



# CORONA CORNER

CORONA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DENVER, CO

OCTOBER 2008

## All Church Retreat

**“Everything You Wanted to Know About Prayer But Were Afraid to Ask”**

with Dr. Frank Cirone, Bible School Principal,  
Ravencrest Chalet, Estes Park



*Dr. Frank Cirone*

## Snow Mountain Ranch, Granby



### October 24-26

More Information:

[www.coronachurch.com/Retreat08.pdf](http://www.coronachurch.com/Retreat08.pdf)

|  | Cost per adult on or before<br>10/12/08 | Late Registration<br>10/13/08 – 10/19/08 |
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| One Adult per Room                                 | \$175 each                              | \$185 each                               |
| Two Adults per Room                                | \$115 each                              | \$125 each                               |
| Three Adults per Room                              | \$95 each                               | \$105 each                               |
| Four Adults per Room                               | \$85 each                               | \$95 each                                |
| Five Adults per Room                               | \$80 each                               | \$90 each                                |
| Six Adults per Room                                | \$75 each                               | \$85 each                                |
| <b>Note: Adults are all those 13 years and up.</b> |   |  |
| Children 6 – 12 years of age                       | \$30                                    | \$40                                     |
| Children under 6 yrs of age                        | Free                                    | Free                                     |

# From my mind's eye . . .

Fall is in full swing- as if you haven't noticed. I love the fall season. Trees are producing some of the most memorable color combinations imaginable. It is so refreshing to breath in the crisp morning air. (Football is here again).

Fall is a season of change. I saw a cute picture of a baby in its mothers arms with the caption, "Work in progress, I'm not done yet!". I think that safely describes the place we find ourselves at Corona. Not only is this true in our spiritual lives, it is true of our Sunday mornings. It has been four weeks since the inception of our two worship services. From my vantage point, it feels good and it feels right. We are certainly ironing out the Sunday morning schedule kinks, so please be patient.

We are welcoming aboard new staff members, including C.J. Garbo, our choir director; Keith Schemper, our contemporary worship leader; and Paul Ijames, our organist/accompanist. I want to encourage you to go out of your way and welcome these young men and also their wives.

I also wish to give a heartfelt thanks to Kari Miles for all her time and energy as our accompanist. She has been instrumental in helping to facilitate a worshipful atmosphere the past few years.

I hope and pray you make time for one or more of the opportunities of service and



ministry at Corona this month: October 4th -- work day, October 11th -- project glean, and October 24-26 Corona's all church retreat.

We have been experiencing a bevy of visitors the past few weeks. One of the chief reasons visitors find themselves returning a second time is due to their 'first' experience. You and I play an enormous role in making that 'first' experience at Corona a positive one.

Please go out of your way to welcome and connect with our visitors. Also, don't forget each other as well! Let us make church at Corona a positive and memorable experience for everyone who comes through our doors.

Lastly, I want to gently nudge each of us to make the extra effort to arrive at our worship services on time. I would like our arriving late to be the exception and not the rule.

*Pastor John*

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# PROJECT GLEAN Saturday, October 11

Help glean fields of area farms for COMPA food bank ministries.

- Sign up in the lobby on the credenza.
- Volunteers need to be at the COMPA warehouse at 7:30 a.m. (5735 E. 39th Ave.)
- Those meeting at Corona will need to meet at 7 a.m.
- We will finish at Noon

Please contact John Walbert at 303-328-7239 if you are interested.



## Church Improvement Day

Church Improvement Day is Saturday, October 4 from 8 a.m. until Noon. Darrell will make his “red neck breakfast” at 8 a.m. and work will begin at 8:30.

Whatever amount of time people have to give will be appreciated. A variety of indoor and outdoor tasks will be available. Some of these will include: help with breakfast, paint small rest rooms, move pews from prayer office to choir practice room rake/sweep leaves, tidy the flower beds, sweep sidewalks, clean kitchen, clean multipurpose room.



## How to request repairs

If you encounter something at the church that doesn't work as it should or requires repairing, please let the trustees know of your discovery by completing a Non-Emergency Repair Request form available from the office and in one of the Plexiglas slots outside the office. Return the form to Nancy, or leave it in her top in-box.



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# Corona hires worship staff . . .

Corona hired three part-time music ministry staff in September. Keith Schemper is the new contemporary worship director, C.J. Garbo is the new choir director, and Paul Ijames is the new accompanist for the Heritage Service.

## Keith Schemper

Keith has been playing in worship bands since the 8th grade when he got his first drum set. His first leadership position was at Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights, IL, where he led the weekly student-led worship service. Since college he has held several full-time worship director positions. Keith plays the drums, the keyboards and the guitar.

“For me, the most important part of a church is its people,” Keith said. “The people of Corona are kind and genuine and are active in ministry. It is a joy to join a church in its ministry.”

Keith is a second-year graduate student at the University of Denver studying International Disaster Psychology. He and his wife, Shannon, have been attending City Presbyterian Church at the Tivoli downtown on Sunday mornings.

They have been married for three years. Shannon works at the University of Denver in the Women’s College. They live four blocks from Corona.

## Paul Ijames

Paul has been an accompanist or music director for churches in North Carolina since 2001. He has experience with a variety of musical styles, including traditional, gospel, Latin, and African-American. He developed a blended worship style



*Keith Schemper, contemporary worship director*

as a music director at First Presbyterian Church in Mocksville, NC, to unite cultural and age differences there.

Paul and his wife, Emily, moved from North Carolina to Littleton in August so she could attend the counselor licensure program at Denver Seminary. Paul saw Corona’s advertisement for an accompanist and decided to attend a service.

“We were greeted by sincere and loving members, which gave us the familiarity of being at our home church in North Carolina,” Paul said.

Paul also works as a carpet technician/sales marketing specialist at Fine Carpet and Fabric Care off of 58th and Broadway.

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## ... music ministry's new faces



*C.J. Garbo, choir director*

### **C.J. Garbo**

C.J. has been pursuing vocal music since 1994. He sang in choirs in high school and in community choirs such as Opera Colorado, the Colorado Mormon Chorale and the Colorado Chorale. He was director of music ministries at GracePoint Community Church in Littleton.

A senior at Metro State, C.J. is pursuing a bachelor's in music education with a choral concentration and has sung with the nationally awarded Metro State Chorale.

"I was looking for a job back in music ministry and seeking a new home church," C.J. said. "Needless to say, the Lord provided. My wife and



*Paul Ijames, accompanist*

I have enjoyed our time at Corona and have been welcomed warmly."

He and his wife, Kristina, have attended South Fellowship, Cherry Hills Presbyterian, Grace Chapel, and other metro area churches.

"While I met many wonderful people and had a unique opportunity to see what other churches are doing, I never felt called to attend as a permanent member of their congregations," C.J. said. "I feel at home here at Corona."

They are both native Coloradans and currently reside in the Tech Center area. C.J. also is a police reserve officer for Manitou Springs.



# October 2008

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday                           | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday  |
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|  |   |                                   | 1<br>9a Watercolors<br><br>7p Choir<br>7pGigglin' w/ God<br>7p Worship Team                     | 2<br>10a Sewing<br><br>12n Corp. Prayer                         | 3<br>9a MOPS   | 4<br>7a Prayers<br>7a Men's Small<br>Group, Library<br>8 Church Work Day                          |
| 5 , Food drive<br><b>9 &amp; 10:45 Worship</b><br>10a Fellowship,<br>12:30 Deacons,<br>1:00 Puppets, Multi<br>3-5 Oromo, Parlor<br>6 Youth Group & Bible Study                                 | 6<br><br>(6p Young Adults)                            | 7<br><br>6:30p Trustees           | 8<br>6:30 a Men's Prayer<br>9a Watercolors<br>7p Choir<br>7pGigglin' w/ God<br>7p Worship Team  | 9<br><br>12n Corp. Prayer                                       | 10<br>9:30 MOPS Steering                               | 11<br>7a Prayers<br>7a Project Glean,<br>meet @church<br><br>6p Puppets, Multi                    |
| 12<br><b>9 &amp; 10:45 Worship</b><br>10a Fellowship<br>1:00 Puppets, Multi<br>3-5 Oromo, Parlor<br>6 Youth Group & Bible Study<br>7p Bultema Grp, Par.  | 13<br><br>(6p Young<br>Adults).                       | 14<br><br>6:30p Session           | 15<br>9a Watercolors<br><br>7p Choir<br>7pGigglin' w/ God<br>7p Worship Team                    | 16<br>12n Corp. Prayer<br><br>(7p WGA, Intro,<br>Multi & Other) | 17<br>9a MOPS  | 18<br>7a Prayers<br>7a Men's Small<br>Group, Library  |
| 19<br><b>9 &amp; 10:45 Worship</b><br>10a Fellowship<br>1:00 Puppets, Multi<br>3-5 Oromo, Parlor<br>6 Youth Group & Bible Study  | 20 Corona<br>Corner deadline<br><br>(6p Young Adults) | 21<br><br>6:30 & 7p<br>Committees | 22<br>6:30 a Men's Prayer<br>9a Watercolors<br>7p Choir<br>7pGigglin' w/ God<br>7p Worship Team | 23<br>12n Corp. Prayer  | 24 <u>All Church<br/>Retreat</u><br><br>9:30a MOPS DGL | 25 <u>All Church<br/>Retreat</u><br><br>7a Prayers<br>7a Men's Breakfast<br><br>6p Puppets, Multi |
| 26 <u>All Church Retreat</u><br><b>10:45 Worship (only service)</b><br>10a Fellowship<br>1:00 Puppets, Multi<br>3-5 Oromo, Parlor<br><b>5:30 CPC Prayer Mtg</b><br>6 Youth Group & Bible Study | 27<br><br>(6p Young Adults)                           | 28<br><br>7-8:30 Puppet<br>Comm.  | 29<br>9a Watercolors<br><br>7p Choir<br>7pGigglin' w/ God<br>7p Worship Team                    | 30<br>12n Corp. Prayer  | 31 Halloween<br><br>9a MOPS                            |   |

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## Calling all parents!!

Youth Director Matt Syrdal is calling on all parents who are interested in volunteering just a few hours a month for the Corona Youth Group.

He desperately needs the help of one parent who is interested in being a “communications liaison” between himself and the parents, by contacting parents to make sure they are aware of upcoming events.

Secondly, besides reinstating the rotating list of parent “snack suppliers” he would like to find a few parents who would volunteer two hours once or twice a month to hang out with kids during youth group (no preparation involved), and to pray with him before youth group. The more parents interested, the better.

Please email Matt at [amsyrdal@gmail.com](mailto:amsyrdal@gmail.com) or call him at 303-319-9464.

## News from Missions Committee

Remember to bring nonperishables on the first Sunday of the month. In October the donations will go to Denver Urban Ministries.

Hank Paulson, who Corona has supported for many years, and President of New Hope International ministering in Eastern Europe, will be at Corona on November 2 teaching adult Sunday School. Come and hear how God has been working in Eastern European countries.

The Missions Committee is looking for a new member. We meet once a month to keep in touch with our missionaries and pray for them, as well as encourage short-term missions and local missions projects. If you are interested contact John Walbert at 303-328-7239.

## Apologetics new topic for Sunday School

An apologetics series began September 28 for the 10:45 Adult Sunday School Class. Dr. Stan Obitts of Denver Seminary will continue teaching through October 26.

Apologetics is the defense of the faith, and takes as its purpose the words of the Apostle Peter: “In your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope you have.” 1 Peter 3:15.

**September 28** – Belief, Faith, and Reason

**October 5** – Christianity’s Basis in God’s Special Revelation

**October 12** – Arguments for the Existence of God

**October 19** – The Problem of Evil

**October 26** – The Problem of Miracles

## Worship Committee seek volunteers

The Worship Committee of Session is looking for willing hands, feet, and hearts to serve as ushers in both services. Meet new people as you pass out bulletins, take up the offering, and greet people. The goal is to have teams of three people (including youth) who will usher for one month, twice a year. Substitute ushers will be available if you have a conflict.

The committee also would like to start prayer teams to pray with people after each service. There will be a training session before the teams begin.

To volunteer for either of these positions or to learn more of what is involved, please call Jary Dailey, (303) 755-0668.



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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

**C.J. Garbo**

Choir Director

**Paul James**

Accompanist

**Nancy Rowley**

Secretary

**Keith Schemper**

Contemporary Worship Director

**Matt Syrdal**

Youth Director

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