



Corona Presbyterian Church, Denver, CO

December 2011

# A D V E N T



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# Corona prepares for Advent



## Join Corona's choir cantata

This advent season the Corona Presbyterian Choir will be singing "Celebrate His Name! Proclaim His Birth!" This cantata is beautifully composed by Mary McDonald, Larry Shackley and narrated by Pamela Martin.

In "Celebrate His Name! Proclaim His Birth!" the names of Christ are examined and conveyed throughout the Christmas story and narrative.

Within this cantata the mix of traditional carols and modern melodies converge giving us a vivid imagination of the Christmas story. Please join the choir and come be a part of this wonderful season whether as a vocal addition or simply as a listening

ear. We will perform the cantata on December 18, 2011 at 6PM. Please email Paul at [spijames1@aol.com](mailto:spijames1@aol.com) if you have any inquiries about participating.

God Bless you,  
Paul Ijames

## Church will decorate cookies for Loving Care Members in December

Sunday, December 11th, during fellowship time (10:45 AM – 11:15 AM), we will be frosting and decorating Christmas cookies for our Loving Care Members (members who are unable to attend weekly services at the church). Please bring 1 dozen

### CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

- DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> 6:00 P.M.  
CHRISTMAS CANTATA
  
- DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> 6:30 P.M.  
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
  
- DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>  
NO WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULED
  
- JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> 9:30 A.M.  
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP  
SUNDAY SCHOOL:  
KARL TEICHERT WILL BE SPEAKING

baked, unfrosted sugar cookies and/or 1 dozen of your family's favorite holiday cookies. The Deacons will provide the frosting and sprinkles. Please call or email Holly Ingels with any questions ([hollyingels@gmail.com](mailto:hollyingels@gmail.com), 303.638.9591).

# From my mind's eye . . .

We have begun one of the greatest seasons of the year. It is the coming of the Christ child. This child is none other than the very savior of our world. God has always been with us as He is our creator. Even so, this coming is a one-of-a-kind moment when all of life is being remade or at least has the possibility of being remade. It is this “coming” which we talk about, but which often finds us ill prepared to fully receive.

If we are not very careful the commercialism of “Black Friday” and the “Christmas Season” distract and even alienate us from the reason for this season. We fall prey to the commotion and chaos of buying presents, preparing our homes inside and out, hosting parties and attending gatherings. 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, even though what we do has very little to do with Him.

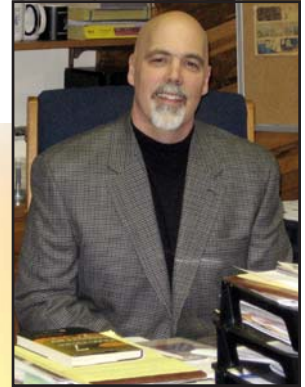
Advent is the time to prepare for God’s coming to be with us. Advent speaks of the waiting and the hoping of what has been promised.

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.’”

One way to help our hearts be prepared for Christ’s arrival is through an advent guide created by Urban Skye Ministries, which will be the basis of the preaching through December. (This guide can be found in the foyer at Corona.) We

are looking at characters in the Christmas story who find themselves on the outside or at least were considered outsiders from the Jewish culture. I want to invite you to stand outside of the distractions we often create, by making the weeks of Advent preparation for receiving Jesus.

There is no getting around the fact 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*

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# Girl Scout Troop 50544 is Going Strong!

What have the Girl Scouts been up to? Jewelry making and theater skills and cooking and hiking and we even had an overnight to Garden of the Gods! We are having a great time again this year. By the time you read this, the girls will have completed either a Jewelry, Theater or Cooking badge; our Investiture/Re-dedication ceremony will be complete; a wonderful campout at Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs at Hamp Hut will have happened and Blessing Bags will have been assembled for Girl Scout service day in honor of Juliette Lowe's birthday (the founder of Girl Scouts).

Whew, we have been busy! Now we are working on Christmas gifts for our parents! Cookie time

is coming up in January. Laura Anderson, Renee Walbert and one of the mom's, Jessica Mayle, are the co-leaders this year. Scott Anderson is "Cookie Manager". We have 15-18 girls participating, mostly from Dora Moore. 2nd and 3rd graders are 'Brownies', 4th and 5th graders are 'Juniors'. We also have a couple of 'Cadettes' (6th graders) and 'Senior Scouts' (High School Freshman). If you have been wondering how you can help...well...would you like to help with tutoring from 3pm-4pm? Or maybe you have a skill you'd like to teach? We meet Wednesdays from 3pm - 5:30pm and if you'd like to join us or get involved in any way, you would be a blessing!





## Worship center in India opened

Maria and JAC Prabhakar from Love Outreach Ministries traveled to Andhra Pradesh India in October where Corona has helped support a new building for an orphanage in a small village there.

Grace Home Orphanage has a free medical clinic, and a worship center for a local church was opened. JAC and Maria attended the dedication. They also started a third Children's home which is currently using a pastor's house. A literacy class was started at the Love Outreach Center, and they were able to visit churches in the area that they have been supporting to make plans to for badly needed repairs.

Please pray for the children at these homes that God will speak to them during their time at the home.



*JAC and Maria Prabhakar of Love Outreach Ministries attended a ribbon cutting for an orphanage in India.*

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# “Energize Your Faith” is alive and well

Some of you enthusiastically attended the recent October all church retreat, while others were unable to attend. Good news! The retreat is still alive and well for all of you because of both a video and a special witnessing tool.

The gist of the retreat was a desire to make our faith more of a 24/7 experience both as individuals and as a church community. If we are going to really

impact our homes, our community, and our world, we need to become day by day more like Christ. We really can't become more like Him by just trying harder to overcome our anger, lust, etc., which unfortunately just results in us becoming more like the angry elder brother in Luke 15. Fortunately, Christ modeled for us how to become more like himself by 1) having a relationship with God, 2)

meditating on scripture, 3) being filled by the Holy Spirit, and 4) abiding in God's presence.

At the retreat we had four Corona speakers address each of the above keys for being transformed into a new life. We captured those four speakers on video so that you can either experience much of the retreat for the first time, or get re-energized for a second time! You can watch these videos either individually, or be part of a small group forming in January where you can watch and then discuss what you saw together. If you are interested in either option call Jim Horner, 720-398-4774.

At the end of the retreat we also distributed special plastic written reminders of the four keys that could be attached to your own key ring. These little reminders are really handy for sharing the keys to a new life in Christ with others. We have extra plastic reminders available for you if you give one away to encourage someone on their faith journey. If you need a replacement “Energize your Faith” reminder, call Rick Hicks, 303-681-8577.

## Mark your calendar for the Men's Retreat, Feb 3-5 2012

Just “why?” should I mark my calendar?

1) We are encouraged to have “unity” in the body of Christ, to get to know each other as brothers. It's a great opportunity for some intergenerational bonding, so our hope is for men of all ages to gather together.

2) We are encouraged to keep growing in our Lord, and a retreat with other brothers is a great opportunity to keep growing. The plans are already in process for a special weekend together.

3) There's great food in a great setting, and it's really good to have a weekend away up in the peaceful hills once in a while.

So get the dates blocked off on your calendar, and we will look forward to seeing you there.

For more information see Jim Horner.

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# The Greatest Generation at Corona

Approximately 1,500 veterans of World War II die each day as the "Greatest Generation" passes from our midst. Corona is certainly experiencing this loss of wonderful folk from our fellowship.

**John Logan Dailey**, passed into the presence of our Lord on Sept. 23, 2011.

**Arlo D. Gerstenberger**, passed into the presence of our Lord on October 7, 2011.

**LCdr John W. Gibbs**, a US Navy Seabee in WWII, passed into the presence of our Lord on October 27, 2011.

**Boris Melnychenko**, has also recently gone to be with the Lord.

We add our well done to this faithful generation who are rapidly leaving us. We miss you each and every day.



*Arlo Gerstenberger*



*Boris Melnychenko*



*John Dailey*



*John Gibbs, Sr. and Doris*

## Help keep Corona clean

Please remember that we don't have a custodian at Corona and each of us needs to take it upon ourselves to keep our church clean and in good order. If you take tables or chairs or games or other items out for your event, would you please, please put them back when you are done? The key to the alley dumpster is in the kitchen so don't forget to take the trash outside after your event. Thanks everybody!



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## SUNDAY WORSHIP ❄️

Worship Service ..... 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship ..... 10:45 a.m.

Children's Church

Sunday School for all ..... 11:15 a.m.

Childcare and nursery available until 12:15 a.m.

## STAFF ❄️

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Youth Pastors



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