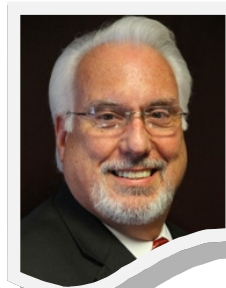


## Pastor's Page

Pastor Phil Robertson



We have all experienced a number of Christmas seasons in our lives and these experiences will likely vary from person to person. I have very vivid and powerful memories of some special Christmas celebrations over the years and, without exception, the best memories are centered around family times as we have shared the story of Jesus.

Kathie's dad was an amazing father with a passion for drawing his family into the importance of various events, and Christmas was no exception. He modeled a ministry focus with his children, their spouses and, eventually with his grandchildren. Family get togethers always included sharing time with people who were experiencing challenges or illness. We sang for folks, we shared worship services together and, most of all, we reminded each other that Jesus loved people and it is our privilege to love people too.

At Christmastime we would invest significant time in discussions, plays, songs and other creative activities as we told, and retold, the story of Jesus and how He had become one of us. That whole idea is rather amazing, really almost unbelievable that Divinity would become clothed in humanity and then experience life on earth in the context of the current events and culture. To think of that being true, to consider why and how it could all happen, and then to imagine what the actual sights, sounds and smells of those experiences might have been like, challenges even the greatest imaginations.

The first couple of chapters of the Book of Luke are packed with profound insights to help us understand what our finite minds can comprehend of this, the 'greatest story ever told'. This week we will unpack a bit of the experience of Mary, the young girl who was chosen to be the Mother of the Messiah. Together we will share some of the wonder of what it may have been like to be her and how she is, very likely, an illustration of perhaps the greatest response of faith we have ever seen. What an unlikely choice she was, or was she?

And so, we ask today, "Mary, did you know, did you?"

Pastor Phil

### Scripture:

Luke 2:19 (NIV)

<sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

## Sabbath Together

December 19, 2020

### Sabbath School 9:30 AM

#### Adult Classrooms:

Traditional Quarterly via Zoom, To join,  
Contact Debbie Galloway at 806.777.6604  
Classroom 20 - Spanish Sabbath School  
Conference Center - Bible Study - David Rendon  
Youth Lounge - Young Adult 18-35 - Hans Burda & Daniel Davis

#### Birth-High School Classes:

Cradle Roll - Birth to 3: Classroom 3  
Kindergarten - Age 4 through 1st Grade: Classroom 4  
Primary - Grades 2-5: Classroom 2  
Juniors - Grades 5-8: Classroom 7  
High-School - Grades 9-12: Classroom 9  
Classrooms are on the North, South & West Halls

### Sabbath Worship Service 11:00 AM

|                   |   |                |
|-------------------|---|----------------|
| Welcome           |   | Pastor Phil    |
| Call To Worship   | <i>We Have This Hope</i>  | Hymn 214       |
| Invocation        |   | Pastor Phil    |
| Opening Hymn      | <i>He Lives</i>   | Hymn 251       |
| Children's Story  |   | Ethan Burda    |
|                   | <i>The Lamb's offering will benefit our LJA operating expense</i>         |                |
|                   | <b>All children ages 5-14 invited to Children's Church</b>                |                |
|                   | <b>in the Conference Center - Parental permission is requested</b>        |                |
| Praise In Giving  | Church Budget   | Alex Seguin    |
|                   | <i>~ ~ ~ All Tithe and all offerings also received at this time ~ ~ ~</i> |                |
| Offering Response |   | Hymn 694       |
|                   | <i>Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>                           |                |
| Song of Prayer    | <i>I Must Tell Jesus</i>  | Hymn 485       |
| Circle of Prayer  |   | Pastor Phil    |
| Song of Response  | <i>Hear Our Prayer, O Lord</i>  | Hymn 684       |
| Message in Song   |   | Moreno Sisters |
| Message           | <b>Mary, Did You Know?</b>  | Pastor Phil    |
|                   | Scripture: Luke 2:16-20 (NIV)   |                |
| Benediction       |   | Pastor Phil    |

#### Praise Leader & Pianist: Robert Plant, II

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#### Offering Next Week: Texico Ministries

Next Week: Grace Notes Ten-Year Anniversary  
Elder LeeRoy Chacon  
Attendance Last Week: 122

Elder of Month of December: Melwin "Bim" Paez  
Deacon in Charge: David Riley

Today's Greeter: Ed Thorne

## How To Reach Us

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Phil Robertson, Interim Pastor                  | 817.559.0390   |
| <u>Board of Elders:</u>                         |  |
| Robert Plant, II, Chair                         | 806.441.1090   |
| Luis Moreno                                     | 956.999.3666   |
| Jose Orellana                                   | 817.709.4068   |
| Melwin "Bim" Paez                               | 240.460.7923   |
| Ed Thorne                                       | 806.535.4300   |
| Cindy Riley, Treasurer                          | 806.928.9713   |
| David Riley, Chair, Board of Deacons            | 806.577.2990   |
| Michele Crawford, Chair, Board of Deaconess     | 970.901.0987   |
| Kathy Flyger, Church Event/Building Coordinator | 806.535.7770   |
| Church Office                                   | 806.793.8614   |
| Church FAX                                      | 806.799.5136   |
| Church Email Address                            | <a href="mailto:lubbockadventist@sbcglobal.net">lubbockadventist@sbcglobal.net</a> |
| Church Website:                                 | <a href="http://www.lubbockadventist.org">http://www.lubbockadventist.org</a>      |
| Marybel Orellana; LJA Principal/Teacher         | 817.709.3965   |
| Lubbock Junior Academy                          | 806.795.4481   |
| Dorthy Tubbs, LVN, Health Ministry Director     | 806.544.2435   |
| Adventist Book Center - Texas                   | 800.333.1844   |
| Texico Conference Office                        | 1.505.244.1611   |

### Celebrating Jesus. Sacrificing and Giving

Just over 2,000 years ago, the angel of the Lord descended and announced to a group of shepherds that Christ the Lord, the Savior, was born. Then a multitude of angels praised God and called for peace on Earth and goodwill toward men. Two millennia later it seems we have made little progress in achieving peace on Earth. In fact, most would agree that we have regressed. While Christmas carols play in shopping malls, car radios, and churches across North America, our world is being choked by senseless violence and hatred. It is so easy to be caught up in the joyous side of Christmas - office and school parties, gift shopping, tree decorating - that we forget about our brothers and sisters who are suffering.

This Christmas, let us be inspired by the great sacrifice God made, sending His only Son as a baby to this sinful world so that every single person could be saved. Let us follow His example and reach out to those in need this holiday season with kindness and charity. Let us do what we can in our own communities to help bring about harmony. Let us praise God, saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth peace, goodwill toward men."

Julio Muñoz, associate director,  
NAD Office of Communication  
December, 2014

### Lubbock Seventh-day Adventist Church Sabbath Morning Messages

are now available on line:

Go to: You Tube

[bit.ly/LubbockTexico](http://bit.ly/LubbockTexico)

Available to watch at your convenience

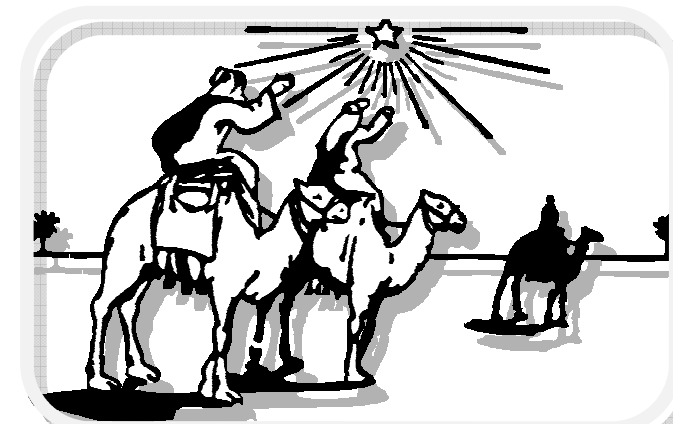


# LUBBOCK

## SEVENTH-DAY

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## CHURCH



### Wise Men still seek Him

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Lubbock, Texas 79413  
806.793.8614

Website: <http://www.lubbockadventist.org>

## Prayer Requests

### ► CHURCH FINANCES

(for God's continual Leading as church and LJA projects are funded)

◆ **Our President, Leaders of our country, Leaders of our Church and Conferences, our Pastor, Elders, School Teachers and Local Church Ministry Leaders**

◆ **All Disaster Victims - EARTHQUAKES, RIOTS, PROTESTS, FIRES & FLOODS**

◆ Robert Aldridge (continued healing from Stroke)

◆ Mary Blake (Restored Health)

◆ John Brown (continued healing)

◆ Torey Brumfield (healing)

◆ Donna Cartwright (health)

◆ Joe Castillo (family health)

◆ Jerry Castro (health/healing)

◆ Karen & Juan Contreras (healing from accident)

◆ Darty family (comfort)

◆ Denise Downing (Divine Healing)

◆ Johnson Fung (miraculous healing)

◆ Veronica Garcia's Dad (Covid)

◆ Luis Moreno's Father (healing)

◆ Entire Murphree-Duncan family (all battling COVID)

◆ Jennifer Petty (restored health)

◆ Tammy-Allen Reed (Healing)

◆ Cindy Riley's cousin "Tim" (continued healing)

◆ Joanne Rodriguez (Covid)

◆ Jake Sexton (continued healing)

◆ Esther "Dolly" Slaughter (healing fm hip surgery)

◆ Aaron Tygart (healing, both Spiritual & Physical)

◆ Rebecca Walker's Dad (Covid)

◆ **Unspoken** prayer requests Healing, finances and families.

◆ **Pray for Christ's followers who are being persecuted and/or killed for their faith world wide.**

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

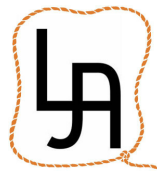
*(Optional)*

*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!*

12/19/20

## Lubbock Junior Academy . . .



### Recruiting K-8 students for 2020-2021 School year

Student Handbook & Applications are available at the school or church office.

### Lubbock Junior Academy

School Mission Statement

*Building A Better World ~ One Child at a time*

Please feel free to contact:

**Marybel Orellana, M.Ed., Principal/Teacher, 5-8**

**Email:** morellana@texico.org

**Phone or Text** 817.709.3965 **School** 806.795.4481

**Melwin "Bim" Paez, Teacher, Grades K-4**

**Phone or Text** 240.460.7923

Robert Plant, II - School Board Chair, 806.441.1090

Cindy Riley, Treasurer, 806.928.9713

or the Church Office, 806.793.8614

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### CHURCH ROOF LOAN

| 2019      | Payment  | Received |           |
|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Jan-Dec   | \$42,528 | \$43,443 | \$1,431   |
| 2020      |          |          |           |
| Jan-June  | \$21,264 | \$27,404 | \$6,140   |
| July-Sept | \$10,632 | \$12,148 | \$1,516   |
| October   | \$3,544  | \$ 4,921 | \$1,377   |
| November  | \$3,544  | \$ 3,704 | \$ 160    |
| December  | \$3,544  | \$ 2,168 | (\$1,376) |

We need to stay a month ahead at all times, as the payment is drafted from our bank account on the 10th of each month.

### CHURCH FINANCES AT A GLANCE

|               | TITHE               |                     |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|               | This Year (Jan-Nov) | Last Year (Jan-Nov) |
| November 2020 | YTD 2020            | YTD 2019            |
| \$23,402      | \$253,720           | \$254,933           |

|               | CHURCH BUDGET |          |         |
|---------------|---------------|----------|---------|
|               | Required      | Received | Need    |
| December 2020 | \$13,130      | \$6,828  | \$6,302 |

|                    | ROOF LOAN       |                    |
|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
|                    | (15-Year Note)  |                    |
| Original Roof Loan | Monthly Payment | Balance 11/30/2020 |
| \$420,000          | \$3,544/month   | \$284,131          |

*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 the Church Budget.*

*For your convenience, there is also a link for on-line giving, <http://www.lubbockadventist.org>*

~ ~ Thank You For Remembering our Church Expenses ~ ~

A total of \$13,130 is required monthly for every ministry to be fully funded.

## Events This Week

Sunday - December 20  
2:30pm - Ladies Prayer Group - Via Zoom

LJA Christmas Break - Monday, December 21 through Sunday, January 3

Wednesday - December 23  
7:00pm - Mid-week Prayer & Bible Study

Friday - December 25 - Christmas Day  
5:45pm - the Joy of the Sabbath begins.  
7:00pm - Prayer Warriors - Classroom I



## Upcoming Events

**Adult Sabbath School Class** (Traditional Quarterly) will be meeting Via ZOOM at 9:30am, Sabbath mornings through January 9, 2021. To join, contact Debbie Galloway at 806.777.3015 for the required link.

**LJA Christmas Break**  
December 21 to January 3, 2021

**GRACE NOTES - 10-Year Anniversary!**  
Sabbath, December, 26, 2020.

**Family Sabbath School Schedule:**  
(Formerly: Corporate Sabbath School)  
For the enjoyment of Junior through Adults, at 9:30am, December 26: Archel Burda

**Men's Breakfast** - Sunday, January 3, 9:00am  
All men are invited to meet at Lubbock Breakfast House

**Children's Church - Sabbath**, January 9, following the Children's Story in the Conference Center

**Ronald McDonald House** - Saturday, January 9, 5:30pm.  
Men's Ministry will provide the evening meal for the residents of the Ronald McDonald House.  
Contact David Riley at 806.577.2990 to volunteer food.

**Weekly Pathfinder Club Meetings** will resume Sunday, January 10, in the Conference Center.

**Texico Winter Campout** - in New Mexico the weekend of January 15-17 for "teens & above"

**Martin Luther King Day**  
Monday, January 18 - LJA Holiday

## 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.

## Today's Events

**9:30am Discipleship Class** - Classroom 14  
Facilitated by Philip Minda

**9:30am - Sabbath School Classes**

**11:00am - Divine Worship Service** - Worship Center  
*(Worship Service will be streamed via Facebook-Live)*

**11:00am - Spanish Divine Worship Service** - Classroom 20

**2:00pm - Pathfinder PBE** - Classroom 7

**3-4:00pm - Zoom Bible Study "Book of Jonah"**  
This study is open to all who would like to study. Contact Anita McChesney (574)514.9495 for the required Zoom connection ID.

**7:30pm - Young Adult Ministry** - Youth Lounge  
This 18-35 age group meets weekly.  
Masks suggested to make everyone feel comfy

**The Joy and Blessing of the Sabbath Concludes today at 5:42pm**  
**Begins next Friday at 5:45pm**

