

Pastor's Page



Pastor Raul

A Place at the Table

One of the greatest fears people experience is the fear of not belonging. We all know what it feels like to be left out, overlooked, or uninvited. Yet the gospel tells the story of a God who continually invites people to His table.

This Sabbath we gather for Communion, a service that reminds us of the incredible grace of Jesus Christ. On the night before His crucifixion, Jesus shared a meal with His disciples. What makes that evening remarkable is not merely the symbols of the bread and the cup, but the people sitting around the table.

Peter was there, though he would soon deny Christ. Thomas was there, though he would later struggle with doubt. The other disciples were there, though they would eventually scatter in fear. Even Judas was present, though Jesus knew he would betray Him.

Yet Jesus welcomed them all.

The story of Communion is ultimately the story of God's grace. Christ does not invite us because we have achieved perfection. He invites us because He loves us. The cross demonstrates that salvation has never been based upon human merit but upon divine mercy.

As Seventh-day Adventists, we practice open Communion because we believe Christ's invitation is broader than our own limitations. The Lord's table belongs to Jesus, not to us. Every repentant believer who desires a deeper relationship with Christ is welcome to participate.

Before the Communion meal, Jesus knelt and washed the disciples' feet. The King of the universe became a servant. In doing so, He taught that humility, forgiveness, and selfless love are at the heart of the Christian life. The ordinance of humility reminds us that we stand on equal ground at the foot of the cross.

This Sabbath, as we participate in Communion, let us remember that we are not simply looking back to Calvary. We are celebrating a living Savior who continues to intercede for us today. We are also looking forward to the day when Jesus will gather His redeemed people around His heavenly table.

Until that glorious day, may we accept His invitation, receive His grace, and extend that same grace to others.

I look forward to worshiping with you as we remember the One who prepared a place for us at His table.

Pastor Raul Alvarez
Lubbock Seventh-day Adventist Church

Sabbath Together

June 27, 2026

Sabbath School 9:30AM

9:00am - Intercessory Prayer - Conference Center
Adult Classrooms:
9:30am: 28-Fundamentals - Philip Mainda - Classroom 16
9:30am: Traditional Quarterly - Classroom 1 and in the Sanctuary
10:00am: Spanish Sabbath School - Classroom 20
10:00am: Young Adult 18-35 - Youth Lounge
10:00am: Birth to High School Classrooms
Cradle Roll - Birth to 3: Classroom 3
Kindergarten - Age 4 through First Grade - Classroom 4
Primary - Grades 2-5: Classroom 2
Juniors - Grades 6-8: Classroom 7
High-School - Grades 9-12: Classroom 9
Classrooms are on the North, South & West Halls
For directions, ask a Greeter for assistance.

Sabbath Worship Service 11:00AM

Prelude **Family of God** Congregation
Welcome & Announcements Pastor Raul
Praise Songs **Whiter Than Snow** Hymn 318
To God Be The Glory Hymn 341
Praise in Giving **Texico Ministries** Elder Ed Thorne
~~~~ All tithes and offerings received at this time ~~~~  
Offering Response Hymn 694  
**Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**  
Song of Prayer **Now Dear Lord As We Pray** Hymn 671  
Circle of Prayer Elder Ed Thorne  
Song of Response **Hear Our Prayer Oh Lord** Hymn 684  
Baby Dedication **Isla Robie Marcos** Pastor Raul  
Parents: **Abraham Marcos Jr & Cherry Ann Del Pilar**  
Homily Pastor Raul  
**The Seat at the Table You Didn't Deserve**  
**John 13:1-5**  
(Congregation will separate for Service of Humility)  
~~~~ The Service of Humility ~~~~  
(The following choices are provided for your personal comfort)
Men only in Class Room 1
Women only in Class Room 2
Couples only in the Fellowship Hall
Families in the Conference Center
Please honor the reserved seats as you return to the Sanctuary
~~~~ The Emblems ~~~~  
Hymn of Dedication **Jesus Paid It All** Hymn 184  
"And when they had sung a hymn, they went out...."  
Matthew 26:30  
~~~~ An offering for the poor will be collected as you leave ~~~~  
Pianist: Joy Ramos
Praise Team: Almie, Siobhan, Madelyn
Today's Greeters: Jesse and Charlotte Pauda

How To Reach Us

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Adventist Book Center - Texas 800.333.1844
Texico Conference Office 505.244.1611
Conference website: <http://www.texico.org/>

CHURCH BOARD MEETING

July 11 @ 6:30pm

MEMBERS

Please submit any agenda or calendar items

to

Janie Perez

@jperez5610@gmail.com

by

Thursday, July 9, 2026 by 6pm

FAMILY PRAYER CORNER

**Do you need prayer?
Are you carrying a heavy
burden?**

**Meet with our Elders after the service
for prayer.**



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.

Mailing Address: P O Box 6277
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Lubbock, Texas 79413
806.793.8614**

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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, Elders, School Teachers and Local Church Ministry Leaders

- ◆ Donna Cartwright (Healing)
- ◆ Ken Cartwright (Health & Healing)
- ◆ Joe Castillo (Total Healing)
- ◆ James Dent (Pancreatic Cancer)
- ◆ Lydia Gellido (Peace & Comfort)
- ◆ Dottie Haney (Strength & Health)

- ◆ Henry Loya (Health & Healing)
- ◆ Andi Nunez (Health & Healing)
- ◆ James Petty (Strength & Healing)
- ◆ Jennifer Petty (Complete Healing)
- ◆ Kathie Robertson (Total Healing)
- ◆ Linda Sigala (Total Healing)
- ◆ Jan Yates (Strength & Healing)

- ◆ FLOOD & WAR VICTIMS
- ◆ TORNADO VICTIMS
- ◆ EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS
- ◆ SHOOTING VICTIMS
- ◆ All Disaster Victims
- ◆ Unspoken prayer requests Healing, finances and families.

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!

06/27/2026

The Joy and Blessing of the Sabbath

Concludes Today at 9:01pm

Begins next Friday at 9:01pm

Lubbock Junior Academy



Accepting Pre-K Ages 4 & 5; 1st-2nd Grade Students for 2025-2026 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

LJA Mission Statement

To inspire every learner to develop a life of faith in God, and use their knowledge, skills, and understandings to serve God and mankind through a well-balanced spiritual, moral, physical, intellectual, and social education.

Please feel free to contact:

Melwin "Mr. Bim" Paez, Head 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

Email: lubbockadventist@texico.org

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## CHURCH FINANCES AT A GLANCE

|           | TITHE                |                      |
|-----------|----------------------|----------------------|
|           | This Year (Jan-June) | Last Year (Jan-June) |
| June 2026 | YTD 2026             | YTD 2025             |
| \$16,421  | \$165,657            | \$149,348            |

|           | CHURCH OPERATING EXPENSES |          |          |
|-----------|---------------------------|----------|----------|
|           | Required                  | Received | + or (-) |
| June 2026 | \$18,455                  | \$10,957 | -7,498   |

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 Local Church Budget. For your convenience, you can also use this link for on-line giving: <http://www.lubbockadventist.org>

Thank You For Remembering our Local Operating Expenses and for the sacrificial way you continually give. A total of \$18,455 is required monthly for every ministry to be fully funded.

All the ministry efforts of the Lubbock Seventh-day Adventist Church are made possible by your generous, prayerful contributions, and faithful stewardship. You are deeply appreciated and your financial support makes a significant difference.



Please scan the QR code for convenient online giving

## Today's Events

Intercessory Prayer: Conference Center 9AM

Communion/Foot washing: All are welcome to partake of this Divine Service

## Events This Week

Wednesday Night Bible Study: Amazing Facts Bible

Studies Conference Center 6PM

## Upcoming Events

Children's Church: July 11 Conference Center 11:30AM

Elders Meeting: July 11 5PM

Church Board: July 11 630PM

Men's Breakfast: July 12 Golden Corral 9AM

Children's Church: July 25 Conference Center 11:30AM

Direct to You: Sept. 17 order by 6PM (more to come)

Direct to You: Sept. 23 Delivery to Church parking lot 11:30-12:00

Women's Retreat: Sept. 18-20 Frisco, TX

## GOD IS IN MY STORY

**SOUTHWESTERN UNION WOMEN'S RETREAT**  
**SEPTEMBER 18-20 | 2026**  
Embassy Suites | Frisco, Texas  
7600 John Q Hammons Dr | Frisco, Texas 75034

ENGLISH SPEAKER  
DESIREE BRYANT  
North American Division  
Ministerial Spouses  
Associate Director

SPANISH SPEAKER  
NESSY P. GRIEVE  
La Voz de la Esperanza  
Associate Director

Scan QR Code to REGISTER

| RETREAT REGISTRATION                  | HOTEL RESERVATION                                                    |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Early Bird Rate: \$150 until April 30 | Rooms: \$179 + tax per night, up to 4 people. Breakfast is included. |
| Regular Rate: \$175 through July 31   | Reservation Deadline: August 26                                      |
| Late Rate: \$200 through September 2  | Phone: 800.774.1500 / 972.712.7200                                   |

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

Evangelistic Meetings

Arturo Quintero Nov. 11-14, 2026

## 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.

## BABY DEDICATION

For this CHILD we have PRAYED

1 SAMUEL 1:27

Isla Robie Marcos  
April 16, 2026

John 13:1

When Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world,

# HE LOVED THEM

to the end.