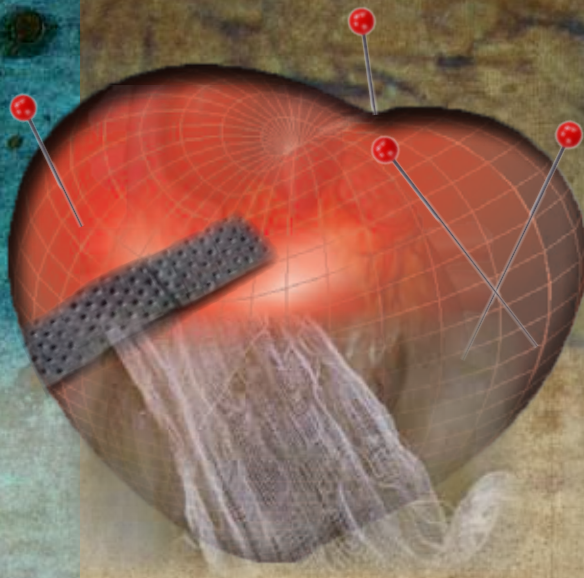




Corona Presbyterian Church, Denver, CO

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Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.

Matthew 9:35

From My Minds Eye...



I have found that it is easy to be so focused on the present and the future that I forget to recognize, celebrate and be thankful for the past. The children of Israel had monuments – often just a large pile of rocks. However these rocks commemorated a moment in time when God was especially faithful to them. Joshua 1- 4 tells the story of crossing the Jordan River during the flood season into Canaan. In response to this significant crossing, the Children of Israel carried 12 large stones out of the riverbed.

They created a monument with these stones so that future generations will remember that God was and is our faithful God. The calling to be thankful is echoed throughout scripture:

Colossians 4:2, “Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”

1Thessalonians 5:18, “Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

God wants us to be thankful people and to make this one of our priorities. Being thankful to God helps create in us the capacity to be grateful and appreciative both in our blessings and people in our lives. Having said this, we as a church have some very faithful folks in our midst and I want to take a moment and say “Thank You”. Elders who have served on Session are: Johnny Johnson, Jary Dailey, Tom Boblasky, Mary Bareis-Golumb and John Walbert (who has decided to stay on missions committee for the next three years). Julie Lundquist has served as our Clerk of Session for the past 3 years. Deacons who have served the past 3 years are Renee Walbert, Julie Ho and Linda Dunlap. Each of these ladies has decided to rejoin Deacons because they see this ministry so vital to the life of our church. Trustee’s who have served the past three years are: John Dailey, Greg Fee and Johnny Johnson (this past year Johnny has served as both a Trustee and an Elder!). There are so many other people who I can mention: David Sawyer teaching Adult Sunday School, Jan Goellner and Jessica True teaching children’s church, Jeff Newell and Lloyd Henderson playing in our praise band, all you singers, choir members and worship associates.

Unfortunately, when you mention a few you miss the many. This list can be quite lengthy. To everyone that helps make this church work and breathe and function, “THANK YOU”!

Ultimately, the point is not to praise ourselves, but to become aware of one simple way to bless God and each other. Being appreciative is that blessing. So may we grow in this form of loving others, and may we bless many in the coming months.

And all God’s people said, “Thank You”

In God’s grip, His is the strong one

Pastor John

Minute for Missions

Even if America rebounded and established an ideal economy in 2011, the unemployment rate may only drop by 1 percent. This statement came from the President of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in an article published by the Associated Press on January 11. According to the same article, it will likely be four to five years before the unemployment rate returns to the non-recession rate of 6 percent. Sadly, the issue of hunger isn't going away anytime soon.

"Mary" has referred hundreds of hungry people to Metro CareRing. So, after recently losing her job as a social worker, she knew where to turn for help. Fighting back tears she commented, it's ironic, I was the one giving the help, now I'm the one receiving it. Mary is not alone. Time and time again, we hear stories of hard-working people visiting Metro CareRing after losing their jobs. People who were dropping off donations at our back door are now coming through the front to receive services. For many, times are tough, but you can help. Help stop hunger now by visiting www.metrocarering.org to learn how to get involved.

Thank you for helping Metro CareRing keep the issue of hunger in focus. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to learn of other ways your faith community can help end hunger.

Sincerely,

Ryan Galanaugh
Community Relations Director
Metro CareRing



The Grace and Peace Gals

Over the last two years our hearts have been broken for the forgotten people who work in brothels throughout Asia. It all began as we learned of the trafficking and slavery that is involved with our favorite snack - chocolate. From there our inquiries led us to discover the trafficking that occurs in our own neighborhood. We have spent the last year and a half praying for and visiting women in brothels in Asia.

This experience and God's prompting gave us a desire to pursue full-time work in this area. After much prayer and contemplation we find ourselves drawn to Cambodia to work with an organization that seeks to rescue and restore women and children who have been abused. Please join us in prayer as we step into a new and exciting adventure.

Grace and peace - Becki, Kimberly, and Rachel (Linda Meyer Jackmonds niece)

Contact Us:

graceandpeacepals@gmail.com

www.graceandpeacepals.blogspot.com



Youth

Escapades

Youth Group Sundays
6-8pm

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

Sunday School Sundays 10-10:45am



Upcoming Events

Oscar Night – Sunday February 13th

Corona Talent Show – Saturday February 26th

If you want to participate, start thinking of your act,
there will be a signup in the Foyer and the bulletin.

**We just had the Youth Retreat on
Jan. 29th-30th**

**-Look for photos and an update about the fun
we had and things we learned in next month's
Newsletter**



Gabe and Kristy Jaramillo, Corona Youth Directors
Cell:720.275.1586 Work:303.832.2297 X110

Does **Small** Talk



Make You Feel **Small?**

A Book Review by Elaine Connell

Just trust a librarian to come up with a book for every need! The Fine Art of Small Talk, by Debra Fine is a book I wouldn't have picked up, but I was going to a professional Conference and was pretty anxious about what I would do with the time between the structured sessions. See, that's how I am. Small talk doesn't come easy to me. If you're with me at a table for a potluck, you'll notice I don't have a lot to say. I'm awkward in many social settings, and meeting new people...well, that just makes me cringe!

So, I picked up the book. The author wasted no time explaining her past as a “nerdy engineer,” a “poor communicator and a timid person.” I felt right at home, continued to read and learned four basic, practical lessons that I want to share with you.

The first lesson that blessed me was rather like a secret I heard for the first time. Would you believe that most of us have to work at small talk and other conversations skills? There are natural born chatty people and then there are the rest of us. Many of us struggle. Once we take the risk to start a conversation with someone and assume the burden of having a conversation however, we are on our way to enjoying being more comfortable with people.

Lessons 2, 3 and 4 are really three practical steps to begin:

Develop your own collection of ice breakers:

- What got you interested in_____.
- What was the best job you ever had_____.
- What do you think of_____?
- What's your favorite holiday/song/restaurant, tradition____? •Why____?
- I'm excited about____. What do you think?

Or, of course, the old standby: •Hi, my name is _____. It's nice to meet you!”

Learn how to keep the conversation going:

- Find someone who's approachable, makes eye contact with you and isn't already doing something else. Then smile and take your best shot!
 - Take an interest. Listen.
 - Ask open ended questions like...what brought you to ___?
 - Tell me about your favorite hobby.
- Prepare for pauses with questions like:
- Did you happen to see the Broncos on TV last night?

And be ready with a plan for a graceful exit!

There's no need to stay stuck when someone goes on and on. Just prepare some honest and non-hurtful exit lines:

- It's been nice talking with you about ____.
 - Thank you for sharing your ideas on ____.
- Then follow up with a simple statement like:
- I'm going to see if anyone from _____ is here today or
 - I promised myself I would ____.

If you make it about yourself, the other person isn't rejected. Then do what you said you were going to do. If you said you were heading to the multipurpose room for coffee, then go to the multipurpose room before you get caught up in another conversation on the way.

I'm glad I picked up *The Fine Art of Small Talk*. While I certainly haven't mastered all these skills, I hope you'll join me in making the effort to welcome people and say hello to strangers in our midst. I'd love to hear how it's going for you.



Missional Action Team Report

As we continue to reach out to Dora Moore School, the elders wanted to identify some missional projects involving the school. We are asking for your prayers concerning these needs and activities at Dora Moore. We ask that you to pray for and consider being involved in one or more of these needs:

1. Pray that Dora Moore's need for after school daycare might be met. The school has a need for a number of children; however, they do not meet the requirements for publicly funded daycare programs such as Kaleidoscope.
2. Pray for help with lunchroom and playground monitors.
3. Pray for success for the school's Neighborhood House Tour fundraiser coming this fall. This past fall, several members from Corona volunteered to help their PTSA stuff envelopes for their House Tour.
4. Clean up and general grounds keeping. In the past, members from Corona have planted flowers during Church workdays and done some other spot clean up work.
5. Pray for continued success with the Girl Scouts Group. Additional volunteer adult supervision is needed.
6. Pray for tutors for students.

Many Thanks!



January 26, 2011

Dear brothers and sisters at Corona,

Today I received a greeting^{card} signed by several people from among you. It was a joy to receive the same. I read and drank in each of the individual messages. Thank you for the kind words.

It is such words that hold me up when I see the love of God in action. It demonstrates to me tangibly that God cares.

My eyes and all my hope is in the Lord. I keep that song alive in my heart, the song Pastor John leads in such a moving way: I lift my eyes up to the mountain, where does my help come from? In the meantime I aim at keeping my lifestyle pure and my conversation honoring to God as I live in these unfamiliar circumstances.

Now I have something to ask of the whole church. Are there any men who could write letters to men here? I particularly have two men that need friends to walk with. They are not in my ward, so I cannot help them. Please if any one can do so, it would be great. It is an opportunity to walk with a new person. Thomas Arentz accepted Christ and is hungry to grow. Quest Theodoran is likely pre-Christian (I don't like the word non-Christian) but is recovering from alcoholism and is on the verge of commitment to the Lord. Here in my ward, Bible Study and counseling continue. Please tell the men I introduced you. I love you! Edward

To send letters to Edward, Thomas Arentz or Quest Theodoran please mail to:

El Paso County Jail
2739 E. Las Vegas St.
Colorado Springs, CO 80906

Value Life Group at Corona



Value Life Group of Corona was represented at the March for Life at the state capital on Friday, January 21, 2011, a day before the anniversary of the infamous Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision. It was a beautiful sunny but breezy day and we were joined by many others who came out to voice their concern and dismay for our nation continuing to allow the killing of over 1 million unborn children per year.

Kelly Clinger turned out to be everything she was billed to be and more. She has a beautiful and strong singing voice and her message was both moving and emotional. She had two abortions and the second was very traumatic and life-threatening because the abortionist left parts of the baby in her womb. It was from that experience she eventually found the Lord. When she went to tell her story, she was shunned and ridiculed by everyone she knew. The crowd, including myself, was moved to give her the support she did not find in her former circle of friends which included Christians and non-Christians alike. If you want to read her story, go to this link: <http://kellyclinger.wordpress.com/>

I think at least half the student body of Machebuef High School came to the rally. It was inspirational and encouraging to see energy and youth represented at the rally and March.

Love in Jesus,

Timothy V. Wilson

A Word from the Worship Committee

1) Thank you to Jary for completing 6 yrs of service during her most recent time as an Elder. The Worship Committee has not filled the vacancy yet, so we are looking for someone. If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact Pastor Geiter or Sean Morris (spmorris77@hotmail.com or 720 383 3329).

2) Christmas in July...The Worship Committee is seeking a volunteer to be in charge of planning and organizing the church Christmas decorations way in advance of when we actually decorate. Our goal is to be more efficient, take advantage of off-season savings, and accomplish more since we will have the plan way ahead of time. If you are interested in doing this, please see Sean.

Sean Morris, Worship Committee



Welcome and Hospitality Committee

We need a greeter at the Nametag table who would be willing to arrive at least 15 minutes early to either of the services to help members with their nametags and to welcome visitors. If you could do this before either the 1st or 2nd service please get in touch with Carol Hearn or Jan Helmer. It's a great way to meet people and make everyone feel welcome. Thanks!

Everyone seems to love the treats fresh fruit and other goodies we serve during coffee time on Sunday. If you could bring something to share on a particular Sunday, (cookies, coffecake (home baked or not), fruit, pretzels, etc) please call Carol at 303-919-2074 or look for her and/or Jan in and around the kitchen!

**Young Adults at
the Kumar's
Every Thursday
from 7 to 9pm.**

We are currently following
a study by Andy Stanely
called "Twisting the Truth"

Contact John or Kristol
Kumar for more info.
email: jk_saga@yahoo.com
or bellatrix1@msn.com
phone: 303-619-4417

Families with Young Children Group

If you would like to visit our group for a Bible study or dinner, please contact Sean Morris or Chute Charansangavej (spmorris77@hotmail.com, ccharn@hotmail.com, or 720-570-8919).



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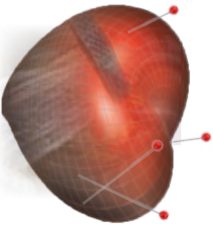
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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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