

Pastor's Page

Pastor Phil Robertson



The Gospel writers record that Jesus begins most of His stories with words about a kingdom that was nothing like any the people had ever seen or heard of before. In Matthew's Gospel Jesus uses the phrase, *"the kingdom of Heaven is like"* 32 times as He teaches the people. Mark and Luke, however, record Jesus' use of this phrase only five times in both of their Gospels combined. It is generally agreed that the *'kingdom of Heaven'* in Matthew's account means the same thing as the *'kingdom of God'* in the others.

Regardless of the actual terminology that is used, we understand that Jesus is very intent on describing something that is like 'Breaking News', unlike anything else that His listeners would know about. And so, He told them stories of things they did know about to help describe something new. This kingdom He was talking about was very much 'other-worldly', something that extended even beyond this planet.

Commentators remind us that the use of the word 'kingdom' doesn't only relate to a 'realm', or territory, which a King controlled, but this expression could also be used to mean "rule". In this way, we understand that God is doing something, such as 'actively ruling', rather than just having a territory over which He is sovereign. Someone said it this way, 'The kingdom is something that happens rather than something that exists.'

This statement is really understood to mean that this kingdom of Heaven is very closely connected with the person, and the ministry of Jesus. And in this context, even though the language makes it sound like something that would happen in the future, Jesus confirms that it is truly about the 'present'. We remember His words in Matthew 4.17 at the very beginning of His ministry when He said 'the kingdom of Heaven is at hand.' And in Luke 17.21 Jesus said "the kingdom of God is in your midst". We can even imagine that He could have added "and this kingdom is all about Me."

This week, our study into the Stories of Jesus will take us to yet another of the parables that begins with this familiar phrase. And in this story we will yet again get the clear understanding that Jesus was anxious for all of us to remain focused everyday on that wonderful day when we will all experience His Kingdom in Heaven.

Warmly,
Pastor Phil, Interim Pastor

The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

22 Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ² "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. Matthew 22:1,2(NIV)

Sabbath Together

June 5, 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
Invocation		Mae Flores
Hymn of Praise	<i>Praise to the Lord</i>	Hymn 1
Children's Story		Archel Burda
	<i>The Lamb's Offering will benefit our Lubbock Junior Academy</i>	
Praise in Giving	Church Budget	Ed Thorne
	~ ~ ~ Regular tithe and offerings also received at this time ~ ~ ~	
Offertory		Almi Flores
Offering Response:		Hymn 694
	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	
Song of Prayer	<i>Cares Chorus</i>	Congregation
Circle of Prayer		Pastor Phil
Song of Response	<i>Hear Our Prayer, O Lord</i>	Hymn 684
Message in Song		Almi Flores
Message	Stories of Jesus - Part seven Matthew 22:1,2 (NIV)	Pastor Phil
Closing Song	<i>He Hideth My Soul</i>	Hymn 520
Benediction		Pastor Phil

Praise Leader: Mae Flores

Pianist: Akkoy Flores

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Speaker Next Week: Pastor Phil
"Stories of Jesus - Part eight"

Offering Next Week: "Women's Ministry"
Attendance Last Week: 112 + 101 on Facebook Live

Today's Greeters: Ana & Denise Moreno
Deacon in Charge: David Riley
Elder in Charge: Jose Orellana

How To Reach Us

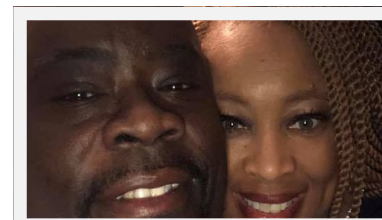
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Robert Plant, II, Chair	806.441.1090
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David Riley, Chair, Board of Deacons	806.577.2990
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Church Website	http://www.lubbockadventist.org
Marybel Orellana; LJA Principal/Teacher	817.709.3965
Lubbock Junior Academy	806.795.4481
Dorothy Tubbs, LVN, Health Ministry Director	806.544.2435
Adventist Book Center - Texas	800.333.1844
Texico Conference Office	1.505.244.1611
Conference Website:	http://www.texico.org/

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### Welcome Home Tammy & Jay "I have so much to thank God for"

Last Sabbath we saw a modern day miracle. After more than 5 months that were marked by a difficult treatment regimen, almost total isolation and worship services via Facebook live, Tammy walked out onto the platform to our surprise to minister to us through her gift of Music. What a thrill to hear the excited applause and the cries of joy as together we witnessed the miracle of healing and the faithfulness of God. What a wonderful blessing to be family and to know that we not only pray for one another in times of difficulty, we rejoice with one another in times of victory and happiness. Welcome Home Tammy and Jay, God is blessing all of us through you. Pastor Phil

"I have so much to thank God for. First that my husband and I have been able to spend time daily with bible study, we are going thru the entire Bible. Being able to have this time together has been a blessing to both of us.



I'm thankful that God provided while Jay was receiving unemployment and I was only receiving 65% of my pay. We were able to pay our tithes and offerings, pay off three credit cards, and make the out of town trips to Houston for treatment as needed. Each time we needed something God provided right on time.

I'm most thankful that while going thru this our church family became family. I can't say Thank You enough for ALL the Love we received." Tammy



# 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**

- ◆ Robert Aldridge (continued healing from Stroke)
- ◆ Tammy Allen-Reed (In Remission)
- ◆ Paul Barker (Wisdom/House Fire)
- ◆ Mary Blake (Restored Health)
- ◆ John Brown (Continued healing)
- ◆ Maila Burda's Dad-Augusto Ramil (passed away 6/3/21)
- ◆ Burda family (Comfort for loss)
- ◆ Donna Cartwright (healing)
- ◆ Ken Cartwright (Relief from pain)

- ◆ Joe Castillo (family health)
- ◆ Jerry Castro (health/healing)
- ◆ Denise Downing (Divine Healing)
- ◆ Daniel Narcisse (Lung Cancer)
- ◆ Maybel Paez (comfort)
- ◆ Jennifer Petty (restored health)
- ◆ Pastor Phil's Mother & Sister
- ◆ Cindy Riley's Brother-In-Law "Jim" (positive test results)
- ◆ David Riley's Sister "Phyllis"
- ◆ Esther "Dolly" Slaughter (healing fm hip surgery)
- ◆ Aaron Tygart (healing, both Spiritual & Physical)
- ◆ Smiley Verastegui - (Restored eyesight)
- ◆ Jerry & Rebecca Walker (comfort)
- ◆ 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 . . .*

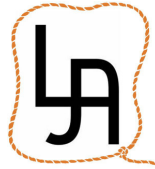
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*(Optional)*

*Please stand in the gap for me - that God's divine will be done regarding the following . . .*

6/5/21

## 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

| 2020     | Payment  | Received |          |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Jan-Dec  | \$42,528 | \$58,760 | \$16,232 |
| 2021     |          |          |          |
| January  | \$3,544  | \$3,598  | \$54     |
| February | \$3,544  | \$3,329  | (\$215)  |
| March    | \$3,544  | \$4,079  | \$535    |
| April    | \$3,544  | \$3,458  | (\$86)   |
| May      | \$3,544  | \$4,354  | \$810    |

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

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| May 2021 | This Year (Jan-May) YTD 2021 | Last Year (Jan-May) YTD 2020 |
|----------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| \$22,540 | \$128,216                    | \$106,967                    |

#### CHURCH BUDGET

| May 2021 | Required | Received | Over  |
|----------|----------|----------|-------|
|          | \$12,950 | \$13,940 | \$990 |

#### ROOF LOAN

| Original Roof Loan | Monthly Payment | Balance 5/31/2021 |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| \$420,000          | \$3,544/month   | \$253,282         |

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 - June 6

**9:00am - Men's Breakfast**, All men are invited to meet for Breakfast at the **Lubbock Breakfast House** on 50th Street.

Wednesday - June 9

**7:00pm - Mid-week Prayer & Bible Study** in the Conference Center

**7:00pm - Spanish Mid-week Prayer Meeting** in Classroom I

Friday - June 11

**7:30-9:00pm - Prayer Warriors** - Classroom I

**8:57pm** - The joy of Sabbath begins

## Upcoming Events

**June 12 - Teen Baptismal Class forming:** First Class scheduled **June 12** (Sabbath Mornings - 9:30-10:45am)

With Jose & Marybel Orellana, in the Board Room.

**Registration is still open**, to be included please

Contact: Marybel Orellana at 817.709.3965

**June 12 - Ronald McDonald House** - Sabbath, June 12

Men's Ministry will provide the evening meal for the residents of the Ronald McDonald House.

**June 13 - Women's Prayer Breakfast**, 10:00am-Noon.

Location: Anita McChesney's deck - 2510 33rd Street.

**June 14 - FLAG DAY**



**July 4 - Men's Breakfast** - Sunday, July 4, 9:00am.

All men are invited to meet for Breakfast at the **Lubbock Breakfast House** on 50th Street.

**July 25 - LJA Registration - School Office,**

Sunday, 3:00-5:00pm

# 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.

*Cards are located in the Sanctuary pew racks.*

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

## Today's Events

**9:00am-1:00pm - The Prayer Room will be staffed to assist anyone in need of special prayer! Contact David Riley: 806.577.2990**

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

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

**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.

**7:00pm - Spanish Vesper Service** - Classroom 20

**7:30pm - "YAM" Young Adult Ministry** - Youth Lounge. This 18-35 age group meets weekly.

**The Joy and Blessing of the Sabbath Concludes today at 8:54pm Begins next Friday at 8:57pm**

**We are deeply saddened by the recent passing of Maila Burda's Father, Augusto Ramil**

He was truly the patriarch of this family. While he was Maila's Father, Archel credits him (Mr. Ramil) with his spiritual mentoring. Please keep the Burda family in prayer for comfort as they process this tragic loss.