

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. **Thank you for wearing your mask inside the building and remember to social distance.**

PRAYER MEETING via Zoom every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. We are studying the book of Galatians with Aspen Park and Leadville.

ADRA FEED HUNGRY CHILDREN PROJECT this year. Drop your spare change in the donation box hanging in the foyer or write a check and place it in an offering envelope indicating it is for ADRA Project. \$823.29 has been received through the end of September.

NEXT WEEK: Pastor Nathaniel Gamble will have the worship service. The offering will be for Rocky Mountain Advance. **Loose offering goes to Local Church Expense and undesignated offerings in envelopes go to Insurance.** Online giving is now available by clicking on the Online Giving link at the church website (see Karen for more information).

CHURCH BOARD MEETING: The next regular board meeting will be Friday, 11/13/2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the church.

October	Budget	Received	Still Needed	Balance 10/16/2020
	\$1,400	\$676	\$724	
Expense				\$2,222.78
Evangelism	--	\$4	--	\$717.46
Insurance		\$4,004.52	\$2,231.18	Goal: \$6,235.70
Building Fund		\$0		\$877.85

CHURCH MISSION PROJECT: The Board agreed that we would designate Hope at Miracle House (HMH) as our long-term mission project. Mark your offering HOPE.

LA VIDA MISSION: Over the next year, we will be collecting paper towels, toilet paper and oatmeal for La Vida Mission. Starting next Sabbath, we'll have a box in the foyer for you to drop in the items you bring.

COMMUNION: Plan on a special Communion service together on Sabbath, December 26th. The Ordinance of Humility will not be observed.

TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR LEXI: If you wish to donate to with Lexi's tuition, mark the your offering envelope LEXI.

BYOB LUNCH: We'll have our BYOB Lunch next Sabbath after church service.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITY: We will be discussing this today.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK: Happy Birthday Sunday to Jason Fernandez! Happy Birthday Wednesday to Madison Rogers!

KEEP GOD'S HOUSE CLEAN: When you leave the sanctuary, please do not leave trash/bottles/etc.in the pews. Use the Clorox/Lysol wipe and wipe down the back of the pew in front of you and the arm of your pew. Take trash with you and put in the trash can at the end of the table outside the sanctuary door.
Thank you very much!

Welcome Fort Lupton Seventh-day Adventist Church

Go, and make disciples
of all nations, baptizing them
in the name of the Father
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to observe all
things that I commanded you.

Matthew 28:19-20

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Pastor's Notes

What is the Bible for? This may seem like a silly question, but I think it is absolutely important for us to consider. Many Christians act as if the Bible's purpose is primarily for knowledge: reading and studying Scripture is mostly for gaining information about God, how to live, and what subjects are most important to know in this life so we can prepare for the next one. But our friend Ellen helps us understand that this approach to the Bible usually ends with a focus on our intellectual ability rather than God. In "Steps to Christ," Ellen describes the attitude of those who ultimately reject the Bible as God's inspired word: "because they cannot fathom all its [the Bible's] mysteries, the skeptic and infidel reject God's word" (76; 1977 edition); "men feel impatient and defeated if they cannot explain every portion of Scripture to their satisfaction....They feel that their unaided human wisdom is sufficient to enable them to comprehend the Scripture, and failing to do this, they virtually deny its authority" (77). The unfortunate reality is that most people, including those who believe in Jesus, primarily seek to know the Bible in order to know God on THEIR terms - in short, to reduce God to something they can understand and treat him like another subject of study (76-77). This approach, however, merely limits God in our own eyes: "God would no longer be supreme" if God is compared to the supposed supremacy of human reason (77). But Ellen highlights the true focus of the Bible: "the plan of redemption is laid open to us, so that every soul may see the steps he is to take in repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ, in order to be saved in God's appointed way" (76); "to all eternity men may be ever searching, ever learning, and yet never exhaust the treasures of His wisdom, His goodness, and His power"; "we can attain to an understanding of God's word only through the illumination of that Spirit by which the word was given," because only the Holy Spirit knows and searches the deep things of God (77). So what is the Bible for? The Bible is not primarily for accumulating and learning information, even information about God. Instead, the Bible is primarily for getting to know God - coming to know the living God as he reveals himself to us in his living word. God bless.

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

Superintendent Program Martin Pope
 Teacher Martin Pope
 Lesson Study: The Law As Teacher

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

Welcome/ Announcements Karen Fernandez

Worship in Praise

Praise Song Karen Fernandez

Call to Worship

Responsive Reading 768 Susan Watson
Mission of the Church

Worship in Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Martin Pope

Worship in Stewardship

Call for Offering *Local Church Budget* Martin Pope

Worship in Song

Opening Hymn # 457
 "I Love to Tell the Story"

Worship in the Word

Scripture Romans 8:28-29 Martin Pope

Special Music "Title" Video
 Performer

Sermon "Our Purpose in Life" Al Lopez

Benediction Al Lopez

Closing Hymn # 375
 "Work, For the Night Is Coming"

Sundown Today 6:15 PM Next Friday 6:06 PM