

# Corona Corner

Corona Presbyterian Church, Denver, CO

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## Welcome Back & Welcome Fall !

*He hath made  
everything  
beautiful in  
His time.*

-Ecclesiastes 3:11

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Boys Bible Study

Wednesdays 7-8:30pm

Currently discussing  
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to life."



Giggling with God

Wednesdays 7-8:30 pm

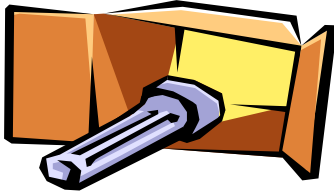
Currently doing a study  
on women in the Bible!

## Upcoming Events

Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup> Corn Maze!

October 2-3 "My Night in a Box"

Taking a closer look at what it means to be homeless!



October 31<sup>st</sup> Fall Costume Party  
All youth welcome for food and fun!

Youth Group

Sundays

6-8pm

Look for upcoming news about our:  
Winter Retreat Jan or Feb 2010  
Senior High Missions Trip July 2010

# FROM MY MIND'S EYE...

Most of you are back in the “saddle” of the school, work, and the fall season. Our holidays are over for a while. Hopefully you are refreshed to begin the normal. The normal is what we do most of the time. It is what occupies much of our waking hours and probably sleeping as well. It is the time God wants to be present in.

People have come up with the idea that God wants to be a part of our world on Sunday morning for about one to two hours. This is the sacred time. The time we focus on God. That has never been God's intentions. He wants to be involved in the normal times of your life. The everyday moments of life when we find ourselves at home and in our neighborhood, at work or school, eating and in conversations, watching TV and spending time with friends and family. God's desire is that we will become aware of His presence all of the day.

We know the scriptures teach us that the Holy Spirit dwells in us as followers of Christ. (1 John 4:13, “And God has given us His Spirit as proof that we live in him and He in us.”)

We don't wake up one morning to discover a voice message or a text message letting us know that we are on our own for the next few days or weeks because the Holy Spirit has taken a holiday.

God walks with us daily. He invites us to be aware of His presence and to allow this growing awareness to shape how we live life. God's hope is quite simple. He wants to take our normal everyday lives and transform them so that we are doing the things Jesus did. Listening to the Spirit,

paying attention to the nudging of the Spirit and following those nudges is one of the central ways that enables us to do what Jesus did.

**John 1:14** “The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood.” (Message paraphrase) God is not absent, but is near. You and I become the “word” that has moved into the neighborhood. Just start where you are today and be the “word”. When you fall short, confess and invite the Spirit to lead the way and be the “word”.

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



Pastor John

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## **Deacon's Corner August – September 2009**

Thanks to all of you who helped out and attended our First Annual Church Picnic. It was a wonderful time for all ages. For those of you who were unable to attend, you might want to find out who had dreams of being a professional wrestler when they grew up!! Thanks especially to Julie Ho and her girls who sat up the picnic area, Deanna Henderson and Gabe and Christy Jaramillo who organized the games, Nancy Uzar who organized the quilting bee, Greg Fee and Scott Anderson who provided the grills, and all of the men who helped cook the burgers and hot dogs. We were blessed by your service.

One of the purposes of this first picnic was to kick off the Koinonia Cell groups that the Deacons and Elders are organizing. Many questions were raised about just what Koinonia is. Koinonia is a Greek word that occurs 20 times in the Bible. Its primary meaning is “fellowship, sharing in common communion.” Christian fellowship is a key aspect of the Christian life. Believers in Christ are to come together in love, faith and encouragement. That is the essence of koinonia. Koinonia is being in agreement with one another, being united in purpose and serving alongside each other. Our koinonia with each other is based on our common koionina with Jesus Christ.

Here at Corona, we have made a commitment to be a church that is a safe place to meet and grow in Christ. This involves creating a community of believers committed to caring for and serving with one another. In order to build Koionia with our church, each regular attendee or member is assigned to a Koinonia Cell group by zip code. Koinonia Cells are led by a leadership team of Elders and Deacons specific to that Cell. Koinonia Cells are designated by a color code. You will be contacted by your leadership team throughout the year and informed about opportunities to meet fellowship with and serve your fellow cell members. Koinonia Cells meet together twice a year to fellowship with one another. When you or your family are experiencing a need, calling the Koinonia Cell leaders will activate your cell to pray for you and to come alongside you in your time of need. As a cell member there will be times throughout the year that you will be called on to provide things like meals, transportation and support for the members of your cell.

We on the Board of Deacons are excited by the opportunity for growth that this program will provide for each of us individually and as a church. Be watching for more information about Koinonia Cells this fall. (continued on next page)

Lastly, as we enter into this fall session, it is time to be thinking and praying about who will serve on the Board of Deacons next year. We currently have 5 openings on the Board and we have three people who are completing their terms of service at the end of the year. Is God calling **You** to serve in this capacity? Terms of service can be as short as one year or as long as three years. Contact either Tom Boblasky or Laura Anderson if you are interested. God will surely bless you.

## Corona Tidbits and Happenings

**Opal Beddeo** has moved. Her new address is: 111 Emerson, #267, Denver, CO 80218. Her phone number is 303-282-4742. She would love to see you if you can stop by or to get some mail from her friends at Corona.

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Alternatives Pregnancy Center invites you to explore how you can make a life-giving difference to those struggling with the decisions in unintended pregnancy. Become a volunteer counselor at one of our five Denver centers. The training program begins September 24th. For more information, contact April Vermillion, Director of Volunteers, at 303.298.8815 or [volunteer@YouhaveAlternatives.org](mailto:volunteer@YouhaveAlternatives.org).

**TRYAD Ministries**, part of Open Door Ministries, needs volunteers for their weekly Tuesday lunch and bible study! This Christian ministry that reaches out to the disabled community in downtown Denver is looking for adults who would be willing to provide and serve a meal once a month on Tuesdays. We meet at Open Door Fellowship Church located at 1567 Marion St. at 12:00 noon. Your time commitment would include driving to the church, serving the meal, and connecting with the members of our group. If you are interested in volunteering call Laura at 303-830-2201 or e-mail her [lashank@alumni.cedarville.edu](mailto:lashank@alumni.cedarville.edu)

**Contemporary Worship Ushers Needed!** Do you enjoy the Contemporary Worship Format? If so, we could use your help! Ushers are needed for the September – March calendar. You can sign up for 1 month of Sundays, or pick several Sundays throughout the year. Ushers duties include: distribute bulletins, count worship attendance, distribute collection plates, pick-up excess bulletins after the service, and greet new visitors. To become one of these valuable people or part of the team Contact Virginia Tidwell – [vptidwell@comcast.net](mailto:vptidwell@comcast.net) 303-766-3017. Meet new people! Singles, Couples, or Families welcome!

## **"Where to from here, God?"**

Things are changing out there! Think global, think information overload, GPS and instant messaging, think pluralism, recession, green, recycling, and well, think change! God has blessed Corona with an abundance of gifted leaders, but how do we lead, and what sort of ministry do we pursue to reach our community in the changing world today?

Corona is one of six churches in the Denver Presbytery engaged in a deliberate process of asking what God is doing among us and around us, and how we need to grow and change to reach our world. This process is informed by *The Missional Leader*, a book by Alan Roxvurgh and Fred Romanuk. As your Guiding Team in this process, we invite you to join us for an Adult Sunday School series began September 13th, at 10:00 AM in the Multi-Purpose Room. We'll provide an overview of the book and of the principles and the process we are working through at Corona. Please join us Sundays at 10:00 AM.

*Elaine Connell, Peter Hack, Julie Lundquist, Pam Marsh, Linda Meyer and Virginia Tidwell*

### ***...TRUSTEE'S UPDATE...***

## **Church Improvements Planned**

At its board meeting on September 1, the trustees approved three major improvement projects for the church. First, all but one of the toilets in the building will be replaced with high efficiency units requiring only 1 gallon per flush saving about 1.5 gallons of water on each flush. This project is being undertaken by the Mile High Youth Corps in partnership with the Denver Water Department which is providing the toilets all at not cost to the church. The toilets will be installed by the middle of September by the Youth Corps. The second project involves the refurbishing of the ladies' restroom off the Multi-purpose room which will include complete repainting, new tile, and some decorative touches. Finally, all the trees surrounding the building will be trimmed this month.

Also, the trustees wish to remind everyone of the fall workday which scheduled for the morning of Saturday, October 10, providing all an opportunity to contribute sprucing the grounds and improving the building. More details will follow as to the tasks which will be the focus of the workday.

## Value of Life Group at Corona Needs You!

After meeting sporadically during the summer, the Value of Life Group at Corona wants to start meeting in earnest starting in September. We plan to meet for prayer every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month at 9:30 AM in the sanctuary prayer room. The Value of Life Group has championed the cause of the Alternatives Pregnancy Center and other pro-life endeavors as we come together to pray for men and women involved in very weighty issues concerning the matter of life and death for unborn children. We also want to expand our numbers and our effectiveness in the year to come. Please contact Sally Johnson or Timothy Wilson if you are interested in joining us or supporting us. Timothy can be reached at 303-428-1390 and other numbers are in the church directory. Additional members are Joan Tupper, Jary Dailey, Lynne Majure, Jan (pronounced John) Helmer and Connie Wilson.

## Worship Committee Sings Praises

Corona thanks Joshua Dylan from Scum of the Earth, Gabriel Jaramillo - Corona's Youth Co-Pastor, and Cal Dunlap - Corona member and Executive Director of ACCTS (Association for Christian Conferences Teaching and Service) for preaching in July while John was on vacation. God blessed us through the different messages and perspectives each one of them brought. "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'" (Isaiah 52:7 NIV).

## Ladies...Save the Date!

Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup> from 1 - 5 PM we are planning a Pre-Holiday Soiree event with lots of fun... mark your calendars. More details to follow!



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## Sunday Worship

Heritage Service ..... **8:45 a.m.**

Childcare and nursery available until Noon

Sunday School for all ..... **10-10:45 a.m.**

Contemporary Service ..... **11 a.m.**

Children's Church/Puppets

## Staff

**Rev. John Geiter**

Senior Pastor

**C.J. Garbo**

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**Paul Ijames**

Accompanist

**Nancy Rowley**

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