



Corona Corner

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MATTHEW 1:23

“THE VIRGIN WILL BE WITH CHILD AND
WILL GIVE BIRTH TO A SON, AND THEY WILL
CALL HIM EMMANUEL” — WHICH MEANS,
“GOD WITH US.”



Lowell Tursick

...A TRUE CHRISTIAN GENTLEMAN

Hometown? “I was born in Dacono, CO, and finished high school there. I moved to Denver in 1945 after serving 3 years in the 26th Division (Army) during World War II. I was in the infantry on the front lines for 19 months in the European Theatre; England, France, Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia. When the war ended I came to Denver. I had \$300.00 and my duffel bag. It was enough for a new start. I moved into a rooming house on 21st and Tremont and worked in the warehouse at Gamble’s general merchandise department store. I would have moved home but my parents sold the family home in Frederick, CO, and moved to California while I was in the service!”

World War II - You are part of what Tom Brokaw and others call The Greatest Generation. “Well, that’s what they call those of us who served in WWII. I’ve seen a lot. I don’t like to think or talk about it.”

Medals? “A Purple Heart from injuries sustained during the war, 2 Battlestars from the European Theatre, a Combat Infantry Badge, the Belgian Croix de Guerre, the French Croix de Guerre....and a Good Conduct Medal” he added with a huge laugh!

Love? “I met Imogene in 1946 and we married in 1947 at Corona. The old church. Pastor Lutz. We started a brand new life together.”

Fun back in the day? “Imogene and I took the streetcar to movies at the Bluebird, the Tower, the Paramount and Orpheum on 16th St. We loved to dance at Elitch Garden’s Trocadero Ballroom to the big bands, the Rainbow Room on 5th and Broadway, Lakeside to ‘Jimmy Dancing Shoes’. We went to drive-in movies. Remember those? We had so much fun.”

What do you love most about Corona? “The fellowship. In the 40’s and 50’s Corona had a Sunday school group called 2 x 2’s and we joined that. 2 x 2’s were married couples of all ages. A lot of military men back from the war and their wives. Then we started the Mariner’s, which began as a group of young marrieds. You had to have been married 5 years or less to join the Mariner’s group. Did you know Mariner means adventurer? We were young and adventuresome! Mariner’s started back in the 50’s. There are still a few of us around.”

And Denver? “I love Denver. I love the seasons. But I don’t love the traffic, growth, the population boom.”

One thing you are most thankful for? “62 years with Imogene. I thank God every day for those 62 years we had together. We had a real, real good ride. I am thankful for my children and grandchildren. I am thankful for my health. I feel good. I am still really active. 87 years of life makes for a pretty good story. I am thankful for every page.”

Kids? “3 sons, born in 1948, 1951 and 1954. All were really involved in sports, they kept us hopping and on a schedule. They went to Palmer Elementary, Gove Jr. High and East High. And we have 8 grandkids. In Denver, Spokane, WA and the Santa Barbara area of California. I drove to California a few weeks ago for our granddaughters wedding.”

Most Comfortable? “In my Levis, cowboy boots and either a t-shirt or flannel shirt depending on the season. Imogene loved blue jeans too. Nobody at the beauty shop could believe an 80+ year old looked so good in jeans!”

A remembrance of Imogene? “Well, when she watched football, she didn’t care who was running the ball, she would shout for the other team to “get him!” In the last few years of her life we watched a lot of TV together. The Bold and Beautiful every day after lunch. Imogene always knew what was going to happen as if she had written the story. That amazed me. And she loved to watch The Good Wife. That’s what we put on her headstone. The Good Wife. And she was, in every way. She had a great figure. She always looked good. I can picture her now at the kitchen sink with that hourglass figure. I always wanted to walk up and hug her. I lost her in December 2009, just one year ago this month. She was 85 years young. It was sudden; it was a shock; I miss her terribly. Oh boy”, Lowell sighs, full of emotion. “she was and is the love of my life.”

Thoughts for young folks? “Be interested in your kid’s interests. Love each other. Forgive each other. Play. Pray.”

Your faith is strong... “God has always watched out for me. He has protected me through thick and thin. There is no other way to explain it. I’ve been blessed by the Grace of God. And I thank God every day for 62 years with Imogene.”



From My Minds Eye...

We are beginning one of the greatest seasons of the year. It is the coming of our God. You could say that God has always been, since the dawn of time, a part of our world 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 “Black Friday” and the “Christmas Season”. 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. We barely have time and energy to say “Happy Birthday” to Jesus. 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.

As this season unfolds, I am giving you a challenge. Will you 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 help inspire our meditations. We will also be using A Guide to Advent, created by Urban Skye Ministries, which will be the basis of my preaching through Advent. I would love for you to take one home and follow along as we think about the coming of our Savior.

There is no getting around that we will experience hustle and bustle. But let us take a breath and 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.

In God’s grip, His is the strong one...

Pastor John





CORONA MOPS

MOPS stands for Mothers Of Preschoolers. Founded 37 years ago, it is an international non-denominational Christian organization that reaches out to all mothers of children under school age.

The Corona MOPS group consists of about 25 members who meet at our church on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Fridays of the month from 9:00-11:30 a.m. Corona Church members Heather Hack and Chute Charnsangavej serve as co-coordinators of the group. At each of our meetings, moms enjoy a delicious, peaceful, “kid-less” breakfast; host speakers and activities; and offer a safe place to grow in faith and in relationship with other moms. We also have MOPS Nights Out, playdates, Date Nights Out with childcare provided at the church, and community service activities. At their November 19th meeting Corona MOPS moms donated boxes of gifts to Operation Christmas Child.

Parenting preschoolers is a challenging and often lonely time, and MOPS provides a “safe haven”, support and resources for moms. One Corona MOPS mom says, “I moved to Denver not knowing anyone, five months pregnant and anxious about this new chapter in my life. Through Corona MOPS I found great friends with a common faith in God and a support network that has lasted the three years since then. I look forward to every meeting!” There is an annual membership fee for MOPS members, and scholarships are available to those who need assistance. Childcare during all meetings is lovingly provided through the MOPPETS program.

If you are interested in volunteering your time or resources to Corona MOPS, please contact Heather (hdhack@yahoo.com) or Chute (ccharn@hotmail.com).

Thank you for supporting Corona’s MOPS ministry!

Lamandra Kuck
MOPS Publicity Coordinator
<http://www.mops.org>

Youth Escapades

Youth Group Sundays
6-8pm

BOYS AND GIRLS BIBLE STUDIES
WEDNESDAYS 7-8:30PM

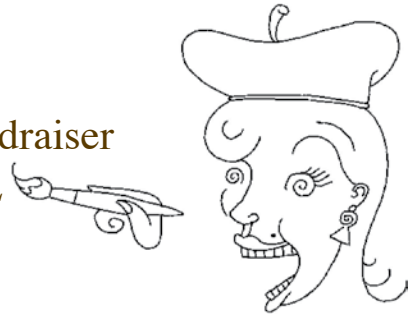
Sunday School Sundays 10-10:45am



Upcoming Events

Art Auction

We are having our 2nd Annual Art Auction Fundraiser to benefit the Youth Mission Trip to Moline, IL



Sunday, Dec. 19th in the Multi Purpose Room

After First Service ~ During Sunday school~ After Second Service



If you want to contribute any type of art (Photos, paintings, poems, crafts, etc.)

Please Contact:

Gabriel or Kristy

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Gabe and Kristy Jaramillo, Corona Youth Directors
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Give joy to a prisoner's child this Christmas

Volunteer for Angel Tree

This Christmas, 1.7 million children will have a parent in prison. Angel Tree, a program of Prison Fellowship, seeks to connect prisoners and their families to God and to each other through the delivery of Christmas gifts and the Gospel message.

Through prison chaplains and in-prison events, Angel Tree receives applications from incarcerated parents that would like our help in sending Christmas gifts to their children. Each child receives two gifts, one clothing item and one toy item, valued between \$15-\$20 each. The gifts will be personally delivered prior to Christmas, wrapped and tagged with a special note from the incarcerated parent. Each gift is paired with the sharing of the Gospel, introducing the children to the true meaning of Christmas—Jesus Christ.

This Christmas, Corona is sponsoring thirty children in fourteen families in the Angel Tree program. Volunteers are needed to buy and wrap Christmas gifts and deliver gifts to children. Starting on November 29th, an Angel Tree Christmas tree will be in the church hallway, hung with gift tags that you may remove, signaling your commitment to buying for one or more child. The gift tags contain information about the child you will buy for, including age and gift suggestions. Gifts will be delivered the week of Christmas so please return gifts to the church, wrapped and tagged with provided gift tag, by December 15th.

Please contact Lamandra Kuck if you have any questions or to volunteer to deliver gifts - 303.993.4274 or Lamandra.Kuck@yahoo.com.

Thank you for your help in giving joy to a prisoner's child this Christmas!



BETH MOORE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY A HUGE SUCCESS!

“Esther | It's Tough Being a Woman”

30 + women of Corona have just completed a 10 week Beth Moore Bible Study in an in-depth and very personal examination of this great story of threat and deliverance. It was awesome! The Old Testament story of Esther came alive as layers of history were peeled back to show us how very applicable the story is to our lives today. Just like Esther, most of us have at one time or another felt inadequate, threatened, and pushed into situations that seemed overpowering. We studied together, laughed together, prayed with and for one another, supported and loved each other. We grew as women of faith and women of Corona; we grew in Christ, grew in fellowship, met new friends and strengthened the bonds of existing friendships. Here are some comments from the “Ladies of Esther” sharing their thoughts about our study:

- “A main idea was that God, at times, takes us and moves us 90 degrees from where we are and says, “go this way” , which sometimes takes a major adjustment on our part.”
- “...history brought to a very personal level...” Jessica True
- “The Esther study was very exciting. I saw lots of things I had never noticed before in the book of Esther. Beth Moore is a great speaker; I could listen to her all day. Her love for the Lord and His word comes through when she is talking. The part of the study that touched me the most was the fellowship. I felt like I had come home. When I looked around the room and saw my sisters, some who I have known for years, and some I had just met, I thought, this is what Heaven is going to be like, sitting around with my family talking about God’s greatness.” Kathy Haagenson Hall
- “This study gave me a whole new glimpse into the Book of Esther... I especially enjoyed the fellowship.” Harriet Gerstenberger
- “...I liked the structure; we had homework every week and were accountable to each other... Esther used the mission of God in a powerful and positive way.” Beki Kerkman
- “...crisis can often pivot us in another direction...” Jary Dailey
- “...when do we start our next Women’s Beth Moore study?”
- “...it is tough being a woman but in Esther God used a woman for a powerful purpose.” Dale Bowers
- “Many times when we read a book like Esther, it’s more like reading a storybook. I love it but it’s doesn’t really have meat until I study it. I learned some culture of the Persians, the Jews, the people of their time. Now, Esther is a whole new book to me.” Dorothy Gross
- “We can sense God’s love when He seeks us out even though we are afraid. Esther took courage. God did this.” Chris Hicks
- “...my dad told me these words he saw some 50 years ago scratched on a wall in a Nazi Concentration Camp his unit, part of the 45th Infantry Division (The Thunderbirds), helped liberate in Germany within days of the end of World War II...”:
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I believe in the sun, even when it is not shining.

I believe in love, even when I do not feel it.

I believe in God, even when He is silent.

(Author unknown)

“These words preach with atomic power a timeless message of providence. And not coincidentally, they come from a Jew desperately seeking a Deliverer. These three simple lines etched on that prison wall are the Book of Esther in a nutshell”. Beth Moore

Girl Scout Troop 544 is up and running and we are having a wonderful time!

Many thanks to all of you who have generously donated funds to get us up and running. And many, many thanks for your prayers and support.

We are on track to have our Investiture Ceremony (where the girls ‘officially’ become Girl Scouts) in December. They will have earned a badge in addition to their sashes and pins and we are very proud of their progress. Their parents are helping them at home and each week a mom stays to help. 14 girls’, ages Kindergarten through 6th grade, regularly attend our meeting each Wednesday afternoon.

Renee and Deidra pick up 9 girls from Dora Moore at 3pm and we have homework time from 3 until 4pm when the girls from the other schools arrive and Scouts begin. We’ve learned about the history of Girl Scouts, the Promise, the Law, the motto...and if you

look at the pictures from our Daisy and Brownies ‘Fashion Show’ you’ll see an ‘antique’ uniform {Thanks Nancy Rowley for your donation!!}

Needs: Someone else to assist in monitoring homework time each week. If you could give even 1 week per month, it would help out, particularly in case Renee needs to be gone some week as the other leaders arrive closer to 4.

- Baby food or olive or pimento jars for a Christmas craft
- Prayer and transportation. We still have 2 girls who for transportation reasons cannot get to the meetings. One uses a wheel chair. We are still praying for a way for these 2 to be able to join us.

Again, many thanks from Renee, Laura, Deon and Julie!



Value Life Group at Corona

Value Life Group at Corona has much to rejoice about in the National Election Results of November 2, 2010. Focus on the Family reported that more than 50 pro-abortion House incumbents were replaced with an equal number of pro-life representatives, nine of which are pro-life medical doctors.

Americans United for Life Action had targeted 12 Congressional districts and came up with 11 wins, a 92% success rate.

Susan B. Anthony List reported one pro-life woman, Kelly Ayotte from New Hampshire, was added to the Senate, the number of pro-life women in the House increased by 60%; the number of pro-abortion women decreased by 16%; three new pro-life governors were added. In head to head matchups with Emily's List, SBA won 91% of the time.

In Colorado, although Personhood Amendment did not pass, it gained almost 3% more YES votes compared to NO votes from 2008. That means there were about 40,000 more people who voted for the amendment than did last time. And we are not done there. Personhood USA and Personhood Colorado are determined to continue to put the Personhood Amendment on the ballot every election year until it passes. We take heart with the example of the Women's Suffrage Movement in South Dakota. They first lost with nearly a 70 to 30 ratio, gained 7% the next time, 3% the next, lost ground when Anthony was arrested but caught up and overtook the NO votes. It took them 20 years but they finally won.

It was said if each person who voted for the Amendment in 2008 just convinced one other person to vote yes, it would pass in 2010. Obviously, that didn't happen and was too much to expect. But I believe if just the number of new YES voters would double each election, we could pass the Personhood Amendment in 6 years, or by 2016. There is much work to be done and much factual information to be disseminated but we have reason, science, and the LORD on our side.

Even away from the political scene, we have much to praise the LORD about. 40 Days for Life reports 788 babies saved, 82,000 people participated representing 3,800 churches, at least 8 abortion workers quit their jobs, and 2 abortion facilities went out of business. In fact, the results were so great, they are announcing that we are at the Tipping Point of the abortion issue. Praise God for All He Has Done!

In Christ,

Timothy

Corona Happenings

December 2010

Worship Committee

- 1) The Corona Church work day to decorate for Christmas is Saturday, December 4th.
- 2) There will be a Christmas Cantata and Moravian Love Feast on Sunday, December 19th at 6:30 PM.
- 3) The Advent guide this year is 'Thin Places' and is available for a \$2.00 suggested donation.
- 4) Our Christmas Eve offering will go to Scum of the Earth Church. This will be our 2nd year of financial blessing to them.
- 5) There will be one combined service on Dec. 26th at 9 am.

Common Threads

This is the new name for the quilting group. Whether you quilt, sew, needlepoint, crochet, knit, cross stitch etc., you are invited! Please call Dale Bowers, 303.933.0630, for details and to get involved.

Mariner's Christmas Luncheon

We're having a Mariner's Christmas Luncheon on Sunday, December 12th beginning at 12:30 in the multipurpose room. Mariner's and Friends of Mariner's are all welcome. The cost is \$10 per person and you can make your check payable to Corona (write "Mariner's Luncheon" on the memo line please). Register and make your payment at the registration table across from Nancy's office by Dec. 7th. Get ready for yummy food, warm fellowship, lots of laughs, and live entertainment by our very own Jessica and Bob True and Mike Wenger with their "Tried and True" Bluegrass Gospel Band!

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Heritage Service 8:30 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.
Childcare and nursery available until Noon
Sunday School for all 10-10:45 a.m.
Contemporary Service 11:00 a.m.
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