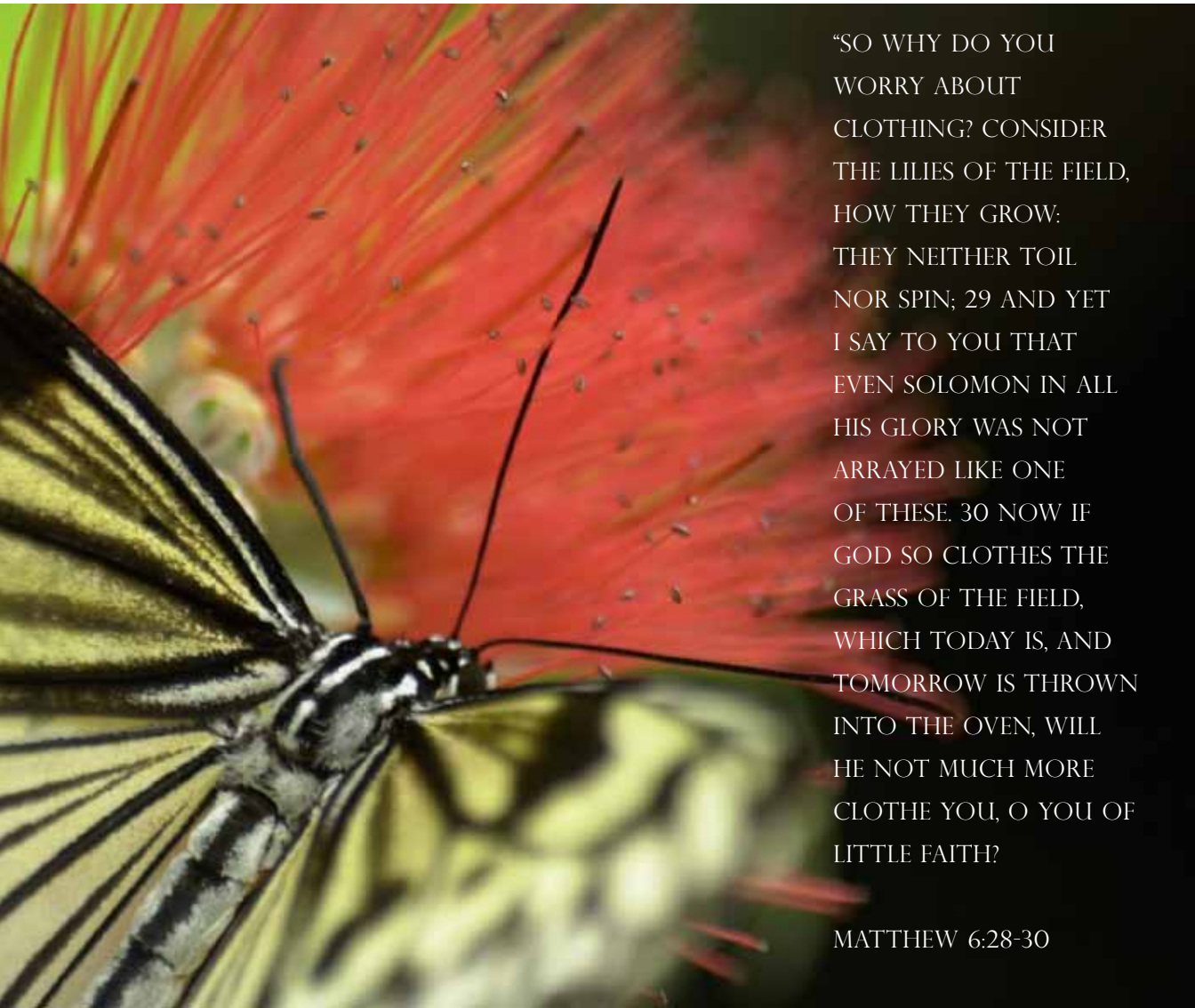




Corona Presbyterian Church, Denver, CO

July 2011



“SO WHY DO YOU
WORRY ABOUT
CLOTHING? CONSIDER
THE LILIES OF THE FIELD,
HOW THEY GROW:
THEY NEITHER TOIL
NOR SPIN; 29 AND YET
I SAY TO YOU THAT
EVEN SOLOMON IN ALL
HIS GLORY WAS NOT
ARRAYED LIKE ONE
OF THESE. 30 NOW IF
GOD SO CLOTHES THE
GRASS OF THE FIELD,
WHICH TODAY IS, AND
TOMORROW IS THROWN
INTO THE OVEN, WILL
HE NOT MUCH MORE
CLOTHE YOU, O YOU OF
LITTLE FAITH?

MATTHEW 6:28-30

From My Minds Eye...



We have experienced two very important events in the past month. The first one was our “Blessing the Community Sunday” on June 12. We went to our neighbors surrounding Corona with a flower to plant and a prayer for those who would welcome them. There were no strings attached or special agenda, just spreading the news that God deeply loves others. I realize how hard it is to have no other agenda. Often I struggle with “how to grow” Corona numerically. I’m not so sure God is caught in up in growing Corona as much as He is concerned with our becoming more like His son, Jesus.

This was a beautiful moment where we lived into one of God values; loving the other. This was a moment where we said to others; ‘you are loved’ just as you are. I understand going out into our community and knocking on doors is challenging; among other things it was reflected in our attendance that Sunday. Even so, it is worthwhile doing challenging things and being uncomfortable for the kingdom of God. Thank you Welcome & Hospitality committee for breakfast. Thank you Missions committee for working out all the details for the ‘spirit-led’ experience. Please feel free to pass on any creative ideas to our Mission committee that might help lead us into our neighborhoods, both our personal neighborhood and those surrounding Corona.

The second event of importance was the recent changes in the PCUSA’s ordinances vows and the letter Session sent to you concerning this. If for some reason you did not receive this letter, please request a copy through the church office. In our June Session meeting we spoke about this decision and the letter in response. Session unanimously voted to maintain the previous ordination standards that state; “church officers are to lead a life in obedience to Scripture...either live in fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman, or chastity in singleness. Persons refusing to repent of self-acknowledged practices which the confession calls sin shall not be ordained...” We felt it was important to make this statement as the elders leading Corona. Elder John Kumar and I will be attending the Fellowship Gathering August 25-26th. This will be a gathering of like-minded Presbyterian churches looking at various ways we can respond as a group to our common concerns. To know more about the Fellowship group, please explore their website at www.fellowship-pcusa.org.

We as a church need to be in deep prayer concerning this meeting and how God is leading us as a local church. Lastly, it is vitally important that we recognize within our congregation we may not see issues the same way. We must remember to practice the words of Jesus in John 13:35 “By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

In God’s grip, His is the truly strong and secure one,

Pastor John

Minute for Missions

Tania Fendel to teach in St Petersburg, Russia

“...I thought I’d fill you in on what’s happening. I’ve just completed my last day at work here and am in full time mode getting ready to leave for St. Petersburg in August! Could you pray for me during this time of preparation as well as when I am over there?” Tania

What exciting news for our friend and long time (former) member, Tania Fendel! She will be going to St Petersburg under the auspices of ‘Teach Overseas’. Tania is selling her condominium, putting everything in storage and will be leaving Denver on July 14th. She would love to hear from her Corona family so if you want to send her a note or card, her mailing address is 6385 Oak St. #104 Arvada, CO 80004 and her phone is 303-424-1094. We wish God’s blessings upon Tania as she steps out in faith on this new adventure!

“Let your light shine before others...”

Matthew 5:16



Share Christ's Love Through Teaching

Corona and International Students Inc. Help Visiting Scholars at Denver University

Last month Corona folk assisted a new visiting scholar at DU by participating in the International Student Inc.’s airport pick up program. A visiting scholar from Jilin, China spent three nights with a Corona family after being picked up upon arrival in the USA and before he will begin his academic stay at DU. Welcome Professor Sun!

ISI is a Christian friendship organization that comes alongside international students, scholars and their families as they adjust to life in America.



Deacon's Corner Koinonia

Coming Along Side One Another



- Are you sick or unable to attend church regularly and would like to receive communion? The Deacons would love to come on the first Sunday of the month and bring you the elements and serve you communion. Let the office know and a Deacon will contact you to confirm the date.
- Freezer Meals: The Deacon Freezer is now ready to be stocked. We will be having a joint cooking day with the MOPS moms later this fall but if you feel moved before then to cook a freezer meal that can be brought to families in need, contact Laura Anderson or Renee Walbert and we'll get you a label to place on it and coordinate getting it to the freezer.

Common Threads

We could use a few supplies for our sewing group projects...the two most needed at this time are yarn and pillow cases. If you can help us, please leave your donations in the pink box marked 'Common Threads' in the foyer. Check out our Common Threads display on the table below the Missions bulletin board and see some of the items we are creating. If you would like to join our group, please talk to Dale Bowers....we'd love to have you! Thank you.

Youth Escapades

Youth Group Sundays
6-8pm

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



Sunday School Sundays 10-10:45am

Upcoming Events

- Mission Trip 2011, To East Moline, IL
- POOL PARTY – July 24th
- Guys Camping Trip – July 28th – 30th
- Girls Sleep Over – July 29th – 30th
- Heaven Fest - July 30th

Mission Trip Fundraisers

- 20/20 Challenge
- Start Praying June 28th thru July 17th
- We want to THANK YOU for all your support

No Youth Group – July
17th; July 24th
No Bible Study - July
13th



Gabe and Kristy Jaramillo, Corona Youth Directors
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Adult Ministries

An update from the Adult Ministries / Assimilation Committee:

So, What Do You Want?

Jesus tells us that He came “that we might have life and have it more abundantly,” but we all have challenging circumstances and relationships that often don’t feel much like the “abundant” life. So what do we really want? We want to learn how to live so that we are tasting more and giving more of the “abundant life”; not a challenge free life, because Jesus did not say that would be reality, but a way to daily move ahead in life well.

The Bible also says that “Without a vision, the people perish.” This indicates the importance of “vision” with regard to our lives and moving towards the life Jesus has in mind for us. For us as Christians, we need internal spiritual growth if we are going to better handle the complex circumstances and relationships we face. We need a good “vision” to move toward, and fortunately the Bible spells that out for us.

“And we...are being transformed into his likeness with ever increasing glory, which comes for the Lord, who is the Spirit.” II Corinthians 3:18, and, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” II Corinthians 5:17

So, the “Vision” that we can have is that as we grow in Christ we can become gradually changed into new creations who are becoming more and more like Him. For that to happen we need to “desire” that growth and take “intentional” steps to move in that direction.

Adult Ministries and Assimilation has three classes at 10 A.M. on Sunday mornings and also the upcoming October All Church Retreat to help us take some steps to keep moving in the right direction.



VALUE LIFE GROUP AT CORONA - TAKING A STAND

It was a wonderful, sunny day at the City of Cuernavaca Park along the South Platte near 20th and I-25. Corona's Value Life Group was there to walk for Baby Anthony in celebration of the life God gave us and those Alternatives Pregnancy Center has been able to save.

There were balloons, bagpipes, food, children playing on the verdant carpet of grass and the birds were filling the air with their songs. Timothy and Connie Wilson were there along with Jan Helmer, Lynne Major, and Joan Tupper. We hope and pray next year there will be more of us to join in this delightful trek of about one mile south, across, and north along the South Platte River. We all wore our Baby Anthony buttons as we mingled with others who care for the unborn who are in harm's way. I don't know the total statistics for numbers of donors or for the dollar amount APC received but I know our team, Value Life Group at Corona, collected over \$500 for them.

Here's a 'Home Improvement', Tim Taylor teachable moment: We kept hearing the song of one bird, quite distinctive and melodious, but we could never spot the beautiful feathered creature. Jan said he could tell from the song it was the Yellow Warbler, a beautiful yellow avian with dark wing and breast feathers. The female is also yellow but not as bright. This reminded me of how we might consider things we can't see. For some, if they can't see it, even if they hear it, they aren't interested. If you described something to someone, they might be interested but it would depend on what it is.

If we are interested in birds for example, we will probably want to know more about the bird in question and really want to see it. And when the opportunity arises because of close proximity, the desire grows stronger to spot that bird. Many of us would enjoy a bird if we could see it and hear it, maybe even hold it. If we love babies in general, we will want to see that baby, even though it is still in the womb. If we are busy and we don't know of anybody having a baby, it is so easy to disregard the baby. Though we hear about abortions, we don't really get interested until it is near to us or we can claim it as our own. If we don't want the baby, we will not call it a baby and we will very likely turn a deaf ear and ignore the pleas. Sight unseen, with extenuating circumstances and outside pressure, it becomes easier to have an abortion, especially when society allows it. However, if we really name the child a "baby", we will probably have more compassion and want to save the infant. That is what Alternatives Pregnancy Centers are all about. Sincerely yours,
Timothy



Freedom in Christ
by Darlene Alcott

Free from doubt,
Free from sin,
The chains are at last gone.
I am free
To live and breathe
In Christ
The source of true freedom.

Judgment and sin
No longer bind.
Their shackles He removed.
Healed me with His love,
Accepted me,
As His very own.

Free to love,
To care, to hope,
To acknowledge my own worth
Although at times I fail.
This is the freedom
Which Christ gives.
Freedom which helps me grow.

No finer gift
Could He give
Than freedom bought with blood.
My redemption is sure,
I need not fear,
I am free -
And freed - I praise His name.



Sponsor a Flower Bouquet or Food Basket Gift

Would you like to donate \$20 to sponsor a Food Basket that helps those in our congregation who are in need and others in the community or \$20 to sponsor fresh flowers to brighten up our entry and make our church more welcoming? On the first day of the month (communion) the deacons take the flowers to shut-ins and those who have been ill or who are recovering from injury or surgery. Select a date (or dates) and sign up on the bulletin board outside of the sanctuary. Write your check to Corona and please make sure to write “food” or “flowers” in the memo line, then drop it in the offering plate. If you wish to dedicate in memory or honor of someone or for any other special dedication, please let Nancy know so she can get that announcement in the bulletin. Thanks!



WE WILL MISS YOU JOHN AND SHINAE!

Last month Linda and Cal Dunlap invited everyone from Corona and lots of others to a Farewell Reception for John and ShinAe Paik. John and ShinAe are from Korea and have faithfully attended Corona while doing graduate studies at DU. We wish the Paiks well in their next venture of faith as they move to Atlanta to attend seminary there. And congratulations to both John and ShinAe who will welcome their first child this fall. We look forward to pictures!



August Newsletter

We will be featuring our recent graduates whether continuing from elementary to middle, middle to senior or senior to college. We have several of our graduates posted on the bulletin board in the multi so if you, your child or grandchild is not there and would like to be featured, please contact Carol Hearn, editor before July 10th at carolhearn1@gmail.com or 303-919-2074.

Puppet Ministry

Session is looking for anyone interested in renewing Corona's puppet ministry. If this is a ministry you would like to see continue and feel called to lead or help lead, we would ask you to contact the church office by August 14th. Gary Wong has offered to mentor those interested in the puppet ministry. The leadership for this ministry has been vacant for the past year. With that in mind, if a leadership team is not formed in the near future, unfortunately, this ministry will be dissolved.



**Group Study
at the Kumar's**
Every Thursday
from 7 to 9pm.

We are currently
Studying 1st Corinthians
Contact John or Kristol

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



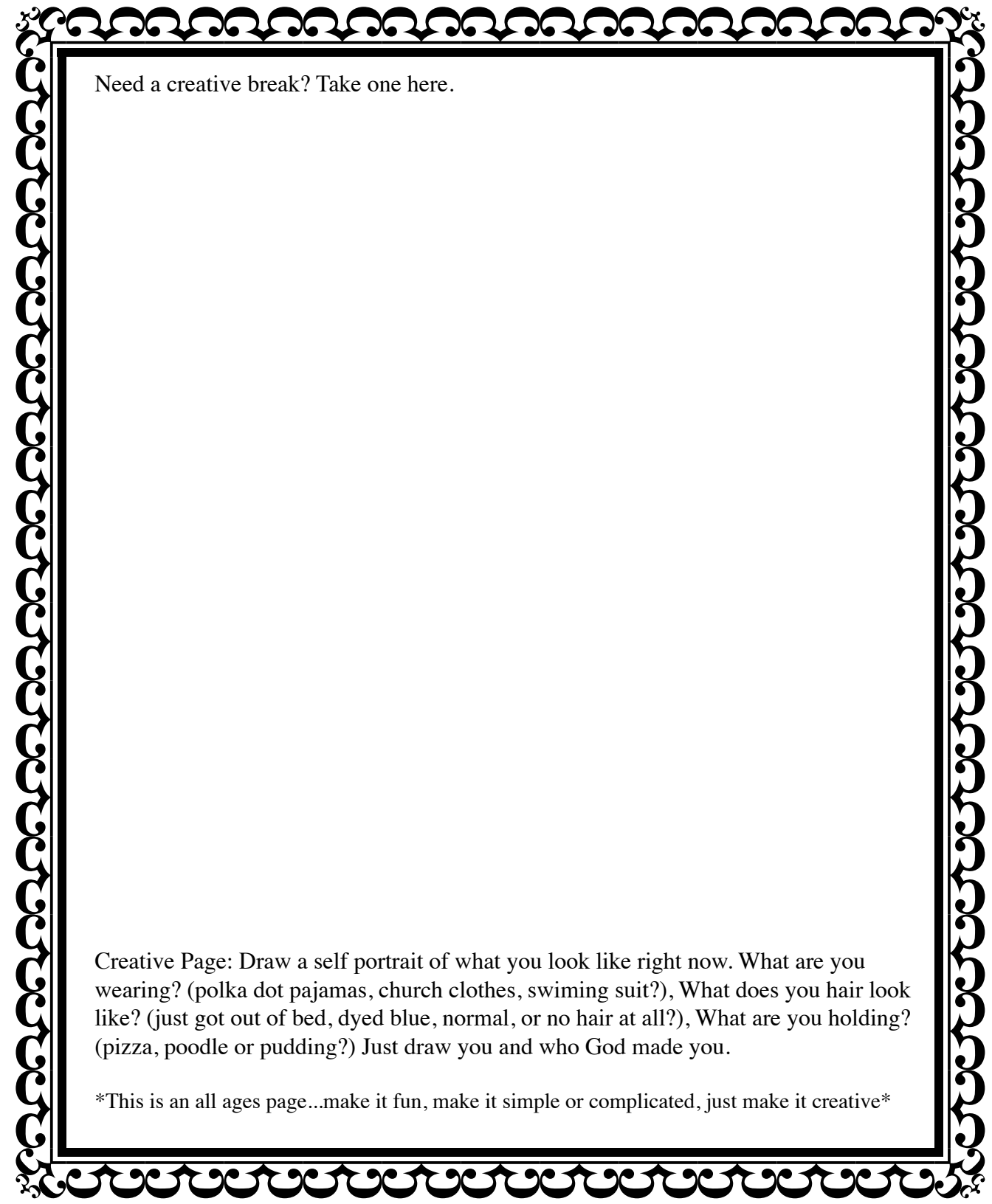
Families with Young Children Group

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

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Need a creative break? Take one here.

Creative Page: Draw a self portrait of what you look like right now. What are you wearing? (polka dot pajamas, church clothes, swimming suit?), What does your hair look like? (just got out of bed, dyed blue, normal, or no hair at all?), What are you holding? (pizza, poodle or pudding?) Just draw you and who God made you.

This is an all ages page...make it fun, make it simple or complicated, just make it creative



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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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