

## Pastor's Page



Pastor Sam Garbi

“The second coming of Christ is the blessed hope of the church, the grand climax of the gospel. The Savior’s coming will be literal, personal, visible, and worldwide. When He returns, the righteous dead will be resurrected, and together with the righteous living will be glorified and taken to heaven, but the unrighteous will die. The almost complete fulfillment of most lines of prophecy, together with the present condition of the world, indicates that Christ’s coming is near. The time of that event has not been revealed, and we are therefore exhorted to be ready at all times.” SDA Fundamental Belief #25.

### BE AN OPTIMIST!

PREVALENT PESSIMISM. Much of our lives is colored by disappointment, disillusionment, fear, and pessimism. The antidote to all this negativity is:

- ◆ gratefulness for the past,
- ◆ contentment in the present and
- ◆ optimism towards the future.

PAROUSIA. The Bible repeatedly gives its readers reason to be hopeful and optimistic by its unusually strong emphasis on the “second coming” (Gr. *Parousia*) of Christ. “People are often surprised to learn that references to the second coming outnumber references to the first coming by a factor of eight to one. Scholars have identified 1,845 different biblical references to the second coming of Jesus Christ.”

PRESENT PAIN. The hope of the second coming is best understood and appreciated in the context of present experience—“the present condition of the world”. From birth to death, life is a precious gift all-too-often tainted by pain, sadness, disappointments, fulfillment and losses. But amid turmoil and uncertainties, and especially as the difficulties of life increase, our belief in the second coming embodies human kind’s universal hope of a long-awaited but soon-to-come restoration, the end of all that annoys, and the fulfillment of our best dreams.

PERFECT PROMISE. Before his death, Jesus promised His disciples that He would return: “I will come again” (John 14: 3). At the ascension, messengers gave them a reminder of this promise: “This same Jesus will so come in like manner.” (Acts 1: 11) And the New Testament calls this promise “the blessed hope.” (Titus 2:13).

PRIME PERKS. Indeed, such present hope is happy and blessed, because through faith in this promise, Christians can gain an **optimistic** outlook that replaces despondency and negativity with readiness, soberness, renewed strength, confidence, anticipation, and joy: God will see to it that the future is good!

PRACTICE, PRACTICE. As November continues to speed forward, take the time to slow down and practice life-changing gratitude through anticipating now the future blessedness and joy promised in the second coming.

## Sabbath Together

November 12, 2022

**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 Sam
Call To Worship	<i>We Have This Hope</i>	Hymn 214
Invocation		Abel Rios
Baptism	Mr. Darren Kruse	Pastor Sam
Hymn of Praise	He Will Come	Hymn 604
Children's Story		Amy Hovorka
	<i>The Lamb's Offering will benefit our Church Landscaping</i>	
Praise in Giving	<b>Annual Sacrifice for Global Missions</b>	Ed Thorne
	~ ~ ~ <i>Regular tithe and offerings also received at this time</i> ~ ~ ~	
Offering Response		Hymn 694
	Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow	
Song of Prayer	<i>I Must Tell Jesus</i>	Hymn 485
Circle of Prayer		Abel Rios
Song of Response	<i>Hear Our Prayer, O Lord</i>	Hymn 684
Message in Song		Niang Mung & Robert Plant, II
Message	Grateful for . . . (Part 2) <b>A Good Future</b> <i>Scripture: Titus 2:11-14 NKJV</i>	Pastor Sam
Closing Song	I Shall See the King Some Day	Hymn 426
Benediction		Pastor Sam

**Praise Leader:** Niang Mung  
**Pianist:** Robert Plant, II

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**Speaker Next Week:** Pastor Sam  
**Offering Next Week:** Church Budget  
**Attendance Last Week:** 135 + 56 reached via Facebook Live

**Today's Greeter:** Ana Moreno  
**Head Deacon:** David Riley **Elder of the Month:** Philip Mainda

## How To Reach Us

Samuel Garbi, Pastor	608.475.3044
<b>Board of Elders:</b>	
Robert Plant, II, Chair	806.441.1090
Glenn Blake	806.790.9549
Harim Calderon	956.523.1576
Philip Mainda	432.599.2645
Luis Moreno	956.999.3666
Melwin “Bim” Paez	240.460.7923
Abel Rios	806.438.1821
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@texico.org">lubbockadventist@texico.org</a>
<b>Church Website</b>	<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>

### PATHFINDER EVENTS:

LET'S HELP THE PATHFINDERS RAISE FUNDS FOR THEIR 2024 GILLETTE CAMPOREE

### PATHFINDER ART SHOW & SILENT AUCTION



SUNDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 27,  
 AT 5:30PM, IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL  
 PLEASE DONATE ITEMS FOR  
**SILENT AUCTION**

### BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY EVENING, December 10, 6:00PM,  
 IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL



**LJA**  
**Holiday Taste Testing**  
**Sunday afternoon**  
 December 4, 5:00pm,  
 in the Fellowship Hall.

### THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

If you, or if you know of a family who would be blessed by receiving a Thanksgiving Food Basket Please contact: Keith Marpa (806) 928-5895, Uboni Ikonne (972) 904-6755, Pastor Sam or the Church Office (806) 793-8614



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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 Lubbock, TX 79493-6277

5302 Elgin Avenue  
 Lubbock, Texas 79413  
 806.793.8614

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

# 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, Our Pastor: Dr. Sam Garbi, Elders, School Teachers and Local Church Ministry Leaders**

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

- ◆ Robert Aldridge (restored health)
- ◆ Paul Barker's Dad (Broken hip)
- ◆ Paul Barker's Mother (comfort)
- ◆ Holly Barton (Health & Healing)
- ◆ Oliver Barton (Health & Healing)
- ◆ John Brown (Health & Healing)
- ◆ Donna Cartwright (Healing)
- ◆ James Crowley, Jr (Divine Healing)
- ◆ Denise Downing (Healing)
- ◆ Steve Downing (Healing)
- ◆ Debbie Galloway (Healing)
- ◆ Olga Garcia (Healing)
- ◆ Ysidro Hernandez (Healing from Stroke paralysis)

◆ Shawn Henderson (intervention, restoration and healing)

- ◆ Faith Kruse (Healing)
- ◆ David Lara, Sr. (Healing)
- ◆ Mireya Lujan (Total Healing)
- ◆ Linda & Brandon Manley (Prayers for matched Liver)

◆ Shane Martel (Healing)

- ◆ Andi Nunez (Continued Healing)
- ◆ James Petty (Strength & Pain relief)
- ◆ Jennifer Petty (Divine Healing)

◆ Stacy Reid (Full Recovery)

◆ David Riley's Sister "Phyllis"

◆ Kathie Robertson (Total Healing)

◆ Maria Rocha (Unspoken)

◆ Esther Slaughter's Grandson "Steven" critical condition

◆ Elizabeth Verastegui's 'Uncle Arturo' (Total Healing)

◆ Jan Yates (Strength & healing)

◆ Kathy Yates (Total Healing)

### ◆ UKRAINE WAR VICTIMS

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



# Lubbock Junior Academy ...

**Accepting K-8 Students for 2022-2023 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*

Please feel free to contact:

**Harim E. Calderon, M.Ed., Head Teacher**  
Phone or Text 956.523.1576

**Melwin "Mr. Bim" Paez, Teacher,**  
Phone or Text 240.460.7923

**Robert Plant, II - School Board Chair, 806.441.1090**  
School, 806.795.4481 or the Church Office, 806.793.8614

~ ~ ~ "Like" us on Facebook ~ ~ ~

and visit us on-line: [www.lubbockjracademy.org](http://www.lubbockjracademy.org)

## CHURCH ROOF LOAN

2021	Payment	Received	+ or (-)
Jan-Dec	\$42,528	\$51,961	\$9,433
2022			
Jan-June	\$21,264	\$26,249	\$4,985
July-Sept.	\$10,632	\$11,688	\$1,056
October	\$3,544	\$4,660	\$1,116
November	\$3,544	\$814	\$2,730

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

## CHURCH FINANCES AT A GLANCE

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	This Year (Jan-Oct)	Last Year (Jan-Oct)
October 2022	YTD 2022	YTD 2021
\$22,055	\$247,532	\$257,750

	CHURCH BUDGET		
	Required	Received	+ or (-)
November 2022	\$13,400	\$5,922	(\$7,478)

	ROOF LOAN (15-Year Note)	
	Monthly Payment	Balance 10/31/2022
Original Roof Loan	\$420,000	\$193,291
	\$3,544/month	

*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 continually give.*

A total of \$13,400 is required monthly for every ministry to be fully funded.

# Events This Week

**Sunday - November 13**

2:00-4:00pm - **Adventurer Club Meetings:**  
Classroom 2

**Note: Pathfinder meeting is cancelled this week.**

**Monday-Friday - November 14-18**

9:00 am - **LJA Fall Week of Prayer** with Pastor Sam

**Tuesday - November 15**

6:00pm - **Finance Committee** - Board Room  
6:30pm - **Church Board** - Classroom I

**Wednesday - November 16**

6:00pm - **Midweek Prayer & Bible Study** -  
Conference Center.

**Thursday - November 17**

**Friday - November 18**

11:00am - **LJA Families Thanksgiving Luncheon**  
Fellowship Hall

5:00pm - **Friday Night Sundown Vespers** -  
Facilitated by Robert Plant, II.

7:00-9:00pm - **Prayer Warriors** - Prayer Room

~ ~ ~The Joy of Sabbath begins Friday at 5:44pm ~ ~ ~

## Upcoming Events

**HAYSTACKS - All Church Fellowship Lunch**  
Next Sabbath, November 19, to bid farewell to our beloved sister, Dorthy Tubbs, she is moving to Keene, TX

**PATHFINDER ART SHOW & SILENT AUCTION**  
Sunday Afternoon, November 27, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall.  
Please DONATE items for the auction and plan to attend.

## Church Board Recommendations: MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS:

**FIRST READING:**  
To the Lubbock Seventh-day Adventist Church:

- ◆ **Grant** the request from **Samuel Garbi** to transfer from the Lancaster Seventh-day Adventist Church - Lancaster, Wisconsin
- ◆ **Grant** the request from **Joyce "Joy" Onwere** to transfer from the Georgetown Seventh-day Adventist Church - Georgetown, TX

## SECOND READING:

- ◆ **Grant** the request of **Amy Hovorka** to transfer to Lubbock Seventh-day Adventist Church from the El Paso NE Seventh-day Adventist Church in El Paso, TX
- ◆ **Recommend** the current Church Officers term be extended through June 30, 2023

# 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.

**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 for all ages**

11:00am - **Spanish Speaking Worship Service** -  
Spanish Chapel - Classroom 20

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

1:00pm - **PBE Rehearsal** - Classroom 7 with Ubani I.

1:00pm - **Adventurer Club Lunch & Meeting** -  
November 12, in Classroom 2

2:00pm - **YAM Church Food drive:** Nov. 12 & 19

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

5:00pm - **Sundown Vespers** - Classroom I.  
Facilitated by Robert Plant, II

5:30pm - **Men's Ministry** will provide the evening meal for the residents of the Ronald McDonald House,

5:30-7:00pm - The Adventurer Club will host the Second Annual: **Operation Christmas-child Shoebox** packing! Please join us today, 5:30-7:00pm in the Conference Center. We need box fillers so please bring plenty to share. And, if you would like to include a letter in the boxes you pack, feel free to bring a family picture to include. Food & Hot Chocolate will be provided.

6:30pm **"YAM" Young Adult Ministry** - This 18-35 age group meet weekly in the Youth Lounge.

**The Joy and Blessing of the Sabbath**  
Concludes today at 5:48pm  
Begins next Friday at 5:44pm



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### 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!*