

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. **Remember to social distance.**

PRAYER MEETING: Join us on ZOOM every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. We are going through the gospel of Luke. This Wednesday we start Luke 3.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL: Join us after church service for our fellowship meal!

BIBLE STUDY: Bible Study after the fellowship meal.

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. \$267.04 has been received through the end of May.

NEXT WEEK: Pastor Nathaniel Gamble 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, 7/9/2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the church.

June	Budget	Received	Still Needed	Balance 6/18/2021
	\$1,400	\$951.47	\$448.53	
Expense				\$2474.63
Evangelism	--	\$20	--	\$828.21
Insurance		\$2,582.45	\$4,228.28	Goal: \$6,810.73
Building Fund		\$10		\$947.85

CHURCH MISSION PROJECT: Mark gifts for our local mission project HOPE.

LA VIDA MISSION: We are collecting paper towels, toilet paper and oatmeal.

TUITION ASSISTANCE: Mark tuition assistance gifts TUITION.

COMMUNION SERVICE: Next Sabbath, June 26. No foot washing yet.

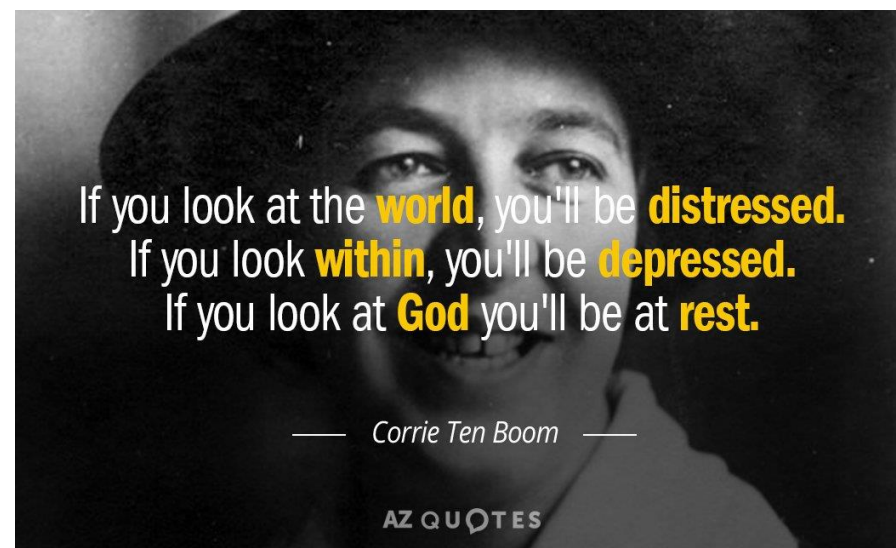
BLESSINGS IN A BAG: We will make a decision by the end of this month.

EVANGELISM: Projects Steps to Christ has provided us with a breakdown of the costs of mailing "Steps to Christ" to Fort Lupton Carrier Routes. The Church Board felt that it might be a good idea to mail them in increments, with the first mailing covering the carrier route with the most residences. See Karen if you would like to know the costs.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK: Happy Birthday Monday to Melissa Armfield!

**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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6/19/2021

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Pastor's Notes

There is a passage in Romans 9 that usually doesn't sit well with Adventists. After asking a rhetorical question concerning whether or not God is just (verse 14) and then appealing to the story of Moses and Pharaoh as the basis for his argument that God is merciful and compassionate (verses 15-17), Paul draws a startling conclusion about God in verse 18: "So then He has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He desires" (NASB). On the surface, Romans 9:18 looks like a statement about God's injustice and arbitrariness: "sometimes God has mercy and sometimes he doesn't, and that's just the way it is." But that isn't really what Paul is saying in this verse. It is true that Paul says God has mercy on whom he wills and hardens whom he wills, but this is a statement about the possibility of God's power rather than a statement about God's character. While it is true that God is all-powerful and has the ability to be merciful to some and harden others, is that really how God uses his power? Look at how Paul describes God's exercise of power in Romans 9: God "will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion" (verse 15); whatever happens depends on God's mercy (verse 16); God makes his power known by dealing patiently with those who reject him so he can have mercy on those he has called to follow Jesus (verses 22-24); it's his love and mercy that drive God to be kind to the Gentiles and make them his people with Israel (verses 25-26); and God shows his power by mercifully preserving his people and rescuing them from annihilation, destruction, and their own sinfulness (verses 27-29). Similar to what Paul says in Romans 1, God has shown that he is powerful and no one can escape his will. But also similar to what Paul says in Romans 1, God has shown his power by how he interacts with us: in mercy, compassion, love, and kindness. Friends, the evidence that God is merciful and uses his power for compassionate purposes is found in your own lives. If you think about how God has acted with love and kindness toward you in Jesus, then you will know that God's power is shown in mercy and not arbitrariness. God bless.

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Head Elder: Martin Pope (720) 220-8404
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Our Church at Study 10:00 A.M. - 10:50 A.M.

Superintendent Program
Teacher
Lesson Study:

Sandy Akins
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Covenant Faith

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

Welcome/ Announcements

Karen Fernandez

Praise Song

Worship in Praise

"A Quiet Place"

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Responsive Reading

Call to Worship

859

Psalm 98

Susan Watson

Invocation

Worship in Prayer

Martin Pope

Call for Offering

Worship in Stewardship

Local Church Budget

Brent Balmer

Opening Hymn

Worship in Song

"I Need the Prayers"

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Scripture

Worship in the Word

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Brent Balmer

Special Music

"The Lord's Prayer"

Wintley Phipps

Sermon

"The Priority of Prayer"

Doug Batchelor Video

Benediction

Martin Pope

Closing Hymn

"I Must Tell Jesus"

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Sundown Today 8:31 PM

Next Friday 8:32 PM