



Corona Presbyterian Church, Denver, CO

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“I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.”

John 12:24

Several things you might not know about *Georgia Gray...*

A LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO GOD Georgia joined Corona and was baptized on January 5, 1947 promising "faithful attendance, to render Christian service & pray regularly for herself, others and the church". Over the past 63 years, Georgia has remained steadfastly committed to those words, and so much more.

LONGSTANDING, CERTAINLY NOT OLD! With the recent loss of Imogene Tursick, Georgia's lifelong, dear and truly missed friend, Georgia is now the longest living member of Corona Presbyterian Church. And she misses Imogene terribly.

EDUCATION? Plenty. A Denver native, Georgia attended Wyatt Elementary, Morey Jr. High, graduated from East High School in 1941, received a degree in Education from the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley in 1951 and a Master's in Education from Denver University in 1961.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS Georgia taught in the Denver Public School system, Regis University, Loretto Heights University and UCD over her career and retired from DPS administration in 1984.

FAITHFUL SERVANT She taught Sunday school for 15+ years; served as an Elder for 6 years; clerk of session for 9 years; counseled youth at Insmont Presbyterian Camp near Bailey and remains faithful to her Missionary passion by serving on the Missions Committee.

FUN AND GAMES Georgia played clarinet and sax at East High and then in various bands at Corona, including a very special Dixieland Band, helped with tons of silly skits and other wild and wacky entertainment for the congregation over the years. More hysterical stories than you could imagine. Just ask her.

DOG ESCAPADES Georgia admits to attracting crazy dogs and lives with them "till death do we part" she says as her beloved lab/golden 'Dasher' barks wildly in the kitchen. Two 'well behaved' dogs walk down the street. "See those two? They walk by here every day. Why are my dogs never like that?"

COLLECTIONS? Oh My, Yes! Snoopy, anything Charlie Brown. Beanie Babies galore collected over the years with Imogene. And then there are the endless collections from her Missionary friends from around the world. Treasures, every one.

FAMILY REALLY MATTERS Though never married, Georgia has had her hands full and took care of her ailing mother from 1963 - 1974 and still cares for her older mentally challenged brother to this day.

WITTY, HUMOROUS AND TRULY ONE OF A KIND When asked if she'd share some personal history for this piece, Georgia replied, "Well, um, I guess that's okay. I mean I'm trying to think of excuses to say no but can't think of any". And with a twinkle in her crystal blue eyes, laughing all the time, she added "but there are some things you're never gonna know about me"!



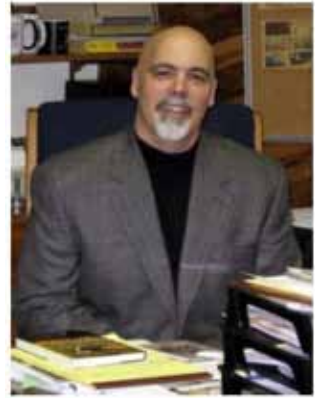
From My Minds Eye...

I'm getting very excited as our missional focus groups begin meeting. If you are not in one, I would like to encourage you to take the time and join one. These groups are pondering what our church wide "360" is telling us. They are asking the question: "How do we be the Body of Christ to one another and to our city, our country and our world?" If they have started and you didn't start with them, don't worry about that, join one. *The dates and times can be found in the article by Julie Lundquist on page 10.*

Experiments are going to come forth from these groups in conjunction with Session. (As simple as getting to know your personal neighborhood- if you don't.) The great news about experiments is that they are ways to test the water to see if this is something God would have us do.

Please understand, this will not be changing how we do worship on Sunday mornings or the structure of our church. At the same time, we want to be open to what God is doing within Corona and outside the four walls of our building. God is involved in your personal neighborhood and in the neighborhood surrounding our church. To quote a fellow Presbyterian pastor, "We want to be inwardly strong as a church and outwardly focused." Or at the very least focused on what God is focused on.

Speaking of focus. I've been noticing our neighbor of late- Dora Moore School. Not too long ago, I spent some time talking with Joan Wamsley, Dora Moore's principal. They are in dire need of people



to volunteer and help the school flourish in our community. I hear people talking about the need to see our world changed for Jesus. Here are some very practical ways. Dora Moore needs:

- Lunch room monitors and play ground monitors
- Tutors for their after school program
- People to help in the classrooms

Ask God if any of this is what He would have you be involved in? Ask God: where is your presence needed in our community surrounding the church and your own community. It really is time we ask those questions. *I get the feeling God is asking us, 'where is your presence in these areas?'*

May we keep our eyes on Jesus and may they be wide open!

In God's grip, cuz His is the strong one.

Pastor John

Moment for Missions

Where Grace Abounds

Scott Kingry works as the director of programs with Where Grace Abounds in Denver. WGA exists to guide and support men and women who seek to understand sexuality and relationship, and to inspire all people to know and personally appreciate God's plan for their sexuality and relationships. This group has met at Corona every Thursday for 20 years. Scott has served as an elder, an advisory board member and speaker for One By One, a Presbyterian denominational outreach regarding sexual issues.



Corona Continues to Pray for Military Personnel and Families

Brian Wilson, son of Tim and Connie Wilson of Corona, has finished his initial training in the Colorado National Guard at Ft. Jackson, SC. He now is taking follow-on training in the medical field in San Antonio, TX. Last Christmas he became engaged to Sophea Chhe and a July 24, 2010 wedding is planned at Corona.



Please pray for Brian as he serves his country and desires to be an ambassador for Christ in the military. Pray also for Sophea and Brian as they plan their life together.

Corona's Missional Movement Continues...will you take part in 2010 in a Short Term Missions Experience?

Opportunities are still available

Corona recently received a generous gift from the Ruth Lutz Estate to be used for mission work of the church. Ruth Lutz's husband, Robert S. Lutz, came to serve as pastor the church in 1936. Pastor and Mrs Lutz served Corona for the next 40 years! Through their efforts along with the efforts of others, Corona became a mission oriented church. Many young men and women went out from the congregation to work as ministers, missionaries, and in various full-time Christian service opportunities. More than 50 young people from Corona entered the mission field during Pastor Lutz' time. We hope that each member of Corona will engage in missional activity in their work, their community, and even around the world (Acts 1:8).

We are thankful to the Lutz family for this gift that has already been used to provide a gift to each of the missionaries that we currently support. In addition we hope to assist Corona members in participating in short-term mission trips in 2010. If you would like to participate in one of these short-term opportunities (maybe USA, China, Eastern Europe, Turkey, Ukraine, South Africa, etc) please contact one of the Corona mission elders, John Walbert or Cal Dunlap.

Have you considered Corona's challenge to read through the entire Bible in one year?



“Corona Reads Through the Bible in One Year”

A number of folk in Corona have begun the process of reading through the Bible in one year, would you consider joining us? There are three ways that you might consider doing this:

- 1) Select 3 chapters in the Old Testament and 1 chapter in the New Testament to read each day**
- 2) Select a daily reading from an online Bible reading plan ([www. BiblePlan.org](http://www.BiblePlan.org)) that you download and place in your Bible to read each day**
- 3) Purchase a ‘Through the Bible in a Year Bible’. Examples are:**
 - a) The One Year Bible, Living Bible version, www.tyndale.com**
 - b) Pause, The Message version, www.navpress.com**
 - c) The Daily Bible, NIV version, www.harvesthousepublishers.com by F. LaGard Smith, a chronological Bible**
 - d) NIV The Daily Bible, NIV version, www.ibsdirect.com**

If you have already read through the Bible try reading through this year in a different version!

Deacon's Corner Koinonia



“Coming Along Side One Another”

Flowers and Food Baskets of Blessing

Do you have a neighbor who is sick or going through a hard time? Is there someone in your life who could use a blessing? The flowers on the welcome desk each week are there to be such a blessing. We have loving care folks in our congregation who can't get to church much anymore and love receiving them. If God brings someone to your mind on a given week, see Renee Walbert or any one of the deacons to see if the flowers are spoken for and if not, you can take them after the second service. We also have food baskets available for those in need, please see a Deacon for details. If you can help underwrite the cost (\$15) of these blessings, please sign up on the bulletin board above the nametag table. Please and thank you.

“And then they asked, when did we see you hungry and feed you or sick and in prison and visit you? And Jesus replied, when you did it to any one of these, the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it to me” Mt 25:37-40

Community Bulletin Board

Do you have something for sale or something to give away to a new home? Looking for a roommate? Looking to hire someone? Know about an interesting opportunity in the community? If you have a notice you'd like to put up, please feel free to hang it on the community bulletin board on the wall outside the kitchen. Please date your notice and remember to remove in a timely manner.

Youth

News and Events

Youth
Group
Sundays
6-8pm

Boys and Girls Bible Studies
Wednesdays
7-8:30pm

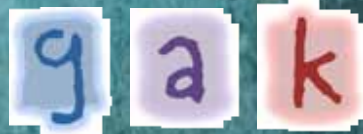


Upcoming Events

Youth Oscar Night | March 12th, 7pm

Talent Show (youth mission trip fundraiser) | March 20th

The Youth Winter Retreat was awesome! We had a great weekend of learning about unity/community as the body of Christ and we had a lot of fun tubing, playing 'ultimate spoons' and 'capture the flag'.



Corona Happenings

March 2010

Adult Education

New Sunday Morning Adult Education Classes

10 – 10:45 AM

As we all travel our life journeys it helps to have thoughts on a good direction to head with other people who support us every step of the way. Fortunately Corona has recently begun two great classes at 10 o'clock on Sunday mornings to help us progress both spiritually and relationally.

Grab a cup of coffee and a snack in the multi-purpose room then follow the arrows down in the catacombs to locate these treasured classes!

One option is with a study of the Book of Romans. This class is quite flexible, but if you really want to dig deep into Romans, the text being used to guide the class is Spiritual Exercises Based On Paul's Epistle To The Romans. Lively discussions are led by the class's veteran leader, David Sawyer.

A second very different, but also enlightening class, involves interesting reflective discussion of a very honest, contemporary, "stream of consciousness" book entitled Blue Like Jazz. The author, Donald Miller, takes a look at his life in this world and allows us to walk with him as he figures out the place faith will play in his life. Scott Kingry humbly leads us with Donald on his and our journeys.

Missional Guiding Team

Update from Julie Lundquist

We are finally to the exciting part of our Missional Guiding process. Throughout the past year the guiding team has met with folks individually and in groups to discuss who we are as a church and where God might be leading us.

We are now ready to get practical about what we've learned. We have set aside times for anyone that wishes to participate in dreaming big about what God has for us to do, both inside the body and reaching out to the world around us. How do we be the 'Body of Christ' to one another and also to our city, our country and our world?

Listening groups will take place at Corona at the following times:

- * Tues. Evenings, March 2, 9 & 16, 6:30-8:30 pm, Library
- * Sat. Mornings March 6, 13 & 20, 8:30-10:30 am, Parlor
- * Sun. Afternoons March 7, 14 & 21, 12:30-2:30 pm, Parlor

Ideally it would be great for you to attend two sessions to keep the conversations going but you if that is not possible, you certainly may attend just one session. There will be sign up sheets on Sundays or you can e-mail Julie Lundquist at jlundqui@aol.com to sign up. The ideas that are generated during these sessions will be compiled and reviewed. The Session will be involved in the process by which we begin to implement these "Experiments".

This is all very exciting to see what God is up to in our midst. Please join us in Listening to Him. Thank you all.

Young Adults at the Kumar's

Every Thursday from 7 to 9pm.

We are currently studying the life of David through the study guide by John Mac Arthur, *The Restoration of a Sinner*.

Contact John or Kristol Kumar for more info.

email: jk_saga@yahoo.com or
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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).

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Easter Week

We are joining Scum of the Earth Church in celebrating Holy Week.

- **Maunday Thursday Service**, April 1st, 7:00 p.m. at Corona
- **Good Friday Service**, April 2nd, 7:00 p.m., at Scum of the Earth Church (935 W. 11th Ave., Denver - close to 11th & Kalamath St.)
- **Easter Sunday Worship**, April 4th, one service only, 9:00 a.m., at Corona with the Choir Cantata being woven into the service followed by Fellowship and brunch in the Multi-Purpose room at 10:30 a.m.

We are grateful to Jim Watson for his faithful year of service as our Contemporary Worship Leader. We were truly blessed by his musical talent and wish Jim and Wendy all the best in their future endeavors.

Welcome and Assimilation News

Sunday Coffee Fellowship: Please join us in the multi-purpose room after the Heritage Service for a cup of coffee, tea, and a snack while you meet new friends and catch up with others. We often have yummy homemade treats and as well as some healthy stuff too.

“Pastoring the Pews”: Have you noticed new people attending worship on Sunday? While it’s easy to find our way to our usual seat without paying much attention, we encourage you look to around, introduce yourself and welcome these newcomers. A kind word can make all the difference to someone in a new and unfamiliar place.

Nametag Table: Thanks for wearing your nametag...it’s a great way to get to know each other and if you have a ‘Senior Moment’ and forget someone’s name...voila’ there it is hanging right around their neck. If you’d like to help at the nametag table, call Carol 303-919-2074 or carolhearn1@gmail.com.

If you are receiving a newsletter and do not wish to, please notify the church office.



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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Heritage Service 8:30 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/Puppets

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Secretary

Paul Ijames
Choir Director

Gabriel and Kristy Jaramillo
Youth Pastors