



Corona Presbyterian Church, Denver, CO

January 2011

He shall cover thee with his feathers, and
under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth
shall be thy shield and buckler.

Psalm 91:4

From My Minds Eye...



I hope you have stayed warm and that your Christmas focused on the Christ child. The thoughts, the smells, the feelings, the lights and the child of Christmas linger for me for weeks after Christmas is officially over. For me, it is one of the biggest highlights of the year. I can hardly wait for next year!

I heard a person complain the other day about someone using, “Xmas” for Christmas. To them, it was an offensive abbreviation of “Christmas”. I want to clear the air about this so that anyone else experiencing that frustration can relax and be comfortable with this expression. The “X” is the first letter in the name “Christos” or Christ in the Greek language in which the New Testament was written. I suppose we can be thankful that “Messiah”, the Hebrew form of Christ, was not used for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. (Merry Messiah-mas?) One further thought; the term, “Christmas” is not found in the Bible, but was first recorded in 1038, for Christ’s Mass. Thanks for letting me explain this and clear the air for a few people.

The up-coming year is going to be a year of listening to God’s voice and then joining and participating in what God is doing. That is the calling for our church. There is no crystal ball that we can look into and see what is coming our way. However, we have something far greater and grander than any old crystal ball. We have the maker of heaven and earth leading the way. As we follow His lead; as we walk where He is going. There, in that place, we will find the hope to live by.

Please take a moment and mark your calendars for our Congregational Meeting on January 19. This is an essential part of being involved in this church called Corona Presbyterian Church. I really want to see you there.

If you have not put this verse to memory, now would be as good a time as any.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you,” declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 29: 11- 14a

May the God of hope, peace, joy and love fill your hearts as we endeavor to be living proof that Jesus Christ is Lord.

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

Pastor John

A HEALING ROOM AT CORONA?

We don't need to look far these days to see tremendous needs, in our own lives, families, workplaces, communities for healing. It is the Father's desire that we receive His comfort, peace and healing love. I believe this is why there is a present move of God to establish healing rooms around the World and across denominational lines. Did you know there are over a dozen just in the metro Denver area?

A healing room is a specific place and time set apart on a regular basis (weekly, bi-monthly, etc.) where anyone can come without any cost or an appointment, to share their prayer needs and receive personal prayer from a trained team of 2-3 people.

Recently, after praying for a friend, he responded with tears in his eyes, saying: "That's the first time anyone has prayed for me since I was a little boy." He is in his 50's, a devout Christian, and an active participant in a large conservative church. I am sure he has spent much time praying for others but not had the benefit of personal prayer for himself. I believe this is true for much of the church and this is one of the needs that a prayer room addresses.

Even though we have prayer teams after the services, many people may not come forward for prayer because it's not convenient, there is not enough time, or it feels too public. This means that there are those even within our own congregation who might feel a lack of opportunity for personal prayer.

One of the greatest benefits of a healing room would be to provide a safe place for people inside and outside the church to come for prayer. Many of the teams who did home visitation during the all church gathering found the people in our community open and responsive to offers of prayer. With the establishment of a prayer room, we can offer a service to our community whereby people can experience the love and compassion of our God.

Incidentally, one doesn't require a big prayer need to visit a prayer room. People are free to go just to see what it's like and receive a blessing!

John and I are extremely grateful for all the opportunities we've had to personally receive prayer from the prayer teams, Elders and the congregation these past months. We have also visited a number of healing rooms around the city and even out of state. Each time we have come away feeling incredibly encouraged, affirmed, loved and blessed. As a result, we are highly motivated to see a healing room ministry available for our congregation and community.

Our desire is to gather a group of likeminded people who would begin to meet together to train and plan for a healing room at Corona. If you are interested in being part of this exciting ministry please contact me at 303.755.0668 or johnjary@msn.com

Jary Dailey

Common Threads

Formerly known as the Sewing Group, we are moving into the New Year as Common Threads.

We are a group, currently all women, who come together the first Thursday of every month to sew and socialize. The focus in the past was on making baby quilts. In December we were able to donate 25 quilts to The Gathering Place, an outreach to homeless women and children in Denver. While we don't know the specific women these blankets will go to, we trust that God will bless each woman and the child the blanket will cover.

Common Threads is a new name for a group of dedicated women who want to serve others with their craft. Common Threads represents this group is expanding from just quilting to including knitting, crocheting, embroidery or any other fabric/thread/yarn based craft. While we continue to make baby quilts, we are expanding to also making lap quilts, shawls and many other projects.

Another aspect of this group is fellowship. In an article on "America's Quilting History - Gathering Around the Frame - the Quilting Bee", the following observation was made:

"In isolated regions gathering women in the area together helped overcome the loneliness that so many pioneer women experienced."

While we do not live in rural areas, we can still deal with isolation and loneliness. The first Thursday of each month is a time for women to come together and share Common Threads of our Christian walk as women in our world today.

If you would like to join us, our next meeting will be at 10AM January 6th. We will be going on a field trip to some local quilt shops. Bring a sack lunch and meet at the church. For further information, please contact me at 303-933-0630.

Dale Bowers

Corona Is Looking For International “Friendship Partners”

What is a “Friendship Partner”?

“Friendship Partners” are American families, couples, singles or college students who volunteer to befriend an international student. Friendship Partners can offer international students experiences of a lifetime just by including them in their enjoyment of favorite sports, the arts, religious and cultural events, as well as celebrations such as birthdays, anniversaries, and weddings.” (from: www.internationalstudents.org).

Corona has recently been blessed by having international students in our midst from South Korea and Haiti. What a joy they have brought to our church family! Others in our congregation are hosting short term student visitors from other countries. Now we are investigating to see if the Lord would have us do more with this mission opportunity in our own community. Tom Gengler, a regular face around Corona and part time staff member with International Students Inc, lives in the University of Denver student housing and has a ministry of hospitality and outreach to DU international students. Last month Tom briefed the Corona Missions Committee on the ISI ministry at DU (isidenver.du.isisites.net).

We need a volunteer to be a friendship partner to help us see if God is calling us to assist in an ISI International Student Ministry at Corona. Training is available. Please let Mission Elders John Walbert or Cal Dunlap know if God is nudging you in this direction to partner in a Corona international student outreach. John and/or Cal can be reached though the church office: office@coronachurch.com.

Cal Dunlap



Request from the Board of Trustees:

As we are all a bunch of volunteers trying to keep up the facility, the Trustees are soliciting your help. Whenever you are involved in an activity at the church can we ask you to be alert to the need for set-up, take-down and clean-up whenever you are able? In addition, for those having responsibilities for such events we request your cooperation with following items. Since we don't have a custodian, we all need to do our part to help keep our church facility clean, in good condition and ready for the next activity.

- Straighten up the rooms and pick up trash in the areas you are/were using then take the trash out to the dumpster in the alley, especially trash cans containing food and drink items. And please put a new liner in the trash can. There are usually extras in the bottoms of the trash cans but if not, try Willie's Closet.
- Please wash all dishes and utensils used, and put them away instead of just leaving them in the drainer for someone else to deal with! If you've served food, would you please wash the countertops before you leave?
- If you borrowed something from another room or from Willie's Closet, please put it back when you are done.
- Please help keep the entry area as clean as possible by not leaving bags, boxes and papers there.
- Please make sure all lights are turned off when leaving. Check to make sure the bathroom and stairwell lights are off also.
- When leaving the church, please close all main church doors, and close all of the fire doors. The fire doors are the double doors off both sides of the Sanctuary, on the top level in the hallways and to/from the Balcony, and those in the lower level from the Multi-Purpose Room and down the hallway to the Sunday School Rooms.
- Finally, if you or someone in your group steps outside to smoke, please make sure cigarette butts are not thrown on the ground around the front of the entry doors or in the flower pot.

Thank you for your help in keeping Corona an inviting and enjoyable place to worship, have great fellowship with one another, and witness and minister to others!

The Board of Trustees

Corona Happenings

January 2011

Adult Ministries

Adult ministries aim to provide opportunities to encourage us to keep growing in our relationship with God and to know Him more deeply. The resulting growth will help in the circumstances and relationships we face with our shepherd in 2011.

Men's Retreat 2011 – February 4th, 5th, and 6th

It's time to get your calendar out and mark off the dates so that you won't miss this year's Men's Retreat! It's great to see each other every Sunday morning, but when we get away in the hills we have another chance to get farther beyond "How's it going?" "Fine." We really want Corona to be a place where all men have the opportunity to be supported by each other on our life journeys. A team of men are working together now so that the weekend can be special for you. More information will be coming in the church bulletin.

Christmas Decoration Takedown

We will be taking down and storing the Christmas Decorations on Saturday, January 8th from 9AM until 12 Noon (or earlier if we have lots of help!). Please come by to help anytime during this period. The more people we have, the lighter the load.

Mark your Calendars

Annual Congregational Meeting

Wednesday, January 19, 2011

Potluck dinner at 6:00

Meeting at 6:45

Sign up sheet for the potluck is on the credenza



Starting Every Day with

CONFIDENCE

In the New Year, 2011!

We are in the midst of challenging days. America's history is filled with moments like ours, whether the challenges came from wars or just life.

David, of Biblical fame, also had challenging times, and challenging relationships. He found himself an outlaw and was forced to live in a cave. His oldest son attempted a coup and David had to flee for his life. Tough circumstances. Tough relationships. So what did David do? He shared some of his challenges in the Psalms he penned. He wrote his **CONFIDENCE** Psalm. Psalm 23. It gave his life **CONFIDENCE** and it can do the same for us. It has four main elements:

- 1.RELATIONSHIP with my SHEPHERD
- 2.NO FEAR with CIRCUMSTANCES
- 3.LOVE for ENEMIES and FRIENEMIES
- 4.**CONFIDENCE** ALL THE DAYS

I expect when David began his day with this Psalm of **CONFIDENCE**, it really got him off to a good start, and it can do the same for us!

Jim Horner



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PRAISE

Praise God for the Combined Corona and Highlands Choir Cantata and Moravian Love Feast we enjoyed Friday, Dec. 19th! God has blessed us with truly incredible talent in Paul and Emily as they choose such beautiful and meaningful worship music, and lead the choir with such love, joy and energy! Praise for our choir for their dedication as they sing with such deep compassion and understanding, with gusto, and with joy written all over their faces. And praise God for Dale Bowers who lovingly made nearly 100 homemade Love Feast buns and for the servers who passed those along with hot chocolate for the feast. God was surely blessed with such a joyful noise coming from 8th and Downing. And so were we!

Signed by the Entire Congregation!



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Corona's Homeless Mentor Team

Were you aware that that Corona works with the Denver's Road Home, a 10 year mayor's initiative to end Homelessness in Denver? We work with the Denver Rescue Missions' Family and Senior Housing Initiative. Here's how it works: a team of 3-6 mentors meet for 7 sessions with someone referred to us by the Rescue Mission. The people are screened and we are there primarily to come along side them, help them with budgeting, to be there for them, to help them be accountable. There always needs to be a mix of women and men as mentors. You don't need any prior skills or background, we'll provide the training. All that is needed is an open heart and an open mind. We are currently seeking 1-2 women and 1-2 men to join our team. If you think this is something you would like to explore further, contact Renee or John Walbert or call the church office and Nancy will get us in touch with you. This is your opportunity to put your eyes and ears, your hands and feet to the work of Jesus; to be 'Jesus with skin' to those who need someone to walk with them along part of their journey. Please consider joining our team of mentors and bless you for praying about it.

Renee and JohnWalbert
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**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
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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 Charnsangavej (spmorris77@hotmail.com, ccharn@hotmail.com, or 720-570-8919).



~ January 2011 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 NEW YEAR'S DAY 7a Men's Small Group, Library
2 8:30 & 11a Worship 10a Sunday School 6p Youth Group	3	4 6:30p Trustees 6:30 P. Horner, Ragamuffins, Upstairs	5 10a Pastors SF mtg, parlor 4p Girl Scouts, Multi 7p Gigglin' with God 7p Boy's Bible Study 7p Praise Band Rehear 7p Choir Practice	6 10a Common Threads, dwnstrs (6p Young Adults @ Kumar's)	7 9:00a MOPS 3:30 S. Johnson, Parlor	8 8a Un-decorating the Church 9:30 Officers tng, Parlor 9-3 MOPS strng mtg, lwr classrm 9:30a Value of Life Group, Sanct
9 <u>Communion</u> 8:30 & 11a Worship 10a Sunday School 12:30 Deacon's, Parlor 12:30 Bultema Prayer Group, Parlor 6p Youth Group	10	11 6:30 & 7p Committees	12 6:30a Men's Prayer, Parlor 4p Girl Scouts, Multi 7p Gigglin' with God 7p Boy's Bible Study 7p Praise Band Rehear 7p Choir Practice	13 (6p Young Adults @ Kumar's)	14 3:30 S. Johnson, Parlor Youth Group, Ice Skating	15 7a Men's Small Group, Library 9a Scum of Earth class, Multi/Kitchen
16 8:30 & 11a Worship 10a Sunday School 6p Youth Group	17	18 6:30p Session	19 4p Girl Scouts, Multi 6p ANNUAL MEETING 7p Gigglin' with God 7p Boy's Bible Study 7p Praise Band Rehear 7p Choir Practice	20 <u>Corona Corner Deadline</u> 9-1 Spirit'l Transfrmtn, J. Horner, Parlor (6p Young Adults @ Kumar's)	21 9:00a MOPS 3:30 S. Johnson, Parlor	22 7a Men's Small Group, Library
23 8:30 & 11a Worship 10a Sunday School 6p Youth Group	24	25	26 6:30a Men's Prayer, Parlor 4p Girl Scouts, Multi 7p Gigglin' with God 7p Boy's Bible Study 7p Praise Band Rehear 7p Choir Practice	27 (6p Young Adults @ Kumar's)	28 3:30 S. Johnson, Parlor Youth Winter Retreat	29 7a Men's Breakfast, Multi Youth Winter Retreat
30 8:30 & 11a Worship 10a Sunday School 5:30 CPC Prayer Mtg. 6p Youth Group	31	IMPORTANT DATES: Jan. 8, 8:00 a.m. Un-decorating Church Jan. 8, 9:30 a.m. Officer's Training Jan. 19. 6:00 p.m. Annual Meeting				



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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.
Children's Church

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