

## Pastor's Page

Pastor Phil Robertson, Interim Pastor



As we move into the Christmas season we can't help but notice that the messaging of our media, and even the comments from some of our associates, seems to be growing ever more secular and commercial. Even though this season has long held a deeply spiritual focus that calls our attention, and our worship, to the One Who is from everlasting, all around us we witness a very different reality.

Sometimes the disappointment in the selfish ways that so many have chosen to focus on their own wish-list of things they want, can seem almost impossible for us to imagine. Human selfishness has become a religion for many and any thought of God, or even of anyone other than themselves, is fleeing at best.

Yet in this season we are called to a deeper focus, to attempt to accept, even without an understanding, that the greatest confirmation of Love that we could ever receive actually moved into our earthly experience. He came to walk with us, live with us, demonstrate His love for us and then die for us.

For me, this season fills my thoughts with the overwhelming Promise and Presence of the Christ-Child — our Creator-God, our Sacrificial Lamb, our risen Savior and our King of Kings. Every aspect of Who He is, is wrapped up in the fullness of His eternal love for each of us, how incredible it is to consider the magnitude of His Heavenly mission to Earth. And it began in context of the darkness of human hopelessness with the bright light of the Son of God.

And while this event took many by surprise, the prophecies that projected this magnificent earthly arrival of the Messiah had unfolded over a period of many years. The Spirit of God led those who were earnestly searching for answers to an understanding of where, and when, these things were coming to pass. That same Spirit is still leading those earnestly seek Him today.

Our worship service this week features a very special presentation by the students of our Lubbock Junior Academy in their annual Christmas program. While we will recognize the familiar details of the 'Greatest Story Ever Told', we will witness them in a very interesting and contemporary context.

Their program is actually a dramatic presentation that has been written by two of our students and, as we experience their presentation, I encourage you to listen for the contrast between this story and the selfishness that is all around us.

Warmly, Pastor Phil

## Sabbath Together

December 11, 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		
Hymn of Praise	O Come All Ye Faithful	Hymn 132
Praise in Giving	World Budget	Harim Calderon
	~~~ Regular tithe and offerings also received at this time ~~~	
	Offertory	
Offering Response	<i>Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	Hymn 694
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
	<b>The Christmas Story</b> By: Keon & Richy	
Songs:	Oh, Magnify the Lord Sing Hallelujah We Three Kings Away in a Manger Hark the Herald Angel Sing Mary, Did You Know Christmas Hallelujah	
Sermonette		Pastor Phil
Closing Song	<i>Go Tell it on The Mountain</i>	Hymn 121
Benediction		Pastor Phil

**Praise Leader:** Azriel Burda & Ariel Marpa  
**Pianist:** Joy Ramos

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**Speaker Next Week:** Pastor Phil  
**Offering Next Week:** Church Budget  
**Attendance Last Week:** 135 + 105 on Facebook Live

**Today's Greeter:** Elizabeth Verastegui  
**Deacon in Charge:** David Riley  
**Elder in Charge:** Melwin "Bim" Paez

## How To Reach Us

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Luis Moreno	956.999.3666
Melwin "Bim" Paez	240.460.7923
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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
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Church Website	<a href="http://www.lubbockadventist.org">http://www.lubbockadventist.org</a>
Lubbock Junior Academy	806.795.4481
Adventist Book Center - Texas	800.333.1844
Texico Conference Office	505.244.1611
Conference Website:	<a href="http://www.texico.org/">http://www.texico.org/</a>

## Winners in the LJA Holiday Food Tasting Festival



Winners were selected by majority vote!

**Appetizer:** Art Malagayo  
**Main Dish:** Randy Ellis  
**Bread:** Harold Tygart  
**Salad:** Arturo Malagayo  
**Soup:** Maybel Paez  
**Dessert:** Susan Malagayo  
**Punch:** Ana Moreno

**Most Overall Votes:**  
**First Place:** Ana Moreno  
**2nd Place:** Randy Ellis  
**3rd Place:** Jan Yates

### THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED

In bringing the delicious food and to those who went above and beyond to set up and clean up!

All Proceeds benefitted the Worthy Student Fund at LUBBOCK JUNIOR ACADEMY



# LUBBOCK

# SEVENTH-DAY

# ADVENTIST

# CHURCH

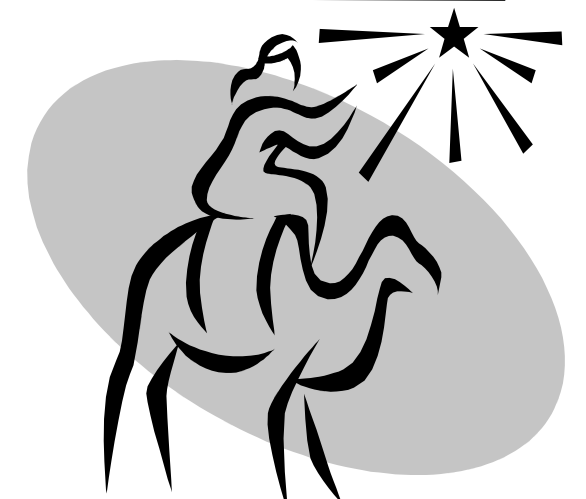
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*"And the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was."*

*Matthew 2:9*



## Wise Men Still Seek Him!

## 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, Pastor Phil, our Pastor search, Elders, School Teachers and Local Church Ministry Leaders**

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

- ◆ Robert Aldridge (restored health)
- ◆ Tammy Allen-Reed (Rejoicing)
- ◆ John Brown (Health & Healing)
- ◆ Glenn Blake (Healing fm Surgery)
- ◆ Myrtle Busby (comfort)
- ◆ Donna Cartwright (Healing)
- ◆ David Cartwright (Healing)

- ◆ James Crowley, Jr. (Divine Healing)
- ◆ Denise Downing (Broken Ankle)
- ◆ David Lara, Sr. (Healing)
- ◆ Andi Nunez (Continued Healing)
- ◆ Jennifer Petty (Divine Healing)
- ◆ Robert Plant's cousin (Erica Johnson - Healing)
- ◆ Dondie Ramos Mother (healing)
- ◆ David Riley's Sister "Phyllis"
- ◆ Manuel Ruiz (Please no dialysis)
- ◆ Harold Tygart's sister "Mary"
- ◆ Smiley Verastegui - (Restored sight)
- ◆ Jerry Walker (auto accident)
- ◆ Kathy Yates (Continued recovery)

◆ **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: \_\_\_\_\_

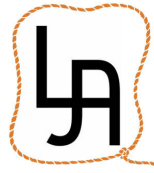
*(Optional)*

*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!*

12/11/21

## Lubbock Junior Academy . . .



### Recruiting K-9 Students for 2021-2022 School year

Student Applications & Handbooks 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:

**Harim E. Calderon, M,Ed., Principal/Teacher K-4 & 9**  
Phone or Text 956.523.1576

**Melwin "Mr. Bim" Paez, Teacher, Grades 5-8 & 9**  
Phone or Text 240.460.7923

**Robert Plant, II - School Board Chair, 806.441.1090**  
or the Church Office, 806.793.8614

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### CHURCH ROOF LOAN

	Payment	Received	Over (Under)
<b>2020</b>			
Jan-Dec	\$42,528	\$58,760	\$16,232
<b>2021</b>			
Jan-March	\$10,632	\$11,006	\$ 374
April-June	\$10,632	\$11,674	\$1,042
July-Sept	\$10,632	\$10,180	(\$452)
October	\$ 3,544	\$4,562	\$1,018
November	\$ 3,544	\$3,886	\$ 343
December	\$3,544	\$1,184	(\$2,360)

*We must 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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	This Year (Jan-Nov)	Last Year (Jan-Nov)
November 2021	YTD 2021	YTD 2020
\$19,522	\$277,272	\$253,720

CHURCH BUDGET			
	Required	Received	Need
December 2021	\$12,950	\$2,291	\$10,659

ROOF LOAN (15-Year Note)		
Original Roof Loan	Monthly Payment	Balance 11/30/2021
\$420,000	\$3,544/month	\$236,913

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

A total of \$12,950 is required monthly for every ministry to be fully funded.

## Events This Week

Sunday - December 12

**10:00am - Women's Prayer Breakfast** All women are invited to a Prayer Breakfast at the home of Anita McChesney - 2510 33rd Street

**2:30pm - Women's Prayer Group via Zoom**

Friday - December 17

**11:30am - LJA Christmas Piñata Party**

**5:41pm - The joy of the Sabbath begins**

## Upcoming Events

**Children's Church** - Next Sabbath, December 18. All children ages 5-14 will be invited to Children's Church in the Conference Center, following the Children's Story *Parental permission is requested*

**LJA Christmas Vacation** - December 20-31

**All Church Sabbath School**, Sabbath, December 25, 8:30am, lite breakfast before All-Church Sabbath School, facilitated by Mae Flores for the enjoyment of Junior age & up.

**Men's Breakfast**, Sunday, January 2 - 9:00am. All men are invited to meet at the Golden Corral for Breakfast & Fellowship.

**LJA Classes resume** - Monday, January 3

**Women's Prayer Breakfast** - Sunday, January 16, 10:00 am, at the home of Anita McChesney, 2510 33rd Street

## I 'MINT'

**I 'MINT' TO CALL AND SAY "THANK YOU"**

*BUT TIME IS IN DEMAND.*

**I 'MINT' TO SAY "I LOVE YOU"**

*BUT I KNEW YOU'D UNDERSTAND.*

**I 'MINT' TO SEND FLOWERS.**

*BUT THEY COST SO MUCH, YOU KNOW.*

**I 'MINT' TO PRAY FOR YOU THIS MORNING,**

*BUT I HAD SOME PLACE TO GO.*

**I 'MINT' TO SAY "FORGIVE ME"**

*BUT THAT'S SO HARD TO DO.*

**I HEARD MY LORD SAY**

**"BLESS YOU CHILD"**

**I HOPE HE 'MINT' ME TOO!**

*Written & Submitted by: Joe Castillo*

# 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 - Discipleship Class** - Classroom 14.  
Facilitated by Philip Mainda

**9:30am - Sabbath School**

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

**LJA Students to present a Christmas Program**  
Followed by an All-Church Pot Luck Fellowship Lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

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

**1:00pm - All-Church Fellowship Potluck lunch** in the Fellowship Hall following the Worship Service. Come, enjoy a "Holiday" theme..

**2:30pm - Pathfinder PBE** - Conference Center

**3-4:00pm - Zoom Bible Study: The Gospel of John**  
This study is open to all who would like to study. Contact Anita McChesney (574)514.9495.

**4:30pm - Sundown Vespers - "A Study of Last Day Events"** Facilitated by Robert Plant, II - Classroom 1

**6:00pm - "YAM" Young Adult Ministry** - Youth Lounge. This 18-35 age group meets weekly

**6:30-8:00pm - Annual "Candle light at the Ranch"**  
Free event at the Ranch & Heritage Center.

**The Joy and Blessing of the Sabbath**

Concludes today at 5:39pm  
Begins next Friday at 5:41pm