

Thanksgiving History

Pilgrims held their second Thanksgiving celebration in 1623 to mark the end of a long drought that had threatened the year’s harvest and prompted Governor Bradford to call for a religious fast. Days of fasting and thanksgiving on an annual or occasional basis became common practice in other New England settlements as well.

During the American Revolution, the Continental Congress designated one or more days of thanksgiving a year, and in 1789 George Washington issued the first Thanksgiving proclamation by the national government of the United States; in it, he called upon Americans to express their gratitude for the happy conclusion to the country’s war of independence and the successful ratification of the U.S. Constitution. His successors John Adams and James Madison also designated days of thanks during their presidencies.

In 1817, New York became the first of several states to officially adopt an annual Thanksgiving holiday; each celebrated it on a different day, however, and the American South remained largely unfamiliar with the tradition. Thanksgiving is a national holiday celebrated on various dates in the United States, Canada, Grenada, Saint Lucia, Liberia, and unofficially in countries like Brazil and the Philippines. It is also observed in the Dutch town of Leiden and the Australian territory of Norfolk Island.

Celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November, Thanksgiving traces its origins to harvest festivals. It was customary to express gratitude for a bountiful harvest in the cultures of both the Pilgrims who sailed from England in 1620 and the Native Americans they encountered.

Church Board Recommendation

First Reading

From Lubbock:

The Church Board recommends the church grant the Membership transfers requested for:

Harim Calderon

To the South Saint Paul Hispanic Seventh-day Adventist Church in South St. Paul, MN

Samuel Garbi

To the Lancaster Seventh-day Adventist Church in Lancaster, WI

Catherine Garcia

Olga Garcia

Josie Green

To the Martin Luther King, Jr. Seventh-day Adventist Church – Lubbock, TX

Sabbath Together

November 18, 2023

Sabbath School9:30 AM

Adult Classrooms:
Classroom 1 - Traditional Quarterly
Classroom 20 - Spanish Sabbath School
Classroom 14 - 28-Fundamentals - Philip Mainda
Youth Lounge - Young Adult 18-35 - Hans Burda & Daniel Davis

Birth to 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 Service11:00 AM

Prelude	Family of God	Congregation
Welcome & Announcements		Anita McChesney
Call to Worship	We Have This Hope	Hymn 214
Invocation		Dr. Winifredo Paez
Hymn of Praise	Come, Ye Thankful People	Hymn 557
Children’s Story		Archel Burda
Lamb’s Offering will benefit Lubbock Junior Academy At this time all children ages 5-14 are invited to Children’s Church in the Conference Center - Parental permission is requested		
Five-Minute Health Spotlight		Maybel Paez
Offering Call	Church Budget	Anita McChesney
~ ~ ~ Regular tithe and offerings also received at this time ~ ~ ~		
Offering Response		Hymn 694
Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow		
Song of Prayer	I Must Tell Jesus	Hymn 485
Circle of Prayer		Robert Plant, II
Song of Response	Hear Our Prayer, O Lord	Hymn 684
Special Music		Sarah Alvarez
Message	THANKSGIVING Scripture: Psalms 100	Dr. Winifredo Paez
Closing Song	For the Beauty of the Earth	Hymn 565
Benediction		Dr. Winifredo Paez

Postlude
Pianist: Robert Plant, II
Praise Leaders: Niiang Mung, Naane Richemond & Nora Richemond
Offering Next Week: Church Budget
Speaker Next Week: Chaplain Ephraim Anderson
Greeter Next Week: Lizette Moreno
Attendance Last Week: 141

Todays Greeter: Georgina Pidoux
Head Deacon: David Riley Elder of the Month: Philip Mainda

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YAMS FOOD & COAT DRIVE

Now accepting donations

DATES TO VOLUNTEER

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| November | 11 | Bag distribution              |
| November | 18 | Bag collection & food sorting |
| November | 19 | Goods distribution            |

Vespers To Welcome our  
New Pastor Raul & Giovanna Alvarez  
December 2, 5:00pm  
Then after Sundown stay for a spectacular  
FALL FESTIVAL!

Cornhole Tournament -  
Apple Bobbing - Face Painting - Hayrides  
Delicious Fall Treats: Apple Cider and Donuts - Hot Chocolate Bar - Popcorn - S'mores Station - Pumpkin Pie - Dessert Tasting  
Bonfire - Marshmallow Roasting - Sing-Alongs -  
Campfire Stories - and more!!

We look forward to welcoming you to our fantastic Fall Festival, An evening filled with joy, community and the spirit of Autumn  
Bring your friends & family for a memorable experience!



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 on funding of our church and LJA)
- Our President, Leaders of our country, Leaders of our Church and Conferences, Our Elders, School Teachers and Local Church Ministry Leaders.
  - All Disaster Victims - WAR, EARTHQUAKES, RIOTS, PROTESTS, FIRES & FLOODS
    - Deborah Bellknap - Finances
    - John Brown (Health & Healing)
    - Donna Cartwright (Healing)
    - Joe Castillo (Total Healing)
    - James Crowley,Jr.(Divine Healing)
    - Jose Garcia family - Comfort Death in family
    - Anthony Guerro (Colon Cancer)
    - Faith Kruse (Healing)
    - Mireya Lujan (Total Healing)
  - Sherry Muse (Healing)
  - Andi Nunez (Healing)
  - Janie Perez (Pain relief)
  - Jennifer Petty (Total Healing)
  - Kathie Robertson (Total Healing)
  - Judy Short (Healing)
  - Linda Sigala (Total Healing)
  - Esther Slaughter's Grandson "Steven" total healing
  - Josh Williams Mother (cancer)
  - Kathy Yates (Total Healing)
  - Kay Young (Strength & Healing)
  - WAR VICTIMS
  - TORNADO VICTIMS
  - EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS
  - FIRE VICTIMS
  - SHOOTING VICTIMS
  - Unspoken prayer requests Healing, finances and families.

PRAYERS OF PROTECTION FOR PASTOR RAUL & GIOVANNA ALVAREZ AS THEY MOVE TO LUBBOCK!

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 . . .

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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!

11/18/23

Lubbock Junior Academy

Accepting K-8 Students for 2023-2024 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:

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

Cindy Riley - School Board Chair  
Phone or Text 806.928.9713

School, 806.795.4481 or the Church Office, 806.793.8614

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| CHURCH ROOF LOAN | | | |
|--|----------|----------|------------|
| 2022 | Payment | Received | + or (-) |
| Jan-Dec | \$42,528 | \$56,520 | \$13,992 |
| 2023 | | | |
| Jan-March | \$10,632 | \$9,608 | (\$1,024) |
| April-June | \$10,632 | \$9,598 | (\$1,034) |
| July-Sept | \$10,632 | \$21,563 | \$10,931 |
| October | \$3,544 | \$1,880 | (\$1,664) |
| November | \$3,544 | | |
| 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 2023 | YTD 2023 | YTD 2022 | |
| \$33,388 | \$340,005 | \$247,532 | |
| CHURCH BUDGET | | | |
| 2023 | Required | Received | + or (-) |
| October | \$14,125 | \$7,810 | (\$6,315) |
| ROOF LOAN (15-Year Note) | | | |
| Original Roof Loan | Monthly Payment | Balance 10/31/2023 | |
| \$420,000 | \$3,544/month | \$145,447 | |
| 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, here's the 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 \$14,125 is required monthly for every ministry to be fully funded. | | | |

Events This Week

- Sunday - November 19
1:00pm - YAM's Thanksgiving Food Basket Distribution - Choir Room
- Monday - November 20-24 - LJA Thanksgiving Break
- Tuesday - November 21
No Adventurer or Pathfinder Club Meeting
Meetings will resume Tuesday, December 5.
- Thursday - November 23 THANKSGIVING DAY



- Happy Thanksgiving Church Family - I hope Thanksgiving Day will be filled with lots of joy and Happiness. May you enjoy your time with Family and all the blessings God has given you.
- Friday - November 24
7:30pm - First Church Choir Rehearsal - Conference Center! Come blend your voices
- The Joy and Blessing of the Sabbath
Begins at 5:40pm

- Upcoming Events
- Sabbath, December 2, WE WILL WELCOME Pastor Raul Alvarez and his lovely wife Giovanna. Plan to be here for Pastor Raul's first Sermon (as our Pastor) THEN come back for VESPERS at 5:00pm for our official Welcome and Plan to stay for our Fall Festival!
- Men's Breakfast: December 3. All men meet at the Golden Corral for breakfast at 9:00am.
- Pathfinder/Adventurer Club Meeting: Tuesday, December 5, 5-7:00pm, 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month. Adventurers in Classroom 2 and Pathfinders in the Conference Center.
- Children's Church Schedule: December 9 & 23.
- Women's Prayer Breakfast:
All women are invited to the home of Anita McChesney at 10:00am. Sunday morning, December 10 at 10:00am
- Texico Conference Symphony Orchestra Concert and LJA Christmas Program - December 16, 5:00pm - Lubbock Church Worship 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.

Simply 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
A study of the 28 Fundamental Doctrines.
- 9:30am - Sabbath School for all ages
- 11:00am - Spanish Speaking Worship Service - Spanish Chapel - Classroom 20
- 11:00am - Divine Worship Service - Worship Center
- 1:00pm - YAMS Non-Perishable Food/Coat Drive:
Volunteers please meet in the Choir Room for Bag collection & Food Sorting.
- 3-4:00pm - Zoom Bible Study: The Gospel of Mark to join; contact Anita McChesney (574) 514.9495.
- 7:30pm "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 5:42pm
Begins next Friday at 5:40pm

The Church Choir Welcomes passionate voices to harmonize in joyous celebration. Come share your love for music and faith.

Rehearsals will be Fridays at 7:30pm & Sabbaths at 2:30pm in the Conference Center.

First rehearsal will be Friday, 11/24/23, at 7:30pm

For more information contact Bim 240.460.7929