



# CORONA CORNER

CORONA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DENVER, CO

NOVEMBER 2008

## Stewardship Sunday November 23

**Who?** All who call Corona their church home

**What?** Time to make financial commitments for 2009

**How?** Commit to giving by returning pledge cards

**When?** Pledge cards will be collected on Stewardship Sunday, November 23

ANNUAL  
*Stewardship*  
CAMPAIGN



**Why?**

To help our Session and Trustees establish a realistic budget for the coming year

To support Corona's exciting ministries for 2009

To fulfill God's great commandment and great commission

# From my mind's eye . . .

The month of November is stewardship month at Corona. It's on the front page of our newsletter. You will be receiving a letter concerning stewardship in the mail. It causes some of you anxiety as the church asks you to consider your financial contribution for next year. I find it encouraging that we have our annual stewardship campaign in the same month that we celebrate "Thanksgiving."



fulness. Our giving is to come from the posture or attitude of joyful thanksgiving. Why does God get excited about this kind of giving? It means that we believe that God is the faithful one. God is good. God is with us! God is right here in the midst of our life. God is the great provider. It means we understand and recognize that all we have belongs to God and we are merely those who manage it for Him. And with

this attitude we give with great joy a portion of what God has provided for us.

I want to give some of you good news:  
**2Corinthians 9:7 "Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."**

Stewardship Sunday is November 23. Smile a little. Give as God leads you to give, not out of a heart full of dread, but with a heart of joy. Let us see where God is moving and join Him in this great adventure called "the kingdom of God".

I hope this verse sets you free to know God's heart in this matter of giving. It is not Pastor John's idea of what you should give, nor is it Corona Presbyterian Church's idea. It is between you and God. God is to be the one who leads you in this endeavor.

In God's grip, because often, mine is to weak

*Pastor John*

Our hope is that as you make Corona your church home you would contribute to supporting our church. Paul makes it clear in this scripture to the Corinthians that our stewardship in finances is not to be "under compulsion." God does not want a person to give while dragging their feet and grumbling. The idea is not a sense of dread and coercion. God's idea is that we would find a "cheerful heart of giving." The word cheerful is "hilaros" in the Greek language. It means without grudge, but full of joy and even thank-

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**THE NEXT STEP:** If you are ready for membership, have been thinking about taking our New Member Class, or would like to know more about this church-this class is for you.

**Date: Sunday November 23**

**Time: 4:00-6:30 P.M.**

### **What Does New Member Class Cover?**

- Your spiritual journey and how that journey led you to Corona Presbyterian Church
- Our vision/mission statement
- Issues of faith, belief and discipleship
- A general overview of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- All about the life and ministries of



## **New Member CLASS**

Corona Presbyterian Church

- How we are each uniquely gifted by God
  - What ministries have been established and how you can get involved
- If you are interested please contact the church office.  
(303) 832-2297, [corpreschu@aol.com](mailto:corpreschu@aol.com)

## **Welcome committee seeks hospitality helpers**

Do you ever see an unfamiliar face in the pews on Sunday? Very likely that person is looking for a new church home; somewhere to belong and someone to care about them. You can help make their first impression of your Corona church family a truly warm and inviting one. Smile! Introduce yourself. Ask their name (and make a real effort to remember it!) Thank them for coming and tell them one or two reasons why you like your Corona family. Make a new friend.

Other ways you can help is by offering your hospitality gifts in one or more of the following ways:

- Front Door Greeters -- Contact Linda Dunlap to get on a rotating schedule of greeters.
- Dinner at Home -- We're planning to hold quarterly "getting-to-know-you" dinners in the homes of members for new members and visitors considering Corona Presbyterian Church as their new spiritual fam-

ily and home. Expect from two to six guests, plus two elders and/or Pastor Geiter to help answer any questions these potential new members may have.

- Bread Brigade -- Do you like to bake fresh bread? Can you deliver one or two loaves a month to the door of a new member or recent visitor to our church? Please let us know.
- Coffee Hour Fellowship -- We're always in need of servers to assist us on a rotating schedule to help set up, brew coffee, supply fresh baked goods and clean up prior to the contemporary service.
- Hospitality Suggestions and Ideas Wanted -- Got a new idea or fresh insight on helping make Corona a more warm and friendly place? We would love to hear from you! Contact Jan Helmer, Sally Johnson or Church Secretary Nancy Rowley.

-- J. Helmer



## **“CORONA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: A SAFE PLACE TO MEET AND GROW IN CHRIST”**

**Mission:** To be a Christ-centered community of people reaching beyond themselves.  
“Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”  
Ephesians 5: 1-2

### **Our Vision:**

<b>To be in relationship with Christ To grow in Christ</b>	<b>To love others in Christ To delight in Christ</b>
<b>To reach beyond ourselves in Christ</b>	

#### ***To be in relationship with Christ***

“to know the love of Christ ... that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God” Ephesians 3:19

- We seek to live, individually and collectively, as the beloved of God - broken, yet redeemed by the Lord Jesus Christ to experience the healing love and grace of the Father, to walk in the life and power of the Holy Spirit, and to be responsive to His leading.

#### ***To love others in Christ***

“As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” John 13:34

We seek:

- To be a welcoming community of faith
- To relate to each other by listening and speaking the truth in love, including a commitment to personal openness, vulnerability, conflict resolution, and forgiveness
- To involve ourselves in relationships characterized by personal integrity, graceful acceptance, support and encouragement in each other’s spiritual journey

#### ***To grow in Christ***

“... Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.” 2 Peter 3:18

- We seek to nurture, support and equip one another to grow toward our full potential as followers of Christ
  - o Being transformed by the study of God’s Word
  - o Gathering in groups for prayer, growth and mutual support
  - o Discovering and using our spiritual gifts in ministry

#### ***To delight in Christ***

“Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.” Psalm 100:2

- We seek to offer joyful and vibrant worship
  - o Where we give glory and honor to God.
  - o Where we encounter and experience God the Father, Son and Spirit.
  - o Where worship becomes a way of life, not simply an experience on Sunday morning.
- We seek to offer authentic and relevant worship opportunities that honor and unite our heritage and our future

#### ***To reach beyond ourselves in Christ***

“Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to all creation” Mark 16:15

- We seek to preach beyond the ‘walls’ of our church to our community and our world who are in desperate need of the good news and love of Jesus Christ



October  
Work Day  
Photos by  
Dale Bowers



*Work Day resulted in a new prayer room and study in the southwest office off the sanctuary. Greg Fee, Deanna Geiter, Jary Daly and Susan Gibbs teamed up to rejuvenate the room.*



**Retreat a  
glorious  
time with  
the Lord**

Sixty people from Corona got away to the beauty of Snow Mountain Ranch for the retreat weekend of Oct. 24-26. Glorious weather and panoramic views of Colorado's snow-kissed mountains greeted us whenever we stepped outside. The sunsets were unsurpassed. Dr. Frank Cirone brought us vibrant examples and challenging insights - a fresh experience as we learned to focus more on who God is as we come to Him in prayer. Thanks to everyone who pitched in to make this such a special time together! And many thanks to the Lord!

*-- E. Connell*



# November 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 7a Prayers 7a Men's Small Group, Library
2 Food drive <b>9 &amp; 10:45 Worship</b> 10a Fellowship, 12:30 Deacons, 1:00 Puppets, Multi 3-5 Oromo, Parlor 6 Youth Group & Bible Study	3 Election Delivery  (6p Young Adults)	4 Election  6:30p Trustees	5 9a Watercolors  7p Choir 7p Gigglin' w/ God 7p Worship Team	6 10a Sewing  12n Corp. Prayer	7 9a MOPS	8 7a Prayers  6p Puppets, Multi
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<b>16 9 &amp; 10:45 Worship</b> 10a Fellowship 1:00 Puppets, Multi 3-5 Oromo, Parlor 6 Youth Group & Bible Study	17  (6p Young Adults)	18  6:30 & 7p Committees	19 9a Watercolors  7p Choir 7p Gigglin' w/ God 7p Worship Team	20 Corona Corner 12n Corp. Prayer  (7p WGA, Intro, Multi & Other)	21 9a MOPS	22 7a Prayers  <del>6p Puppets, Multi</del>
<b>23 9 &amp; 10:45 Worship</b> 10a Fellowship 1:00 Puppets, Multi 3-5 Oromo, Parlor 4p New Member Class, Lib. 6 Youth Group & Bible Study	24  (6p Young Adults)	25  7-8:30 Puppet Comm.	26 6:30 a Men's Prayer 9a Watercolors 7p Choir 7p Gigglin' w/ God 7n Worship Team	27 Thanksgiving (Office Closed)	28 (office closed)	29 7a Prayers 7a Men's Breakfast 11a Turkey Bowl <del>6p Puppets, Multi</del>
<b>30 9 &amp; 10:45 Worship</b> 10a Fellowship 1:00 Puppets, Multi 3-5 Oromo, Parlor <b>5:30 CPC Prayer Mtg</b> 6 Youth Group & Bible Study						

# Youth Group in November

- **Friday, November 14**, we are serving the homeless at "the Crossing" a Denver Rescue Mission ministry. We will meet at Corona at 4:00pm and will be arriving back at the Church at about 7:30p.m.
- **Friday, November 21** is the Winter Wonderslam concert, Toby Mac, Reliant K, and Family Force 5 at the Denver Coliseum. The tickets are spoken for already, so those who have asked



for the tickets can leave a check for \$30 made out to Corona Presbyterian Church, with "Youth activities" written in the tagline, in Matt's box in the main office.

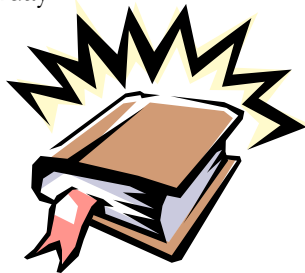
- **Saturday, November 29** is the annual Turkey Bowl flag football game from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.. We play first, then eat.

## Sunday School series continues in November

Many thanks to Dr. Stan Obitts for his series on Apologetics. This class was very popular at the 10:45 Adult Sunday School session!

In November, we'll continue the challenging and controversial class "They Like Jesus, But They Don't Like the Church!" at 10:00 AM.

At 10:45 AM David Sawyer will be back with a series on the Book of Acts. Hope to see you there!



## VanSomeren deploys to Iraq

Zach VanSomeren, son of Dean and Liz VanSomeren, was deployed to Iraq in September for one year with approximately 4,000 other soldiers from Fort Wainwright, Fairbanks, Alaska, as part of his service with the U.S. Army.

Please keep Zach and his wife, Lindsay, in your prayers for physical safety and stamina, for spiritual strength and comfort, and for the Lord's blessings of love and patience as they are apart for the next year. Lindsay will continue her studies at the University of Alaska majoring in wildlife biology. Zach can receive mail at:

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## Sunday Worship

Heritage Service ..... **9-10 a.m.**

Childcare and nursery available until Noon

Coffee/Fellowship ..... **10-10:30 a.m.**

Sunday School for all ..... **10-10:40 a.m.**

Contemporary Service ..... **10:45-Noon**

Children's Church/Puppets and an  
Adult Sunday School available

## Staff

**Rev. John Geiter**

Senior Pastor

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**Paul James**

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**Nancy Rowley**

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**Keith Schemper**

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**Matt Syrdal**

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