

Pastor’s Page



Pastor Raul

Happy Sabbath, church family!

Today we continue our sermon series, “What Does the Bible Really Say?” In the first message, we asked, “What Is Truth?” We discovered that God has not left us to create our own truth. He has revealed truth through Jesus Christ and His written Word. Today, we will allow that Word to answer another important question: Do the Ten Commandments still matter?

We live in a society that values personal freedom and frequently resists authority. Many people believe that right and wrong should be determined by personal feelings, cultural acceptance, or individual circumstances. Even among Christians, there is disagreement about God’s law. Some believe the Ten Commandments remain the moral standard for Christian living. Others believe they became irrelevant when Jesus died on the cross.

What does the Bible really say?

The Ten Commandments were never presented as a way for sinners to earn salvation. Before God gave Israel His commandments, He reminded them, “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.” God delivered them before He instructed them. Grace came before the law.

Israel did not obey so that God would rescue them from Egypt; they were invited to obey because He had already rescued them. In the same way, Christians do not obey God to earn salvation. We obey because Jesus has saved us and because we love Him.

God’s law reveals His character and protects our relationships. The first commandments teach us how to love God, while the remaining commandments teach us how to love one another. A world without idolatry, dishonesty, adultery, murder, theft, and greed would not be a world without freedom. It would be a world filled with love, faithfulness, safety, and peace.

At the same time, the commandments cannot forgive our sins or transform our hearts. Like a mirror, God’s law reveals what is wrong, but only Jesus can cleanse us. The law shows us our need; the gospel shows us our Savior.

Jesus did not come to abolish God’s law. He came to fulfill it, reveal its deepest meaning, and write its principles of love upon our hearts.

Today, let us listen with humility and ask: Is God’s law merely a religious restriction, or is it a loving gift from our Creator? May the Holy Spirit help us understand that obedience is not the price of salvation—it is the response of a heart that has been saved by grace.

—Pastor Raul Alvarez

Sabbath Together

September 12, 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 Songs **We Gather Together Under His Wings** Hymn 8
Hymn 529

Children’s Story Archel Burda
Lamb’s Offering will benefit: Church Landscaping

Praise in Giving **World Budget** James Pauda
~ ~ ~ All tithe and offerings received at this time ~ ~ ~

Offering Response Hymn 694
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Song of Prayer **Cares Chorus**

Circle of Prayer Elder Ben Caballero

Song of Response **Hear Our Prayer Oh Lord** Hymn 684

Scripture Reading **Matthew 5:17-20** Sandra Caballero

Special Music Akkoy, Almai, Ethan, Keon

Sermon Series **What Does the Bible Really Say? Do the Ten Commandments Still Matter?** Pastor Raul

Closing Song **Trust and Obey** Hymn 590

Closing Prayer Elder Ben Caballero

Pianist: Joy Ramos
Praise Leader: Elder Bim Paez
Praise Team: Bim, Mai, Lilette, Karen, Ivan, Kathlyn
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Speaker Next Week: Pastor Raul
Offering Next Week: Local Church Budget
Greeters Next Week: Jessica & Mia Rios
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Attendance Last Week: 234
Elder for September: Ben Caballero
Today’s Greeters: Jose & Yolanda Garcia

How To Reach Us

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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
Pastor American Overseas
Ministerial Spouse
Associate Director

SPANISH SPEAKER
NESSY P. GRIEVE
La Vie del 21 Ministra
Associate Director

Scan QR Code to REGISTER

RETREAT REGISTRATION

Early Bird Rate: \$150
until April 30

Regular Rate: \$175
through July 31

Late Rate: \$200
through September 2

HOTEL RESERVATION

Rooms: \$179 + tax
per night, up to 4 people.
Breakfast is included.

Reservation Deadline:
August 26

Phone: 800.774.1500
972.712.7200

Seventh-day Adventist Church
SOUTHWESTERN UNION

Women's MINISTRIES

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, School Teachers and Local Church Ministry Leaders
- ♦ Joe Castillo (Total Healing)
♦ Jodeanna Castro (Healing-Covid)
♦ Linda Sigala (Total Healing)
- ♦ 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!
09/12/2026

The Joy and Blessing of the Sabbath

Concludes Today at 7:57pm
Begins next Friday at 7:49pm

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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|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| August 2026 | This Year (Jan-Aug) YTD 2026 | Last Year (Jan-Aug) YTD 2025 |
| \$16,866    | \$213,004                    | \$201,123                    |

| CHURCH OPERATING EXPENSES |          |          |           |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| August 2026               | Required | Received | + or (-)  |
|                           | \$18,455 | \$6,920  | \$-11,535 |

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

The Giving Table: September 16 6-8PM Fellowship Hall

Wednesday Night Bible Study: Amazing Facts Bible Studies  
Cancelled-Will resume September 23 @ 6PM

Wednesday Night Crochet Class:  
Cancelled-Will resume September 23 @ 6PM

Direct to You: September 17 order online by 6PM or 800-333-1844

Direct 2 You



Only a \$10  
Delivery  
Charge

Need books or food from the Adventist Book Center?  
D2U will deliver your order direct to our church parking lot on September 23 from 11:30-12:00

Please be sure to be here for pick up.

Visit [www.abckeene.com](http://www.abckeene.com) for the Food list (copy is in the foyer) and monthly sales.

YOU ONLY NEED TO PLACE YOUR ORDER BY 6:00PM ON SEPTEMBER 17 -BY PHONE (1-800-333-1844)

Please note that emailed orders are not accepted."

# 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.

## THE GIVING TABLE

A Meal. A Moment. A Ministry.

Wednesday, September 16 | 6:30–7:30 p.m. @ the Fellowship Hall

The Health Ministry is excited to launch our first outreach project, **The Giving Table**, welcoming college students for an evening of food, fellowship, encouragement, and practical health tips.

- Spaghetti • Salad • Garlic Bread
- Goodie Bags & Uplifting Literature
- Fellowship & Encouragement

Want to Help?

Monetary donations are welcome. Please mark your tithe envelope “Health Ministries” or “The Giving Table.” Thank you for helping us create a table where young adults feel welcomed, valued, and cared for. Let’s come together and make a difference: one meal, one conversation, and one person at a time!

## CHURCH BOARD RECOMMENDATION:

First Reading:  
for  
Yolanda Garcia  
to serve as  
Social Leader