

Pastor’s Page



Pastor Raul

Hello Church Family,

Throughout this sermon series, we have explored several important questions: *What if we’ve been wrong? What if God is silent? What if God says no? What if you’re one step away?* Each question has challenged us to trust God more deeply and to walk by faith rather than by sight.

This Sabbath, we conclude our series with perhaps the most significant question of all:

What if Jesus came today?

For many Christians, conversations about Christ’s return often focus on current events, prophetic timelines, or signs of the times. While the Bible certainly encourages us to recognize the signs, Jesus consistently placed the greatest emphasis somewhere else, not on calculating the date of His return, but on cultivating hearts that are ready whenever He comes.

In Luke 12:35–40, Jesus paints a beautiful picture of servants waiting expectantly for their master’s return. They remain dressed, their lamps are burning, and they are prepared to open the door immediately when they hear His knock. Their readiness is not driven by fear but by love, expectancy, and faithfulness.

That same invitation is extended to us today.

Readiness for Christ’s return is not merely about knowing prophetic events or understanding biblical doctrine, important as those are. It is about living each day in a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. It is about allowing Him to shape our character, strengthen our faith, and transform our hearts so that His return becomes the fulfillment of our greatest hope.

If Jesus came today, would His arrival interrupt our plans, or would it fulfill our deepest longing?

As Seventh-day Adventists, we proclaim the blessed hope of Christ’s soon return. Yet that hope is not simply a doctrine we defend, it is a promise that transforms the way we live today. Every act of faithfulness, every moment of obedience, every expression of love, and every opportunity to share the gospel becomes preparation for that glorious day.

I invite you to join us this Sabbath as we conclude our *What If...?* series and reflect together on Christ’s wonderful promise. May we leave with renewed confidence, joyful expectation, and hearts fully prepared to meet our coming King.

“Even so, come, Lord Jesus!” (Revelation 22:20).

Pastor Raul Alvarez

Sabbath Together

August 1, 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	Family of God	Congregation
Welcome & Announcements		Pastor Raul
Praise Songs	Oh, How I Love Jesus I Would Draw Nearer To Jesus	Hymn 248 Hymn 310
Children’s Story	<i>Lamb’s Offering will benefit: LJA</i>	Archel Burda
Praise in Giving	Local Church Budget <i>~ ~ ~ All tithe and offerings received at this time ~ ~ ~</i>	Cindy Riley
Offering Response	Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow	Hymn 694
Song of Prayer	Like Jesus	Hymn 492
Circle of Prayer		Jose Garcia
Song of Response	Hear Our Prayer Oh Lord	Hymn 684
Scripture Reading	Luke 12:35-36	Holly Cooper
Special Music		Gilas Brofas
Sermon Series	"What If...?" What If Jesus Came Today?	Pastor Raul
Closing Song	Open My Eyes That I May See	Hymn 326
Closing Prayer	Pianist: Joy Ramos Praise Leader: Laura Garcia Praise Team: Ianthe, Ethan, Naane, Laura ~~~~~ Speaker Next Week: Pastor Raul Offering Next Week: Christian Record Services Greeter Next Week: Cristy Tygart & Dagmar Toussaint ~~~~~ Attendance Last Week: 169 Elder for July: Smiley Verastegui Today’s Greeter: Nehemie Gervais & Elizabeth Verastegui	

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**CHURCH BOARD RECOMMENDATION:
MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS**

**Second Reading
For
Angeles Ortiz**

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

To: Lubbock Seventh-day Adventist Church

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, 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 (Surgery on 08/06)
♦ Louie Arrasola (Elizabeths cousin-Peace and Direction)

♦ FLOOD & WAR VICTIMS
♦ TORNADO VICTIMS
♦ EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS
♦ SHOOTING VICTIMS

♦ Unspoken prayer requests

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!

08/01/2026

The Joy and Blessing of the Sabbath

Concludes Today at 8:48pm

Begins next Friday at 8:43pm

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

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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 (Jan-July)	Last Year (Jan-July)	
July 2026	YTD 2026	YTD 2025	
\$18,243	\$193,763	\$176,798	

CHURCH OPERATING EXPENSES			
	Required	Received	+ or (-)
July 2026	\$18,455	\$11,202	\$-7,253

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

Church Cleaning Committee: Meet in the Conference Center immediately following the service

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 1 @ 6PM

Upcoming Events

Children’s Church: Aug. 8 Conference Center 11:30AM

Health Ministries Meeting: Aug. 8 Fellowship Hall immediately following the service

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

Texico Conference Convocation: Aug. 28-29 Corrales, NM

All Church Potluck: Aug. 29 Fellowship Hall

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

If you signed up to help with the Church Spring Cleaning , please meet in the Conference Center immediately following the service today.

We will briefly go over the purpose, plan and process.

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.



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