



Corona Presbyterian Church, Denver, CO

March 2012

“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

Adult ministries and assimilation

The Stock Market is shaky, the Broncos are shaky, but Corona provides two solid investments choices every Sunday morning:

1) A solid investment focused on learning God's word – a class currently studying the book of Hebrews. A thorough investigation of the Bible led by David Sawyer.

2) A solid investment focused on learning to become more like Christ on a 24/7 basis. “We’re

on the Journey Together” is currently encouraging deeper exploration of “Emotionally Healthy Spirituality.”

To reap a great investment, choose to deposit yourself at 11:15 A.M. any Sunday in either of these two gatherings. Childcare is provided.

For any questions call David Sawyer 303-388-8160 or Jim Horner 720-398-4774.

Session news: Investigating our future

Session has empowered three subcommittees to begin investigating where God might be leading us as a church. January's newsletter article by Pastor John spoke about some of that direction. If you would like to participate, feel free to contact these elders and join in our discernment process.

Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians (ECO):

- John Walbert and Jim Horner

Union Church (ECO and PCUSA):

- Cal Dunlap and Jeff Jackmond

Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC):

- John Reece, John Kumar and Tom Gengler

New Sermon Series “Emotionally Healthy Spirituality”

- We will be using Peter Scazzero's book Emotionally Healthy Spirituality for these sermons and Sunday school class.

- Begins February 26 and will run for the next ten weeks (taking time off for Palm Sunday and Easter).

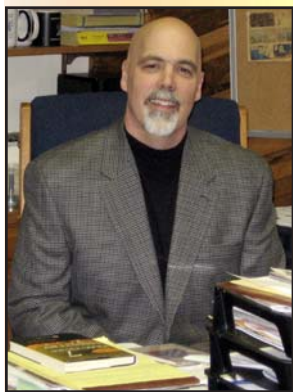
- We will be having a concurrent Sunday school class for those that would like to dig deeper led by Jim Horner.

- Our hope is that these sermons and classes will help us move beyond the “tip of the iceberg spiritually” in order that Christ might transform our total person.

From my mind's eye . . .

We are entering the season of church life called "Lent". I want to invite you to journey with each other through this time.

Lent, is a 40-day time period of preparation for Holy Week and Easter, where historically and currently many church's encourage fasting and prayer.



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 as remembrance of Christ's resurrection. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday (February 22nd) and concludes

on Holy Saturday (April 7th) before Easter. The 40 days represents the time Jesus spent in the desert overcoming temptation by Satan.

The period of Lent is to invite you to consider how you might participate in each of these spiritual disciplines. We do not take part 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.

Again this year, we will be joining Scum of the Earth Church for Holy Week Services.

Holy Week Schedule:

Maundy Thursday, April 5:
7:00 P.M. at Corona

Good Friday, April 6:
7:00 P.M. at Scum of the Earth Church
935 W 11th Ave. Denver, CO 80204

Easter Sunday, April 8:
9:30 A.M. Worship Service
11:15 A.M. – 12:45 P.M. Potluck brunch, Multi

In God's amazing grip,

Pastor John

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Corona . . . Being missional in the neighborhood and around the world at the same time

Did you know that there are about 1,200 international students and visiting scholars right here in our neighborhood? Yep, they are at Denver University.



Tom Gengler

Tom Gengler, a Corona elder, has been closely involved with these students and scholars in a hospitality and friendship ministry.

Tom is also a part-time campus staff worker at DU with International Students Inc. (ISI)

of which Corona is a "Partner Church". He is involved in a weekly lunch with international students.

Tom has a MDiv degree from Fuller Seminary and has been involved in international ministry since his student days at the University of Oklahoma. He currently shares an apartment near the DU campus with a student from the Middle East.

Others in the Corona family have met several of the incoming students at the airport, and hosted them in their homes for several days before they move into their DU apartments. Some Corona families also continue to invite students to dinner in their home or at a restaurant.

Recently, one DU visiting scholar family from China invited a Corona family to celebrate Chinese New Year with them for a noodle dinner at their apartment. The Corona family also took the Chinese family to the recent Xu Bei Hong exhibition at the Denver Art Museum.

Please pray for Corona's friendship outreach to Denver University international students and visiting scholars. If you would like to join this effort please contact Tom at t.gengler@hotmail.com.



Deacons Corner

Corona Cooks Day!

Many thanks to all our cooks. Though they say too many cooks spoil the soup, in this case our wonderful cooks produced 34 awesome meals to put in the Deacon Freezer to feed anyone in our congregation who might be going through a rough time and need a little blessing of food.

A special thanks to Laura and Scott Anderson who gathered the recipes, prepped all the food and got the stations set up. We had a great time together as we fellowshiped and cooked up a storm.

If you are in need of a meal, or you know someone in the congregation who could use a blessing of food, let a Deacon know or call the

church office and Nancy will get us the information.

Funeral Reception Appreciation

Thanks to so many in our congregation who have jumped in to bring food, set up, serve and clean up at the funerals we've had these last few months. We dearly miss the saints who have had their homecoming...their families and the Deacons appreciate all your assistance during these life celebrations. Bless you all.

-- Renee Walbert for the Deacons



“Our Corona - The Early Years”

Remember "Rent-a-Kid" 2009? Well, I knew just what I wanted the youth to do! I rented Daniel Geiter & Sam True, Jessie Goellner & Melinda Ho, and sent them off to interview some of the Mariner's and other seniors who have been here for 40, 50 or even 60+ years. Thomas Wenger jumped on board too and Gabe & Kristy facilitated the filming for us.

In the end we had video recorded interviews of 10 of these precious older Saints, which I blended with tidbits from Georgia Gray's 100th Anniversary His-



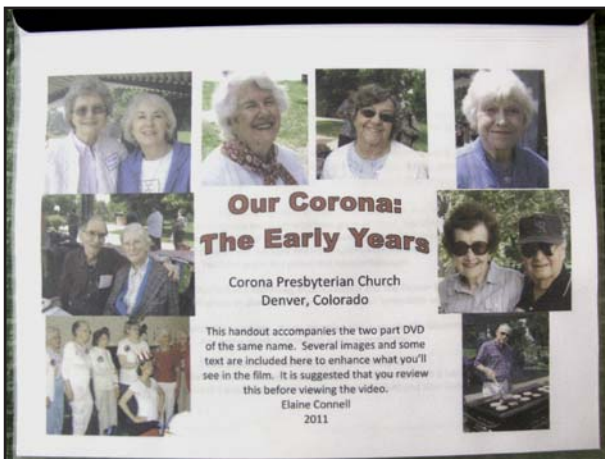
tory, "Corona Presbyterian Church: Serving the Community and the World for 100 Years."

There were photos, articles and maps from the Denver Public Library and memories that surfaced when Dottie Lutz Mohrlang visited in January 2012.

The finished product has two DVD's and a printed booklet.

If you would like a copy, contact Elaine Connell. The suggested donation is \$10, which goes toward the Corona Youth Mission Trip.

-- Elaine Connell



The Accidental Book Club

Our next book is *Love Wins: A Book about Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived* by Rob Bell. Millions of Christians have struggled with how to reconcile God's love and God's judgment: Has God created billions of people over thousands of years only to select a few to go to heaven and everyone else to suffer forever in hell? Is this acceptable to God? How is this "good news?"

These are troubling questions--so troubling that many have lost their faith because of them. Others only whisper the questions to themselves, fearing or being taught that they might lose their faith and their church if they ask them out loud.

But what if these questions trouble us for good reason? What if the story of heaven and hell we have been taught is not, in fact, what the

Bible teaches? What if what Jesus meant by "heaven," "hell," and "salvation" are very different from how we have come to understand

them? What if it is God who wants us to face these questions?

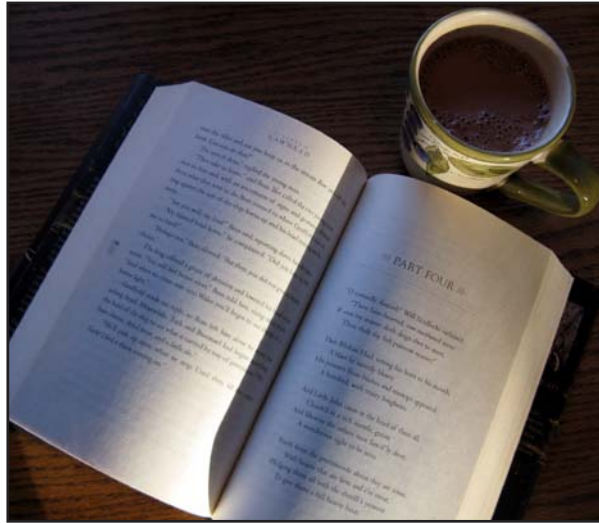
Author, pastor, and innovative teacher Rob Bell presents a deeply biblical vision for rediscovering a richer, grander, truer, and more spiritually satisfying way of understanding heaven, hell, God, Jesus, salvation, and repentance. The result is the discovery that the "good news" is much, much better

than we ever imagined. Love wins.

(Amazon.com)

Book Club Dates: Sundays, April 29th & May 6th, 11:15am, Dazbog.

Please remember you must have read or be reading the book to attend. Please email Elaine Connell (lainycnjeffrey@yahoo.com) or Pam Marsh (ptmarsh@mac.com) to RSVP. Hope to see you there!



Common Threads . . .

Common Threads had a very productive year in 2011 and so far in 2012. We've been busy making and giving away a total of ten baby quilts, nine prayer shawls, and two prayer quilts. Phew! And there are so many more that we could bless if we had the hands to help.

If you would be willing to help knit or crochet prayer shawls or baby blankets or piece baby quilts, please call Dale Bowers. Currently there are packets of pre-cut quilt squares at the Common Threads box near the top of the ramp. (Sorry - the box moves around but is hard to miss).

Dale is planning on an informational meeting during Sunday coffee fellowship time early in March to talk about this ministry and to get more crafters involved. Haven't sewn or knitted for a few years? Not to worry, Dale has some easy steps to get you started again. Keep an eye on the Sunday bulletin for the dates.

In addition to the quilts and shawls, we are working on a new project involving making 'pillow case' dresses. Our goal is to make 50 dresses to send to Jenny Teichert in South Africa.

The dresses will go to orphan

children that Jenny works with in Fine Town and are very simple dresses to sew. There will be packets of these available with instructions.

We have plenty of pillow cases, but could use double sided bias tape - bright colors like yellow, pink, blues, green. We also need 3/8" wide ribbon - grosgrain works best - for the shoulder straps.

If you could help by donating materials to help us get these dresses completed, please put any

donations in the Common Threads box. As you may or may not know, this ministry is supported solely by donations.

In addition to the above, we could use large gift bags and tissue paper for our baby quilts and prayer shawls. If you could help us we would be greatly blessed, and we think you would too.

Thank you to so many who have already donated time, supplies and prayers. Your efforts have and continue to reach out and bless others. Kathy Hall was recently given a prayer shawl by Dale...ask her how blessed it made her feel!

-- Dale Bowers and Common Threads



Kathy Hall with her prayer shawl made and given to her by Dale Bowers. Kathy uses her prayer shawl in her morning prayers.

Youth Escapades >>>

Ongoing Events:

- Sunday School - Sundays
11:15 a.m. – Noon
- Youth Group - Sundays
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- Girls/Boys Bible Studies - Wednesdays
7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.



Mission Trip Fundraisers

Look for up and coming fundraisers like the Corona Talent Show. If you are interested in participating, please contact GAK, it's open to everybody.

Upcoming Events:

- March 4th Oscar Night
- March 10th Talent Show 7pm



GABRIEL AND KRISTY JARAMILLO
CORONA PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH DIRECTORS
CELL: 720.275.1586 WORK: 303.832.2297 X110

Welcome committee plans for Easter

Easter Sunday Potluck Brunch

Please make plans to enjoy fellowship and share in a potluck brunch on Easter Sunday in the multi from 11:15 to 12:45. Bring something yummy to share and leave it in the kitchen. Plates, utensils and beverages will be provided.

Corona's Easter Lily Garden

If you would like to help create Corona's 2012 Easter Lily Garden, please complete the form in the lobby, attach your payment and give it to Carol Hearn or Kathy Hall or just leave it in the basket by March 28th. The lilies will be used to decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday and after the service you may take your lilies home with you. Thank you!



Men's retreat was incredible two-day experience

Over the weekend of February 3-5, 40 men from Corona, Trinity and St. James Presbyterian churches joined forces at Highlands Camp in Allenspark. Our theme was "Over Coming the Challenges of Life". This was an incredible two-day experience.

Throughout the weekend we explored the challenges we face as men. Each man chose one challenge to both work on throughout the weekend and also to continue that work at home. We had amazing fun, food and fellowship. Oh... and did I mention throughout the

weekend entirely too much food was consumed!

Men, mark your calendars for the first weekend in February next year!

Remember - Daylight Savings Time

Don't forget to "Spring Forward" one hour on Sunday March 11th so when you go to bed on Saturday, set your clocks one hour ahead!

March 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10a Common Threads, downstairs	2 9a MOPS	3 9:30a Value of Life group
4 9a Prayers 9:30a Worship 10:45 Fellowship 11:15 Sun. School 12p Deacons, Par 3:30 Oromo Evang. Church, Parlor 6p Youth Group	5	6 6:30 p Trustees 6:45 P. Homer, Ragamuffins, upstairs	7 6:30a Men's Prayer Group 10a SF mtg, Parlor 3p Girl Scouts 6:30p Praise Band 7p Gigglin' w/ God 7p Boy's Bible Study 7:30p Choir	8	9	10 6p Youth Talent Show
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Special Events

March 10 6:00 p.m. Talent Show

March 11 Daylight Savings Time begins (spring forward one hour)

March 18 – 23 Center For Student Missions (CSM) students overnight at Corona Presbyterian Church

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



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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship 10:45 a.m.

Children's Church

Sunday School for all 11:15 a.m.

Childcare and nursery available until 12:15 a.m.

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