

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.

ADRA HOMES FOR ORPHANS PROJECT this year. Drop your spare change in the donation box hanging in the foyer. \$641.30 has been received through the end of November. Money is sent when \$100 has been received.

NEXT WEEK: Pastor Nathaniel Gamble will have the worship service. Don Schraeder will have the lesson study. The offering will be for Local Church Budget. **Loose and undesignated offering goes to Local Church Expense.**

CHURCH BOARD MEETING: The next regular board meeting will be Sunday, 1/5/2020 at 4:00 p.m. at the church.

December	Budget	Received	Still Needed	Balance 12/13/2019
	\$1,900	\$388	\$1,012	
Expense				\$2,741.57
Evangelism	--	\$23	--	\$926.76
Insurance		\$2,685.70	\$3,314.30	Goal: \$6,000
Building Fund		\$10		\$702.85
Repair/Air		\$3,007.07	\$992.93	Goal: \$4,000

OFFERING TODAY: Adventist Community Services is an outreach ministry for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the North American Division. ACS serves communities by providing assistance to people affected by flooding, fire, and other natural disasters.

COMMUNION: Next Sabbath we will celebrate communion.

JAIME JORGE CONCERTS:

- 12/17 at 7:00 p.m. - Fort Collins SDA Church
- 12/18 at 7:00 p.m. - Brighton SDA Church
- 12/20 at 7:00 p.m. - Longmont Mountain View SDA Church
- 12/21 at 11:00 a.m. - Lifesource SDA Church

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
12/14/2019

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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:

Sandy Akins
Sandy Akins
Backslidden People

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

Pastor's Notes

One of the questions I am sometimes asked concerns the timing of the first coming of Jesus: "If Jesus is God in the flesh, why didn't God become incarnate as Jesus of Nazareth immediately after the fall?" The question is a good one, and it gets at the heart of a desire that we have: freedom from sin and liberation from bondage to decay and mortality. The logic of the question proceeds along these lines: Adam and Eve disobeyed God and fell into a sinful state of existence, which means they needed salvation; salvation can only be provided by a Savior - someone who is not in the same situation in which Adam and Eve find themselves; therefore, Adam and Eve needed a Savior as soon as they fell, not several millennia after their deaths - so, why the delay? Why didn't God just show up and become incarnate the moment Adam and Eve fell into sin, in order to save them from the effects of their fall from God? Galatians 4:4-5 provides us with an answer to this question: "But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship" (NIV). Did you notice the phrase, "the set time had fully come"? The literal Greek is more clear (and emphatic): "when the fullness of [chronological] time came." Apparently, the plan of redemption required time in order to unfold. God could come to earth at any time he wanted, but we would not have been prepared for it - time itself would not have arrived at the exact moment necessary for our salvation. It seems that, even for salvation from sin, there is a right time and a "not-yet-ready" time for salvation to appear: a time that is ripe for God to become incarnate and a time when it would be premature or too late. But Galatians 4:4-5 tells us that God came at just the right time! The reason why God did not become incarnate immediately after the fall of Adam and Eve, according to Galatians 4:4-5, is that it wasn't yet the right time; instead, the right time for the incarnation was when Jesus was actually born. Friends, let us rejoice that God became incarnate right on time - at the perfect time for our salvation to be won. Merry Christmas.

Pastor: Nathaniel Gamble (303) 857-2311
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

Responsive Reading 758 Martin Pope
Invocation *Blessed Is He Whose Transgressions Are Forgiven* Al Lopez

Worship in Stewardship

Call for Offering *Adventist Community Services* **VIDEO**
Offertory Prayer John Fernandez

Worship in Song

Opening Hymn # 294
"Power in the Blood"

Worship in Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Martin Pope
"Surely the Presence"

Worship in the Word

Scripture John Fernandez
1 John 1:9

Special Music Video

Sermon Al Lopez
"When You Need Forgiveness"

Closing Hymn # 300
"Rock of Ages"

Benediction Al Lopez
Postlude "God Be With You" # 65

Sundown Today 4:34 PM Next Friday 4:36 PM