children's Church: October 24 Conference Center 11:30AM

Stewardship In Action: October 27 6PM-8PM

Daylight Savings Time: November 1 @ 2AM

Men's Breakfast: November 1 Golden Corral 9AM

Lubbock SDA Church Evangelistic Meetings: Arturo Quintero  
Nov. 6-8 (details coming soon)

# 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.

We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today.

Do you have High Blood Pressure?

Join us at the Giving Table

High BP friendly

**FREE MEAL**

**GIFT CARD RAFFLE!**

**OCTOBER 22ND, 2026**

**WHAT SO COOL ABOUT THIS EVENT OTHER THAN FREE FOOD?**

- FREE BLOOD PRESSURE TIPS AND CHECK
- A SHORT DEMO TEACHING YOU HOW TO MAKE THE MEAL
- QUICK PRESENTATION ABOUT HEALTHY NUTRITION
- COMMUNITY!

**WHAT'S INCLUDED:**

- ✓ LENTIL SOUP
- ✓ A NUTRITIOUS SALAD
- ✓ QUINOA

**EVENT LOCATION**

LUBBOCK SDA CHURCH

**EVENT TIME**

- Blood Pressure Checks 5:15pm
- Dinner: 6:30pm-7:30pm

**RSVP by OCTOBER 20TH AT MIDNIGHT**

**THE GIVING TABLE**

Sharing food, Building Community, Nourishing Lives

For More Information Contact Sandra Caballero (806) 329-8626 3300 Elgin Ave Lubbock, Tx 79413

THERE IS  
always, always, always,  
SOMETHING TO BE  
GRATEFUL FOR.

— Rhonda Byrne