



Corona Presbyterian Church, Denver, CO

March 2011



# From My Minds Eye...



I love the seasons of the Church calendar. It seems like just yesterday we were full throttle in Advent and Christmas. Now we are fast approaching Lent, Holy Week and Easter. These seasons of our church calendar provide us with a sense of rhythm for life.

Lent is a 40 day period time where historically and currently many church's encourage fasting and prayer in preparation for Holy Week. If you count the days you will discover that it is actually 46 days in length. The Church does not count Sundays as part of Lent, but rather as a remembrance of Christ's resurrection. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday (March 9th) and concludes on Holy Saturday (April 23rd) the day before Easter Sunday. The 40 days represents the time Jesus spent in the desert overcoming temptation by Satan. The period of Lent is preparation, of soul searching and repentance all looking toward the incredible gift of our savior in His death and resurrection.

Historically Christians have fasted, abstained and repented during this season. I want to invite you to consider how you might participate in each of these spiritual disciplines. We don't participate in these spiritual disciplines to earn favor with God. Rather they help create space to recognize God, to hear God and to follow after God. Some would like a list of ways to engage in fasting, abstaining, and repenting; however I'm going to give you the freedom to simply ask and listen to God and perhaps those close to you as to how you might live these out.

And now for something completely different:

We want to welcome Oromo Evangelical Church who will be meeting at Corona on Sunday afternoons between 3:30 and 6:30 P.M. in our parlor. They are an Ethiopian congregation that has been looking for a place to worship. Some of you might remember that they used our facility several years ago for their worship service. Our Session feels very good about this opportunity to love our neighbors.

In God's amazing grip,

*Pastor John*

# Minute for Missions

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## DENVER MARCH POWWOW 2011

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We are planning our first Corona - International Students (ISI) event on March 19th. We are going to the annual Denver PowWow at the Denver Coliseum! For details please check out their website [www.denvermarchpowwow.com](http://www.denvermarchpowwow.com), check the Sunday bulletin or pick up a flyer in the lobby. We hope several of us can meet at Corona and carpool together for a day of fun and education.

## Men's Retreat Report

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Over the weekend of February 4-6, seventeen men from Corona joined forces with sixteen men from Trinity Presbyterian Church at Highlands Camp. Our theme was "As Iron Sharpens Iron, So One Man Sharpens Another," Proverbs 27:17. Throughout the weekend we examined how we can be in friendships with one another by exploring being trustworthy, being encouraging, providing guidance, and sharing our story and faith. In addition to our learning times, on Saturday afternoon some of the men learned how to rappel and throughout the weekend entirely too much food was consumed! Men, mark your calendars for the first weekend in February next year! You won't want to miss it.



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We want to acquaint you with another opportunity coming up soon to provide spiritual support for our troops and their families as they meet the challenges of deployment and daily combat in Afghanistan. It is a daily email message that will be sent out during Lent (starts March 9th), one page in length, that will encourage many. The work on this is being done by Leslie Santee, a military mom who lives in Pagosa Springs, CO. She has several family members preparing for deployment to Afghanistan.

Leslie recently joined the staff of the Association for Christian Conferences, Teaching and Service (ACCTS), uses her video and media skills to help the development of Christian leaders in the armed forces of the world and in the establishment and growth of military Christian fellowships. She has been to Afghanistan twice, and has a good understanding of the situation there.

Leslie is developing an email campaign during Lent to encourage prayer for the people of Afghanistan, and for our military forces there. Her messages will address Afghanistan's history and its culture, the stresses on women & children in that war torn nation, the various tribal groups and how they relate (or don't), and the challenges facing our forces and their families.

This spring is a crucial time in the battle, and prayer is desperately needed for the nation and for the warriors on both sides of the conflict. If you would like to be part of this Lenten Prayer for Afghanistan, please send your email address to Leslie at [leslievideo@me.com](mailto:leslievideo@me.com). For further info please see Cal Dunlap.

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## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS. INC. INVITES YOU TO GET INVOLVED

### ■AIRPORT PICK-UP PROGRAM■

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet an international student or scholar at one of their most needy or vulnerable times in their life... arriving in a new country. What internationals understand about America and its people comes from TV and movies. Hollywood has painted such a distortion of "who we are," particularly portraying Christians badly.

You can make a difference in the lives of these precious people by meeting them at the airport upon their arrival, taking them into your

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home, sharing your life with them over a simple meal and giving them a warm, loving Christian home environment to stay in for their FIRST 3 NIGHTS IN THE USA. Your reaching out will have a lasting impression on these students. Most students are greatly touched by this act of kindness and are amazed that a stranger would welcome them in and accept them like a member of the family. Praying together for this student at mealtime is an awesome experience and opens great opportunities to share our Christian faith and lifestyle with them. You will take them to their apartment or dorm on campus and do what you can to help them get settled.

## ■INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP PARTNER PROGRAM■

This is where the international student will really begin to feel part of our society. It can be very confusing and lonely for internationals when they arrive with so many different things to overwhelm them at the start. The Friendship Partner Program is designed to build a good relationship with the international student, help them learn how to open a bank account, go grocery shopping, how to get around or just meet their basic needs, allowing the love of Christ to flow through us into their hearts. ISI will provide quality training to prepare you for your cross-cultural experience.

If you wish to befriend an international student through the Friendship Partner Program, we ask that you spend time with your international student at least once a month (more often is better if possible) and call or email them weekly. The time that you spend with your student doesn't have to be formal. Welcoming them into our normal routines of mealtime, letting them see how we "really" live and act is best. It's great to invite them to special occasions with you also such as sporting events, concerts, and hiking. Invest in the lives of the future world leaders!

## TRAINING

To be involved in either or both of these programs, a 2½ hour training class is required. Training material cost: \$10. Contact Tom Gengler if you are planning to attend: 303-957-8327 t.gengler@hotmail.com You may also contact Cal Dunlap at caldunlap62@yahoo.com

Training dates are Sunday April 3, 12:30-3:00, food will be provided, and Tuesday April 5, 6:30-9:30, a light snack will be provided. Training will be held at Corona Presbyterian Church

# Deacon's Corner Koinonia



“Coming Along Side One Another”

## Deacons Fund and Food Baskets

In 2010 the Deacons of Corona disbursed over \$8,600 that was donated by the people of Corona to bless folks in need, mostly from our congregation, but also some in the community. Food baskets and gift cards to King Soopers provided nourishment. Donated gift cards to Good Times and McDonalds gave a special treat to some of our families and offered a way to feed some who show up at the church door looking for assistance. We thank you for your generous faithfulness and pray that you will continue to listen to God's heart and care for those in need. Whether it's a \$1 bill stuffed inside the box, or a check for much more, God sees your heart and is indeed pleased. When I see a small child slipping in a bill or coin, it tells me that you are teaching your children to care for others. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you. Because of your generosity people are fed, housed and cared for. Blessings to you all.

Renee Walbert

## Blessing Kits

In observance of Lent, Corona will be assembling and distributing 'blessing kits' for the homeless. We will fill gallon plastic resealable bags with snacks, toiletries and other useful items and share these kits with homeless members of our community. Please bring items to Corona over the next few weeks and we will gather March 13th after the second service to share a potluck lunch and assemble the kits. As you consider what you might have or might want to purchase for the kits, keep in mind that items should be small and light. Here are a few ideas:

- Nonperishable snacks like granola bars, pudding containers, cheese or peanut butter crackers, hard candy, tuna/cracker snack packs, etc.
- New gloves & tube socks
- Travel-size toiletries (toothpaste, lotion, Chapstick, Kleenex etc.)
- Hand warmers
- Gallon Size Resealable Plastic Bags
- Your idea here!

Thank You,  
Julie Ho



## Whatever Happened to Panera Bread?

It wasn't too long ago that every Sunday morning we were blessed with a table of day old Panera Bread. Our busy youth leaders, Gabe and Christy brought the bread to the church, wrapped it and left us a tableful of delicious extras. The purpose of this ministry was to provide bread, not only to church members but to others in our community.

Scott and I found that bringing bread to the panhandlers that we passed each Sunday on our way home from church was an opportunity that not only blessed them but our family too. Each week as we drove home, we stopped and offered them a loaf of bread or some bagels. There is one gentleman that we see nearly every Sunday. He introduced himself as Patrick #1 but we just call him Patrick. Patrick clearly has a drinking problem but is very friendly and excited to see us each week. Just the fact that we remember his name is important to him. One winter Sunday as Christmas approached, we had made chili and had leftovers. Heleigh suggested that we bring them to "our home less guys." We packaged up some chili and bread and brought it out to their corner. Heleigh presented the package to Patrick and his face lit up. He smiled happily, asked us to wait and galloped over to his backpack. Laughing with glee he ran back with a gift for Heleigh, a Barbie doll that he had picked up at the dollar store. What a blessing for Heleigh and for Patrick!

After many months picking up the bread, Gabe and Kristy are unable to continue. We are looking to establish a rotating schedule of people who would like to re-establish this ministry. We would need to have at least 6 people who would be responsible to pick up the bread, package it and place it on a table downstairs for pick up. The remaining bread would also need to be cleaned up. The schedule could be set up so that you would be responsible for only one week every month or so. If you would be willing to participate please contact me at 303-321-0450 or [landers8@msn.com](mailto:landers8@msn.com). You will be blessed.

Laura Anderson



# Youth

## Escapades

Youth Group Sundays  
6-8pm

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



Sunday School Sundays 10-10:45am

## Upcoming Events

- Look for restaurant fundraisers for Youth Mission Trip in the next weeks
- Rent- a- Kid – Saturday March 22nd
- If you have spring cleaning we can help! If you want yard work done we can help!

**We just had the annual Corona Talent Show on the 26th of February!**

**It was awesome and we had a lot of participation. Thank you to all who helped to make the Corona Talent Show happen and of course to everyone who showed off their awesome skills on stage. You are all winners!**



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



# Youth Retreat January 2011



# YOUTH TALENT

# SHOW

Photos By Dale Bowers







# Vacation Bible School Is Right Around The Corner!

Corona's Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 27 – July 1, with VBS families joining us for the Corona picnic at Cook Park on Sunday July 3rd. Come join Mustache Mustang the Miner of the Mountain and Marvelous Melvin the Miraculous Mule as they learn about God's faithfulness in times of adversity. Games, Food, Music, Crafts, Skits, Bible Lessons...the week looks to be one of great fun and learning! If you would like to be a part of it, see Renee Walbert or call her at 303-328-7230. We need teachers, actors, helpers. If you have heart, we have a place for you. It's great fun for all and we look forward to you joining us!

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## A Word from the Worship Committee

Please remember to give thanks to the Scum of the Earth Church band that is leading worship at the Contemporary service each 2nd Sunday for March through May. Genevieve plays the piano and sings, and she led worship at one of our services in Feb. We are blessed to have them sharing their love of the Lord and their talents with us. Help us let them know they are appreciated!

Sean Morris, Worship Committee



# ALL CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, July 3,  
10am-4pm

We have reserved  
the Cook Park  
Pavilion at the  
corner of Monaco  
and Mexico.

Mark your calendar,  
save the date, and  
don't miss the fun.



Mary Pim is turning 100!

On Sunday, March 6, we will be having a birthday celebration during coffee time between services for Mary Pim, a long time member of Corona whose 100th birthday is March 6th! Rebecca Brown, a former Corona member and a social worker who works with Mary, will bring her to church that day so come on down to the multi after first service for some yummy birthday cake and to help Mary celebrate her 100th birthday.

# Adult Ministries

Thoughts from Jim Horner | Spring is in the Air!

What a magnificent time of year; a time when little sprouts pop their heads out of the ground and eventually blossom with sparkling colors. Spring is a time when new life, dormant for the winter, comes alive with all God's creative passion. What a good time to slow down a little bit, relax in God's creation, and breathe in the wonder of new life God brings every Spring.

The most amazing wonder of God's creation is you! That He gave you life; that you are fearfully and wonderfully made, is truly a miracle. That He came that you might have life, and life abundantly, is also truly a miracle. That in His grace He gave you the opportunity to have communion with Him, relationships with your communities, and ministry to our world is yet another true miracle.

May you see your world this Spring more and more with eyes of grace as you fall more and more in love with the grace-filled creator of the universe.

**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.  
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or [bellatrix1@msn.com](mailto: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](mailto:spmorris77@hotmail.com), [ccharn@hotmail.com](mailto:ccharn@hotmail.com), or 720-570-8919).

### Corona Corner

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**Please submit items to the newsletter box in the office or  
email Carol. Thank You!**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<u>1</u>  6:30p Trustees 6:45 P. Horner, Ragamuffins, Upstairs	<u>2</u> 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	<u>3</u> 10a Common Threads, dwnstrs  (6p Young Adults @ Kumar's) 7p Scum mtg., Parlor	<u>4</u> 9:00a MOPS  3:30 S. Johnson, Parlor	<u>5</u>  <b>7a Men's Small Group, Library</b> 9:30a Value of Life Group, Sanct
<u>6</u> <b>Communion, Food Bank, Deacon's Fund</b> <b>10 &amp; 11a Worship</b> 9a Sunday School 12:30 Deacon's, Parlor 3:30 Oromo Evang. Church Parlor 6p Youth Group	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>  6:30 & 7p Committees 6:30 Session Meeting	<u>9</u> Ash Wednesday 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	<u>10</u>  (6p Young Adults @ Kumar's) 7p Scum mtg., Parlor	<u>11</u>  3:30 S. Johnson, Parlor	<u>12</u>
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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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