

Pastor's Page

Pastor Phil Robertson



As we continue to explore the stories that Jesus told it is interesting to note just how many of them begin with the words, "the kingdom of Heaven is like...." The things that Jesus was talking about day after day sounded somewhat familiar but oh, so very different at the same time.

His listeners had a very good understanding of life as they were experiencing it in the Jewish culture and the Roman rules. Jesus also understood that, when all the expectations that had been levied on the people were tallied, the burden of their required behavior was exhausting.

Yes, Jesus well knew how overwhelmed the people felt. They might as well have been robots just going through the motions throughout their lives. And as He pronounced the lessons that He had come to share, His messages were simple, and yet sometimes they could also be a bit confusing. That's the way it is with parables, sometimes He taught through the use of parables and sometimes the parables were used to compare and contrast His words with their understanding.

And, in the midst of the ridiculous rituals and rules, Jesus lifted the sights of the people to the 'kingdom of Heaven'. The concept of a kingdom was very important to the people. Their anticipation was that the Messiah would work to establish a kingdom, a ruling power, a government, to organize, support, and facilitate the long-awaited return to the life and times of their kings.

Yet, when we talk about Heaven today, we don't often think of it as a kingdom. But in those sessions on the hillside, the people were fixated on the importance of a kingdom. They even got a bit forceful with Jesus after they witnessed what He did with a few loaves of bread and a couple of fish. Surely He was the promised Messiah, and surely He would understand that they were 'way past ready' to overthrow the Romans so the Israelite Nation could return to prominence.

Jesus could have established an earthly kingdom, but He was more concerned about the desperate need of His people to be set free to experience the Heavenly kingdom in all of its fullness, splendor, peace, and beauty. Yes, that kingdom seemed to be very prominent in the stories of Jesus, as well it should be. After all, that's the kingdom that He wants to share with all of us, forever!

Warmly,
Pastor Phil, Interim Pastor

Sabbath Together

April 17, 2021

Sabbath School 9:30 AM

Adult Classrooms:

Classroom 1 - *Traditional Quarterly*
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 First 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

For directions, see posted floor plan or ask the Greeters for assistance.

Sabbath Worship Service 11:00 AM

Welcome		Pastor Phil
Call To Worship	<i>We Have This Hope</i>	Hymn 214
Baptism	Justin Eustace	Pastor Phil
Hymn of Praise	<i>Jesus is Coming Again</i>	Hymn 216
Children's Story		Jan Yates
	<i>The Lamb's Offering will benefit LJA Worthy Student</i>	
Praise in Giving	Church Budget	Gretn Marpa
	<i>Regular tithe and 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 Need Thee Every Hour</i>	Hymn 487
Circle of Prayer		Pastor Phil
Song of Response	<i>Hear Our Prayer, O Lord</i>	Hymn 684
Message in Song	<i>My Soul Has Been Anchored</i>	Robert Plant, II
Message	"Stories of Jesus" Part 3 Matthew 20:1&2 & Matthew 22:2&3 (NIV)	Pastor Phil
Closing Song	<i>My Hope Is Built</i>	Hymn 522
Benediction		Pastor Phil

Praise Leader: Robert Plant, II

Pianist: Mikhail Johnson

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Speaker Next Week: Pastor Phil

Offering Next Week: Texico Ministries

Attendance Last Week: 140 + 113 on Facebook Live

Deacon in Charge: David Riley

Elder in Charge: Ed Thorne & Robert Plant, II

Today's Greeter: Ed Thorne

How To Reach Us

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Texico Conference Office	1.505.244.1611
Conference Website:	http://www.texico.org/

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## Chili Cook-Off

**ALSO FEATURING LJA STUDENTS  
SCIENCE FAIR EXHIBITS**

**Tomorrow, Sunday, April 18  
In the Fellowship Hall at 5:00pm**

Do you make the  
best chili around?  
Here's your chance  
to prove it!  
Entry fee:\$10

Everyone is invited  
and urged to attend

**Chili Cook-Off**

Prizes to be awarded for  
1st, 2nd and 3rd place  
and  
The People's Choice!

**Taste The Best !  
Come be the judge of the Best Chili!**

PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT:

**Lubbock Junior Academy**

SUGGESTED DONATION OF

\$5 per PERSON OR \$20 per FAMILY

ENTRY FEE WILL BE REFUNDED TO WINNERS!

SPECIAL FEATURE!

**LJA STUDENT SCIENCE FAIR EXHIBITS**

complete with their respective awards!



# 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 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 - COVID, EARTHQUAKES, RIOTS, PROTESTS, FIRES & FLOODS**

◆ Anonymous but very serious!

◆ Ann Aldridge - (healing)

◆ Robert Aldridge

(continued healing from Stroke)

◆ Tammy Allen-Reed (healing)

◆ Glenn Blake's Grandson (healing)

◆ Mary Blake (Restored Health)

◆ John Brown (continued healing)

◆ Donna Cartwright (healing)

◆ Ken Cartwright's 3 sons

Uncle & their Mother)

◆ Joe Castillo (family health)

◆ Jerry Castro (health/healing)

◆ Brittany Crawford (healing)

◆ Denise Downing (Divine Healing)

◆ Debra Murphree (death in family)

◆ Walter Murphree (healing)

◆ Daniel Narcisse (Lung Cancer)

◆ Jennifer Petty (restored health)

◆ Robert Plant, II (Praising God)

◆ Tammy-Allen Reed (Healing)

◆ Cindy Riley's brother "Chuck

Ness" & niece "Ally" COVID

◆ Pastor Phil's Mother & Sister

(healing)

◆ Esther "Dolly" Slaughter

(healing fm hip surgery)

◆ Aaron Tygart (healing, both

Spiritual & Physical)

◆ Smiley Verastegui -

(Restored eyesight)

◆ Kathy Yates (healing)

◆ **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: \_\_\_\_\_

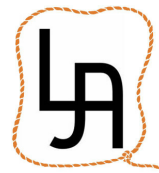
(Optional)

*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!*

4/17/21

## Lubbock Junior Academy . . .



### Recruiting K-9 students for 2021-2022 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 "Mr. 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-Dec | \$21,264 | \$31,356 | \$1,516   |
| 2021     |          |          |           |
| January  | \$3,544  | \$3,598  | \$54.00   |
| February | \$3,544  | \$3,329  | (\$215)   |
| March    | \$3,544  | \$4,079  | \$535     |
| April    | \$3,544  | \$1,503  | (\$2,041) |

### CHURCH FINANCES AT A GLANCE

| TITHE      |                                |                                |
|------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| March 2021 | This Year (Jan-March) YTD 2021 | Last Year (Jan-March) YTD 2020 |
| \$27,142   | \$78,835                       | \$61,982                       |

| CHURCH BUDGET |          |          |         |
|---------------|----------|----------|---------|
| April 2021    | Required | Received | Need    |
|               | \$12,950 | \$7,156  | \$5,794 |

| ROOF LOAN (15-Year Note) |                 |                   |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Original Roof Loan       | Monthly Payment | Balance 3/31/2021 |
| \$420,000                | \$3,544/month   | \$263,654         |

*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 ~ . . . and for the sacrificial way you continue to give.*

## Events This Week

Sunday - April 18

2:30pm - Ladies Prayer Group - Via Zoom

5:00pm - Chili Cook-off - Fellowship Hall

Fundraiser for LJA - suggested donation of

\$5 per person or \$20/family of 4 or more.

Please come participate in the Chili Cook-off

and view the **SCIENCE FAIR** Exhibits

complete with their respective awards!

6:00pm - Finance Committee - Classroom I

7:00pm - Church Board - Conference Center

Monday-Friday - April 19

Wednesday - April 21

7:00pm - Mid-week Prayer & Bible Study

in the Conference Center

7:00pm - Spanish Mid-week Prayer Meeting

in Classroom I

Friday - April 23

7:30pm - Prayer Warriors - Classroom I

8:24pm - the Joy of the Sabbath begins.

## Upcoming Events

Children's Church - Sabbath, April 24, in the

Conference Center following the Children's Story

Women's Prayer Breakfast - Sunday, April 25,

10:00am, at Jan Yates home on the Patio, 4609 29th Street.

All women are invited and urged to attend.

Men's Breakfast - Sunday, May 2, 9:00am,

All men are invited to meet at:

Lubbock Breakfast House for breakfast & fellowship

LJA 8th-Grade Class Trip

Sunday through Tuesday, May 2-4

Ronald McDonald House - Saturday, May 8, 5:30pm.

All-Church Fellowship Potluck Lunch

To honor all 2021 Graduates K through PhD

Sabbath, May 15, following the Worship Service,

in the Fellowship Hall,

School Board - Sunday, May 16, 5:00pm

Classroom I

LJA Constituency Meeting

Sunday, May 16, 6:00pm in the Conference Center

## 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.

You may speak to the pastor, one of the elders at church or write

your request on a Card and drop it in the offering plate.

### The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

**"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner**

**who went out early in the morning to hire**

**workers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>He agreed to pay**

**them a denarius<sup>[a]</sup> for the day and sent them**

**into his vineyard. *Matthew 20:1&2 (NIV)***

**<sup>2</sup>"The kingdom of heaven is like a king who**

**who prepared a wedding banquet for his son.**

**He sent his servants to those who had been**

**invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but**

**they refused to come. *Matthew 22:2&3 (NIV)***

## Today's Events

9:30am - Sabbath School (Bible Study) for all ages

9:30am - Discipleship Class - Classroom 14

Facilitated by Philip Maida

11:00am - Divine Worship Service - Worship Center

(Worship Service will be streamed via Facebook-Live)

11:00am - Spanish Divine Worship Service -

Classroom 20

3-4:00pm - Zoom Bible Study: The Book of Job

This study is open to all who would like to study.

Contact Anita McChesney (574)514.9495.

7:30pm - Spanish Vesper Service - Classroom 20

7:30pm - Young Adult Ministry - Youth Lounge

This 18-35 age group meets weekly.

The Joy and Blessing of the Sabbath

Concludes today at 8:20pm

Begins next Friday at 8:24pm