

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: No meeting this Wednesday. We'll resume on July 28th and cover Luke 4:14-30.

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

BIBLE STUDY: Bible Study after the fellowship meal. We're going through the "Storacles of Prophecy" study guides from Amazing Facts.

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. \$305.37 has been received through the end of June.

NEXT WEEK: Speaker to be determined. The offering will be for Rocky Mountain Conference Advance. If you have ideas for things to do in lieu of a sermon, let Martin Pope know.

CHURCH BOARD MEETING: The next regular board meeting will be Friday, 8/13/2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the church.

July	Budget	Received	Still Needed	Balance 7/16/2021
	\$1,400	\$1110.78	\$289.22	
Expense				\$1255.79
Evangelism	--	\$0	--	\$808.21
Insurance		\$3445.17	\$3365.56	Goal: \$6,810.73
Building Fund		\$10		\$967.85

CHURCH PROJECTS: Mark gifts for our local mission project HOPE and tuition assistance as TUITION.

LA VIDA MISSION: We are collecting paper towels, toilet paper and oatmeal in the cradle roll room.

JULY 31: Michael & Lynn Harris will have our worship service on the 31st. Invite someone!

STEPS TO CHRIST: The first mailing will go out by the end of the month to 13 of the 20 Carrier Routes in Fort Lupton and was donated by a church member. The list of remaining routes and cost is on the white board in the foyer. If you want to sponsor a route, write the route # on your offering envelope with your donation and cross the route off the list on the board. If you just want to contribute to the next mailing, mark your offering STC. We have \$35 so far. This is not coming out of evangelism.

BLESSINGS IN A BAG: We are waiting for Sue Hubert to touch base with each school about the possibility of the schools taking over the program.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK: Happy Birthday Wednesday to Dyan Lewis and Sandy Akins! Happy Birthday Friday to Mitsu Stokley!

KEEP GOD'S HOUSE CLEAN: When you leave the sanctuary, please do not leave trash/bottles/etc.in the pews. 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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7/17/2021

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Pastor's Notes

Did you know that God's kindness and severity show us his saving and loving purposes in Jesus? In Romans 11:22, Paul states, "Behold then the kindness and severity of God; to those who fell, severity, but to you, God's kindness, if you continue in His kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off" (NASB). Now this verse might sound ominous and harsh, but it's actually talking about our connection to Jesus. In Romans 11:17-21, Paul refers to Israel as an olive branch (a common Old Testament image for Israel as God's people), and he makes the point that several "natural" olive branches (Jewish men and women) were broken off of the Root of the olive tree (which is a common Old Testament image for Jesus the Messiah) and "wild" olive branches (Gentiles) were grafted onto the olive Root in their place. Paul's language about olive branches can be a little confusing, but his basic conclusion is pretty simple: those Jewish people who don't believe in Jesus the Messiah were "broken off" by God, and those Gentile people who believe in Jesus the Messiah were "grafted in" by God - but they are ONLY broken off or grafted into Jesus the Messiah! As Paul stresses in verse 18, "It is not you who supports the root, but the root supports you" (NASB). So how does all this talk about Jesus the Root and Jewish and Gentile olive branches show us God's love and saving purposes in his severity and kindness? The answer is found in verses 23-24. God's severity is manifested by breaking off from Jesus those who don't believe in him, in order to manifest his kindness by grafting into Jesus those who believe in him (verse 22). "And they [unbelieving Jewish people] also, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again" (verse 23-24). All of this means that God's attitude is not primarily about punishment, but about finding ways to "graft" Jews and Gentiles into Jesus! God's severity in punishing apostasy (i.e., falling away from Jesus) is only used by God to get people connected to Jesus - literally! Friends, God wants you to know Jesus, and he only shows his severity in order to reveal his kindness by ultimately working to connect you to Jesus. God bless.

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

Superintendent Program
Teacher
Lesson Study:

Martin Pope
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The Root of Restlessness

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

Welcome/ Announcements

Karen Fernandez

Praise Song

Worship in Praise
"Be Thou My Vision"

547

Responsive Reading

Call to Worship
777
Christian Unity

Martin Pope

Invocation

Worship in Prayer

Doug Batchelor

Call for Offering

Worship in Stewardship
Local Church Budget

Brent Balmer

Opening Hymn

Worship in Song
"Father, Lead Me Day by Day"

482

Scripture

Worship in the Word
Acts 1:13-14

Brent Balmer

Special Music

"Breathe On Me, Breath of God"
Congregation

265

Sermon

"*Divided or United*"

Doug Batchelor

Benediction

Doug Batchelor

Closing Hymn

"Savior, Like a Shepherd"

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Sundown Today 8:25 PM

Next Friday 8:21 PM