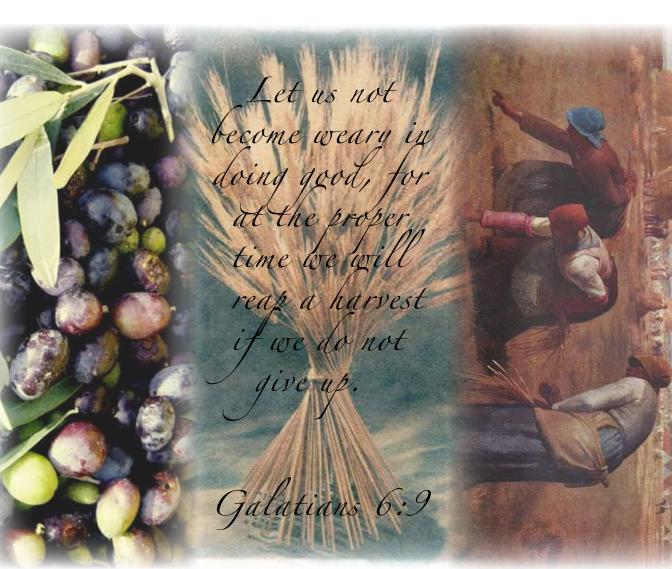


Corona Presbyterian Church, Denver, CO

September 2010



# Dorothy and Bob Gross ... Day by Day Walking in God's Grace

How did you come to Corona? "It's an interesting story and God was totally in charge. In Missouri Bob attended a Methodist church and I attended Disciples of Christ. When we got married we went to Bob's church where we were taught by a student of Dr. Ironside who was preparing to send out missionaries. He opened our eyes to scripture, he made it so vivid. In 1954 we moved to Denver and searched for a bible teaching church without success, until we visited Corona. We were thrilled that Corona was a bible teaching church and when we left that first Sunday we knew we'd found our church home. We joined in 1956 and have been active members for over 54 years. We raised our four children (3 daughters and 1 son) here and fondly remember how our daughter Nancy couldn't wait to get through the door on Sunday and would literally run to Sunday school!"

### Dorothy, you were so great as the choir director at Corona, how did you do that?

"I just engaged the choir. I loved those 26 + years. I received my degree in Music Education from Central Missouri State University. Music composition, playing the piano and occasionally the pipe organ, developing the choir, I loved it all."

### Would you share some glimpses of your

**life?: Dorothy:** "As a young woman I was pretty busy raising kids to the Lord; I've served the Lord as an Elder at Corona, cooked for the senior luncheons for a while, and participated in many, many ladies circles over the years (known as "In the Master's Service")." I like to paint with water colors (some of her work is displayed throughout the church), have taught water color classes at Corona, like to do a bit of oil painting, sewing and quilting." Bob: "We had a large men's group at Corona and in the early years they put me on the commissary committee where I often found myself helping in the kitchen. I loved it, I learned so much from those women! I've been a deacon: have served numerous terms on session, ditto for trustees; years in the Mariners group, taught Sunday school for a time, now I serve as Corona's financial secretary. I've worn many hats at Corona. My career was in the fire protection/automatic fire sprinkler industry... from engineering to sales to district manager and still work as a consultant today. Then I have been known to collect a few stamps and coins!"

### What makes you happy? Dorothy...

"Our 4 kids and 8 (and counting) grandkids. Scripture. My joy comes from the Lord, the joy of my heart is God's word. And friends. I have so many wonderful friends; I love to be around them. And I'm really happy that fall is in the air; I'm not a summer person. I love to snuggle up, love being cozy and warm. **Bob**... "Our family, our friends, our mountain home when filled with our kids, grandkids and other friends. And when I'm well fed, I like being well fed! Basically I'm just a happy guy."

#### Do you have a favorite scripture?

Dorothy: Isaiah 40:26

Lift your eyes and look to the heavens:

Who created all these?

He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name.

Because of His great power and mighty strength,

not one of them is missing.

### **Bob**: Romans 10: 9 – 10

... if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord,"

and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead,

you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe

and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

### Any secret to your 61 years of marriage?

**Dorothy**: Striving to live in a Christ like atmosphere. And, he won't argue with me, he just walks away.

**Bob**: Well, I don't like to argue...I just want to be happy!

Lives well lived and well loved...Dorothy and Bob. Walking in God's light.

"It's always Christmas



### From My Minds Eye...

Welcome back! I know some of you have not gone away this summer, but a number of you have and it is good to see your smiling faces again. I hope your summer went well and that you are excited about what God has in store for us this fall.

Two pieces of news:

This summer our PCUSA General Assembly was quite busy. Some good and some quite challenging. A portion of those attending GA want to open the door to ordain into leadership (Deacons, Elders and Pastors) practicing gays and lesbians. Last year this resolution was sent to our 173 Presbyteries and it was voted down. It will be voted on again and our church will hopefully once again say no.

Having said this, I believe God calls us to love people as they are and where they are. There are five major passages that speak against the act of homosexuality, but not once do they speak against the condition or state of being gay. We are all broken people in need of God's love and forgiveness. We all sin and our sin separates us from God and each other. My sin and your sin all have the same affect - our death. It is by God's mercy not condemning us for our sin, and God's grace - receiving what we do not deserve - that we find life. In 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 we read a litany of sin that offends God. After reading these verses we need to ask ourselves the question if you would want any person living a lifestyle with these 'qualities' as a leader of Corona? (two other passages to consider: Proverbs 6:16-19 & Galatians 5:19-21)



Anyone is welcome to attend Corona and follow Jesus. I really mean anyone is welcome at Corona! We have to get this right. However we at Corona believe those that are in leadership positions within our church are to live their lives following biblical standards which is what we should all strive for. These are challenging words for those of us that are leading and it is only by the grace of God that we are able.

And now for a bit of good news...

Our Missional Guiding Team's investigating work is complete. They met with Session to narrow the scope of where our focus will be for our first experiments. Session and the Guiding team decided to make our first area of focus Dora Moore K-8 School. An action team was formed and they are presently interviewing Joan Wamsley, the principal of Dora Moore, and then will propose possible experiments to start in the near future. In the next month or so there should be a plan in place to share with the whole church. We will keep you in the loop as to where we are heading.

"May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you." 1 Thessalonians 3:12

In God's amazing grip,

Pastor John

## **Corona Gleans**

Gleaning is the act of collecting leftover crops from farmer's fields after they have been commercially harvested or from fields where it is not economically profitable to harvest. Again this year, Corona is partnering with COMPA (COMPAssion in Action) Ministries to glean near Denver and help feed the homeless and others in need throughout Denver. The acquisition and distribution of healthy food to the "working poor" helps in the battle against homelessness as money saved at the grocery store can be applied to rent etc. The date is October 2nd; we will meet at the church at 7 AM and drive over to the COMPA office to get instructions for the day. The "gleaning" is usually done by noon. Forms need to be filled out for COMPA and we need an approximate head count as soon as possible so please sign up on the table in the foyer.

Meet at Corona Saturday, October 2nd 7 a.m. All are invited-bring your gardening gloves!





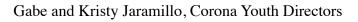
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Sunday School Sundays 10-10:45am

Upcoming Events Sep. 5th No Youth Group Sep. 3-5th GAK out of town Sep. 10th Jr. High Sleepover Oct. 31st Fall Carnival



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### **Adult Education**

"Our Journey of Life"

We all move along each day on our journey of life. One definition for a "journey" is "something suggesting travel or passage from one place to another," for example, "the journey from youth to maturity." On the challenging journey of life there are countless choices we make each day that affect our journey. Fortunately, as Christians, we have the opportunity to make our faith an important factor in how we live our life journeys. God allows each of us the freedom to determine just how important our Christian spiritual journey is going to be in impacting our life journey.

At Corona we endeavor to provide opportunities for spiritual growth that can greatly impact our lives. The purpose of these opportunities is to allow us to move towards receiving more of the "abundant life" that Christ offers.

Two new Sunday morning 10 o'clock gatherings are intended to help you progress on your journey. The first involves different Corona members sharing each week about just "What are we (am I) learning on the journey?" This exciting class is taking place with singles and couples sharing now through the end of September. Then, beginning October 3rd, we're starting a new gathering called "We're on the Journey Together". In this gathering we will explore how we might have our Christian spiritual journey best impact our life journey. After introducing some spiritual journey thoughts, we will break into small groups for discussion and support. We hope to see you there.

Jim Horner

# Corona Happenings

September 2010

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MORRIS FAMILY:

Welcome to the world baby Eli Thirakun Morris born to Chute Charnsangavej and Sean Morris. Mom and baby are doing great. Sean offers, "it is a wee bit busy in our house". Can't even imagine what it's going to be like as those three little boys grow up...Noah, Luke and baby Eli. We love you all!



# All Church Retreat

Mark October 29th, 30th and 31st on your calendar for our All Church Retreat. We're not leaving town this year so you'll be sleeping in your own beds every night but plans are being made for some great adventures for spiritual growth, fellowship fun and. Keep a lookout for specifics in the near future.

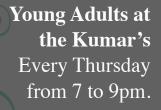
## It Starts with a Gift. But It's So Much More.



Angel Tree is a ministry that reaches out to the children of inmates and their families with the love of Christ. This unique program gives your church an opportunity to share Christ's love by helping to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the families of prisoners.

#### Volunteer(s) Needed

Would you like to coordinate Project Angel Tree this year? Please contact John Walbert for information.



We have just started a new study on the book of Acts.

Contact John or Kristol Kumar for more info. email: jk\_saga@yahoo.com or 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, ccharn@hotmail.com, or 720-570-8919).

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Beth Moore Women's Bible Study at Corona Sundays, Sept. 12 through Nov. 14, 2010 6:00 PM– 8:00 PM (note time change)

## "Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman"

In this 10 week small group study, we will join Beth (via DVD) in a very personal examination of the Old Testament story of Esther as she peels back the layers of history and shows how very contemporary and applicable the story is to our lives today. If you've ever felt inadequate, threatened, or pushed into situations that seemed overpowering, this is the Bible study for you. Just as it was tough being a woman in Esther's day, its tough today. This portion of God's

Word contains treasures to aid us in our hurried, harried, and pressured lives. Please join us as we grow in Christ and strengthen the bonds between the women of Corona and others who wish to study with us. Invite your friends! \$15.00 per person for the workbook.

Call Carol Hearn or Deanna Geiter for information or to register. Carol 303-919-2074 Deanna 303-745-7428



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### SUNDAY WORSHIP

Heritage Service \_\_\_\_\_\_\_8:30 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/Puppets

### STAFF

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