



Corona Presbyterian Church, Denver, CO

December 2009





ADVENT AT CORONA



Corona's Christmas Cantata Sunday, December 20th

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Combined Sanctuary Choir & Praise Team.

Under the direction of C.J. Garbo and Jim Watson, Accompaniment by Paul Ijames.

Featuring Elizabeth Sheron, Soprano Elizabeth graduated from Oral Roberts University with a bachelor's degree in Vocal Performance and a M.A. in Theology/Historical Studies. Come enjoy a wide range of musical genres in worship and celebration of the birth of Jesus.

**Christmas Eve
Worship Service
December 24th
6:30 p.m.**

**No classes on Sunday
December 27th**

*Fellowship time and
Christmas goodies – please
bring your homemade
Christmas treats to share!*

Adult Sunday School Classes

10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

Advent Sunday School Class December 6th, 13th, and 20th

Does Christmas sometimes feel a bit overwhelming and maybe even over the top? Are you looking for a deeper understanding of Advent? Scott Kingry will be facilitating an Adult S.S. class on the Season of Advent.

Life in the Book of Acts

David Sawyer continues walking through the story of the early church.



FROM MY MINDS EYE...

We are embarking on one of the greatest seasons of the year. It is the coming of God. You could say that God has always been involved and a part of our existence and you would be absolutely correct. But this coming of God is obviously unique. It is a one-of-a-kind entrance in our world, which has changed everything about this life and the life beyond. It is this coming which we talk about, but often find ourselves ill prepared to fully receive.

We get swept up in the “Christmas Season” as we fall prey to the hustle and bustle of buying presents, preparing our homes inside and out, hosting parties and attending gatherings. We are left exhausted and worn-out with just enough time left to say “Happy Birthday.” We do all this preparation in the name of the One who is coming, but it has very little to do with Him.

From the writings of the prophet Isaiah, chapters 7-9, we receive a pretty clear picture of God’s promise that He will join us. In Isaiah 7:14 and again in Matthew 1:23, we read these words: “*The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel*” — which means, “*God with us.*” Advent is the time to prepare for God’s coming to be with us.



I want to challenge you to make this season called Advent a more reflective anticipation of the Christ child’s arrival. Advent speaks of the waiting and the hoping of what has been promised. We will have readings each week in the bulletin to inspire our meditations. We will also be using Advent Guides, created by *Urban Skye Ministries*, which will be the basis of my preaching. I would love for you to take one home and follow along as we think about the coming of our Savior. *Our Daily Bread Christmas Edition* will be available as always near the entrance.

There is going to be hustle and bustle. But let us pay just a little bit more attention to why we have all of this commotion. Let us try to center more on the reason for the season - our Savior Jesus, God’s only Son.

Pastor John



Moment for Missions

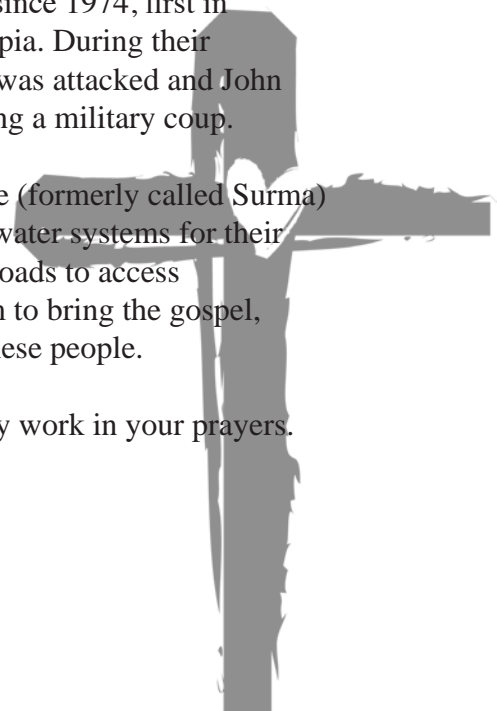
John and Gwen Haspels in Ethiopia with PCUSA

Ethiopia is in East Africa and has a population of 36 million of which 56 percent are Christian. Life expectancy is very short, just 42 years. The elevation is 4,500 feet above sea level and the country is made up of forest and grasslands. The weather is pleasant in the dry season (November to May), but it rains heavily during the other five months.

John and Gwen, both children of missionaries, were raised in Africa. They have been serving as mission co-workers since 1974, first in Ethiopia, then in Sudan, and now again in Ethiopia. During their tenure in Sudan, the station where they worked was attacked and John was held hostage for 16 days by rebels attempting a military coup.

They are currently ministering to the Suri people (formerly called Surma) in the southwestern part of Ethiopia, providing water systems for their villages, and helping supervise construction of roads to access people in mountainous areas. This enables them to bring the gospel, as well as offer education and medical care to these people.

Please keep John and Gwen and their missionary work in your prayers.



MISSION TRIP

CHINA



Dr. Ed Ho and his sister, Carolyn, two of the three doctors on the ACCTS October medical mission with Jodie to China

Corona Happenings

SEE A KODAK MOMENT AT CHURCH?

Have you had that moment at church when you see a photo opportunity, but there's no camera in sight? Well, the Welcome and Assimilation Committee has placed two disposable cameras in the kitchen...they are in a cupboard facing the refrigerator. When you see something you think would make a photo for the bulletin board or newsletter, please grab a camera, snap that photo and then put the camera back for someone else to do the same. When the cameras are full they'll be developed and your photo just might end up in a future newsletter! Thanks all!

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Julie Ho is coordinating meals for Cal and Linda Dunlap. If you would like to help in this effort, please contact Julie at hojulieed@hotmail.com or 303-329-3161. (they have no food allergies) Thank You!

Looking for a place to serve?

Our **Contemporary Worship Service** is in need of ushers. It could be for one Sunday at a time or several Sundays. We are open to how this fits your schedule. Would you please let Jary Dailey or Sean Morris know of your interest in supporting the contemporary service in this way. This vital part of our worship service needs support.

Pastor John's Vacation Reminder

Pastor John will be on vacation after the busy holiday season and out of the office from December 28 - January 4. There will be a guest speaker during this time. We hope John and family enjoy a well-deserved vacation.

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Youth

News and Events

Thank you to all who participated in our Rent A Kid Auction! We raised \$900 dollars for our summer mission trip to AZ.



Future Fundraiser

December 13th Art Auction at 1pm in the Multi
Help Us Grow, fill up our flower pots with change
See Gabriel or Kristy for info.

December 11th | Operation Christmas Child
December 20th | Youth Group Christmas Party

Upcoming Events



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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Heritage Service8:45 a.m.
 Childcare and nursery available until Noon
Sunday School for all.....10-10:45 a.m.
Contemporary Service.....11:00 a.m.
 Children's Church/Puppets

STAFF

Rev. John Geiter
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