

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 for a little while longer.

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. \$989.76 has been received through the end of December.

NEXT WEEK: Al Lopez will have the worship service. The offering will be for Rocky Mountain Conference Advance. **Loose offering goes to Local Church Expense and undesignated offerings in envelopes go to Insurance.**

CHURCH BOARD MEETING: The next regular board meeting will be Friday, 1/8/2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the church.

December	Budget	Received	Donations to Budget December	Balance 1/1/2021
	\$1,400	\$1257	\$143	
Expense				\$2,298.61
Evangelism	--	\$22.50	--	\$657.90
Insurance		\$5,119.10	\$1,116.60	Goal: \$6,235.70
Building Fund		\$10		\$917.85

CHURCH MISSION PROJECT: If you wish to donate to our mission project, Hope at Miracle House, mark your gift as HOPE.

LA VIDA MISSION: We are collecting paper towels, toilet paper and oatmeal over the next year. Take your donations to the cradle roll room.

TUITION ASSISTANCE: If you wish to donate to help with Campion tuition, mark the gift on your offering envelope as TUITION.

PASTOR'S DEPARTURE: It is with great sadness that we will be saying farewell to Pastor Nathaniel Gamble as our Pastor. His last Sabbaths with us will be the 16th and 23rd of January. He will begin serving 3 churches in the Colorado Springs area on February 1st. If you have not received a copy of the email message he sent, please see Karen. We will have fellowship meals with the Pastor on those Sabbaths and are working out details to have a more normal fellowship meal for those Sabbaths while still remaining safe. More details will be forthcoming next Sabbath.

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



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1/2/2021

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Pastor's Notes

The Gospel of Matthew uses five different episodes to show that Jesus is the Son of God and pose the question to readers, "Will you recognize Jesus as the Son of God and give your life to him?" The first episode is found in Jesus' wilderness temptation in Matthew 4, where Satan confronts Jesus with three temptations: exercising supernatural power to alleviate hunger, assuming divine assistance from experiencing death, and giving worship in exchange for getting glory and human kingdoms. In his first two temptations, Satan prefaces his ploys with the phrase, "If you are the Son of God..." (verses 3 and 6). Historically, most Christians have understood Satan's "if" conjectures to be his attempt at undermining Jesus' divine identity and getting the Savior to doubt that he is God's Son. After all, at Jesus' baptism the Spirit of God came upon Jesus and the voice of God said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17) - which is a combination of Psalm 2:7 and Isaiah 42:1, two biblical passages that talk about the Messiah being the Son or Servant of God. But most likely, Satan is both confused and resistant to Jesus' divine identity - and this is why his first two temptations begin with the words, "If you are the Son of God." Satan isn't sure who this Jesus is, exactly. Obviously, he knows Jesus is important, because the Father has claimed him as the divine Son and the Holy Spirit has anointed him with divine power. But Satan remembers the pre-incarnate Son, and the man Jesus looks weak and frail in comparison. Is this Jesus the real deal? Similarly, Satan doesn't like that God has identified Jesus as the Savior of humanity by publicly supporting and vindicating Jesus at his baptism with prophecies highlighting he is the Messiah. Satan wants to counter what God has to say about Jesus, and he hopes his temptations will undermine Jesus' trust in who God says he is and the identity he gets from God. Ultimately, however, Satan is defeated in this scheme. Satan drops his prefacing "if" for the final temptation (showing he knows Jesus is the Son of God), and bungles up that temptation by trying to blackmail the Son of God into worship him! In the end, Jesus' baptism and temptation answer Satan's ruse by showing the Savior is truly the Son of God. So the question Matthew has for you is this: "What do you think of Jesus? Will you recognize Jesus as the Son of God who is God's Delight and Chosen One?" God bless.

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

Superintendent Program
Teacher
Lesson Study:

Brent Balmer
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Crisis of Identity

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

Welcome/ Announcements

Karen Fernandez

Worship in Praise

Praise Song

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Call to Worship

Responsive Reading

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Hope and Comfort

Martin Pope

Worship in Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Martin Pope

Worship in Stewardship

Call for Offering

Local Church Budget

Brent Balmer

Worship in Song

Opening Hymn

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"Does Jesus Care?"

Worship in the Word

Scripture

Matthew 11:28-30
Brent Balmer

Special Music

"Going Home"
Heritage Singers
Video

Sermon

"Come Unto Me"
Al Lopez

Benediction

Al Lopez

Closing Hymn

315
"O for a Closer Walk"

Sundown Today 4:46 PM

Next Friday 4:52 PM