

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME to all our guests and friends this week. If you are searching for a church home, we cordially invite you to make the Ft. Lupton Seventh-day Adventist Church your church home.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL today after church. Please join us.

BIBLE STUDY begins next Sabbath after the Fellowship Meal. We're going to study Amazing Facts Storacles of Prophecy.

ADRA HOMES FOR ORPHANS PROJECT this year. Drop your spare change in the donation box hanging in the foyer. \$727.37 has been received through the end of December. Money is sent when \$100 has been received.

NEXT WEEK: Al Lopez will have the worship service. Brent Balmer will have the lesson study. The offering will be for Rocky Mountain Advance. **Loose and undesignated offering goes to Local Church Expense.**

CHURCH BOARD MEETING: The next regular board meeting will be Sunday, 1/12/2020 at 4:00 p.m. at the church.

December	Budget	Received	Donations to Budget December	Balance 12/31/2019
	\$1,900	\$1,700.62	-\$300.62	
Expense				\$3,027.49
Evangelism	--	\$72.66	--	\$791.29
Insurance		\$3,082.85	\$2,917.15	Goal: \$6,000
Building Fund		\$40		\$732.85
Repair/Air		\$3,007.07	\$992.93	Goal: \$4,000

CHURCH DIRECTORY: We will be printing a new directory and need to confirm information for your household. You'll be given a card today. If all the information is correct, check the box at the bottom of the card. If anything needs changing, make the changes on the card. Return the cards to Karen Fernandez.

PRAY 2020: Prayer Conference will be held at Campion Church in Loveland January 10-11 featuring Jerry and Janet Page of GC Ministerial. Please call to RSVP by January 6 to 970-667-7403 for free meals, childcare, and lodging options. Start the year with a fresh focus on prayer! (weekend details can be found at www.rmcsda.org/prayer).

ADRA PROJECT: You'll be given a paper today with 7 ADRA project choices. Please number them 1 to 7 with 7 as your first choice and 1 as your last choice. Then fold and drop them in the offering plate. The project with the highest points will be our project for 2020.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK: Happy Birthday Thursday to Helen Lopez!

KEEP GOD'S HOUSE CLEAN: When you leave the sanctuary, please do not leave trash/bottles/etc. in the pews. Take them with you and put them where they belong. Thank you very much!

Welcome Fort Lupton Seventh-day Adventist Church



Pastor Nathaniel Gamble
1/4/2020

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War Room
9:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

Our Church at Study
10:00 A.M. - 10:50 A.M.

Superintendent Program
Teacher
Lesson Study:

Martin Pope
Martin Pope
From Reading to Understanding

Kindergarten/Primary: Wanda Balmer *Junior/Earlteen:* Karen Fernandez

Pastor's Notes

For our time together in 2020, I think it would be extremely profitable for us to spend time in Ellen White's book Steps to Christ. Steps to Christ is truly one of the classics on the Christian life, and it is to our benefit to spend time thoughtfully, prayerfully, and affectionately thinking about the God that Ellen talks about at length in this book. And there is no place better to begin our reflections than at its beginning: "nature and revelation alike testify of God's love" (1, 1977 edition). Throughout the first few paragraphs of the first chapter, "God's Love for Man," Ellen repeatedly draws our attention to the fact that everything God does is motivated by his love. Plants, animals, and natural environments all demonstrate that God has taken consideration for their needs, well being, and what will enable them to thrive - and this is because he loves those plants, animals, natural environments, and all creation (1). Even among those parts of the natural world that show signs of decay, being marred, and being oriented to death rather than life, God has still given copious signs of his love: "there are flowers upon the thistles, and the thorns are covered with roses" (1). All of this is because God is love - and he not only loves the world he has created, but he loves the children for whom he created it even more! The Bible witnesses to this divine love and clarifies the character of this loving God. Quoting Exodus 34:6, Jonah 4:2, and Micah 7:18, Ellen tells us that the glory of God is nothing less than his lovingkindness, grace, mercy, and faithfulness to men and women (2). It is Satan, not God, who desires our destruction and slavery; and it is Satan who has deceived humans into thinking that God is cruel, unkind, unloving, and does not care about them, preferring them dead and gone instead (2). But everything God does for us is a manifestation of his love. In fact, it is the love of God for us that was the motivating factor in Jesus' coming to earth: to show us "the infinite love of God" (2). Friends, have you considered all the ways in which God has shown you he loves you? Have you counted all the blessings God has bestowed on you, and carefully thought about the fact that they are a multitude of "I love you"s from God to you? I invite you to do this today. God bless.

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Head Elder: Martin Pope (720) 220-8404
Rocky Mountain Conference of SDA (303) 733-3771
Adventist Book Center (303) 722-1101 (800) 254-9687

Our Church at Worship
11:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Interlude Musical Selections
Welcome/ Announcements Karen Fernandez

Worship in Praise

Songs & Praises Karen Fernandez

Our Children at Worship

Evangelism Offering Storyteller: Mission Video

Call to Worship

730 Martin Pope
Invocation *The Birth of Christ* Harold Williams

Worship in Stewardship

Local Church Budget Don Schraeder
Call for Offering Don Schraeder
Offertory Prayer

Worship in Song

Opening Hymn # 127
"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Worship in Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Martin Pope
"Surely the Presence"

Worship in the Word

Scripture Don Schraeder
Luke 2:7-14

Special Music "Into My Heart" Congregation

Sermon Harold Williams
"The Card that Changed People's Hearts"

Closing Hymn # 141
"What Child is This?"

Benediction Harold Williams
Postlude "God Be With You" # 65

Sundown Today 4:47 PM Next Friday 4:53 PM