



Corona Presbyterian Church, Denver, CO

September 2011

For I know the  
thoughts that I think  
toward you, saith  
the LORD, thoughts  
of peace, and not of  
evil, to give you an  
expected end.

Jeremiah 29:11

## From My Minds Eye...



Most of you are back in the “saddle” of the school, work, and the fall season. Our ‘holidays’ (as the British call them) are over for a while. Though we are back to what might be considered routine, life is anything but normal. There is excitement in the air.

Our all-church retreat at the Estes Park YMCA is just around the corner, October 7th-9th. This is one of those life-changing opportunities. Our theme is “Journeying with Jesus, maturing in Christlikeness”. Our speaker is gifted teacher, Dr. Bruce Demerest from Denver Seminary. I want to encourage you to make space for this event. Remember there are scholarships available so the cost of the retreat will not keep folks away.

We have welcomed Edward Nalwamba home from prison. Praise God for His faithfulness. Please remember to keep praying for Edward, as the story is not over in terms of his immigration case.

I have been to Minneapolis for what is now called, “The Fellowship of Presbyterians” conference where 1,900 Presbyterian pastors and elders gathered to consider options as to where God is leading us. Please note that this is one of largest gatherings of Presbyterians in some time. I would highly recommend that you spend some time on their web page ([www.fellowship-pres.org](http://www.fellowship-pres.org)). This link will provide easy access to the event and what this group is all about. Elders John Kumar and John Walbert attended this conference with me and the three John’s will be sharing with Session what took place at this conference. Please be praying about the elder’s discussion as well as our upcoming conversations as a church body. I personally believe God is leading us into a period of discernment as to what He is calling us to be and to do as His church. For some of you this may not be enough excitement, which means you like adrenaline. For some of you this is a time of worry and concern. I am finding this a time that is keeping me thinking, talking, praying and hoping.

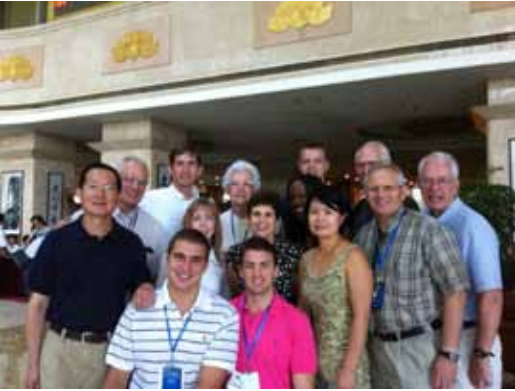
God has been reminding me of the words of our brother Paul the apostle in Philippians 4:6-7: 6 “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

In the amazing grip of our God,

*Pastor John*

These pictures are from your Corona Missionaries time in China with ACCTS during July, 2011. These short term teams (about 18 this trip) go “to listen, to learn, and to love”. They spent a week with 200 Chinese English teachers from village schools in Hunan Province assisting them in teaching methods for conversational English. Cal and Linda Dunlap from Corona want to thank those who prayed for them on this arduous but rewarding trip. Come join one of these Corona mission trips!

# MISSIONS



# China



# Common Threads

First, we want to thank those who have been donating supplies for this ministry. Each piece, whether small or large, will be put to good use as we make new creations from remnants and scraps that look like they should be tossed.


Isn't this what God does with each of us? We often come to Him feeling like bits and pieces that don't make sense or that are useless...but then He makes us into new creations.

Common Threads has had the honor of giving several prayer shawls recently. We have teamed with Deacons in meeting needs of people, many within our congregation, as well as some strangers. But they are not strangers for long as we come alongside them in their time of need and these prayer quilts and shawls can become the tangible arms of God enfolding us.

Following is an excerpt from "Fabric of Faith", by Kimberly Winston, that explains the purpose of prayer shawls and prayer quilts by telling a story of receiving a quilt as a baby that stayed with her as her life unfolded...

*"When my mother and I moved hundreds of miles away, that quilt went with me. When I held it next to me, I always felt safe and loved. Every night, I spread its yellow thinness out on my bottom sheet and lay down on top of it. It was my good luck charm, my anchor, my home.*

*Why should a quilt have such talismanic (protective) power? The truth is, it doesn't. Not by itself. But when a quilt is imbued with meaning, reinforced with love, and given away with compassion, it can become a shelter in times of sickness, heartache, and uncertainty. Made with love, purpose, and hope, such a quilt can become an unbreakable link to a community that nurtures us and a tangible reminder that we are all bound up together in God's world."*



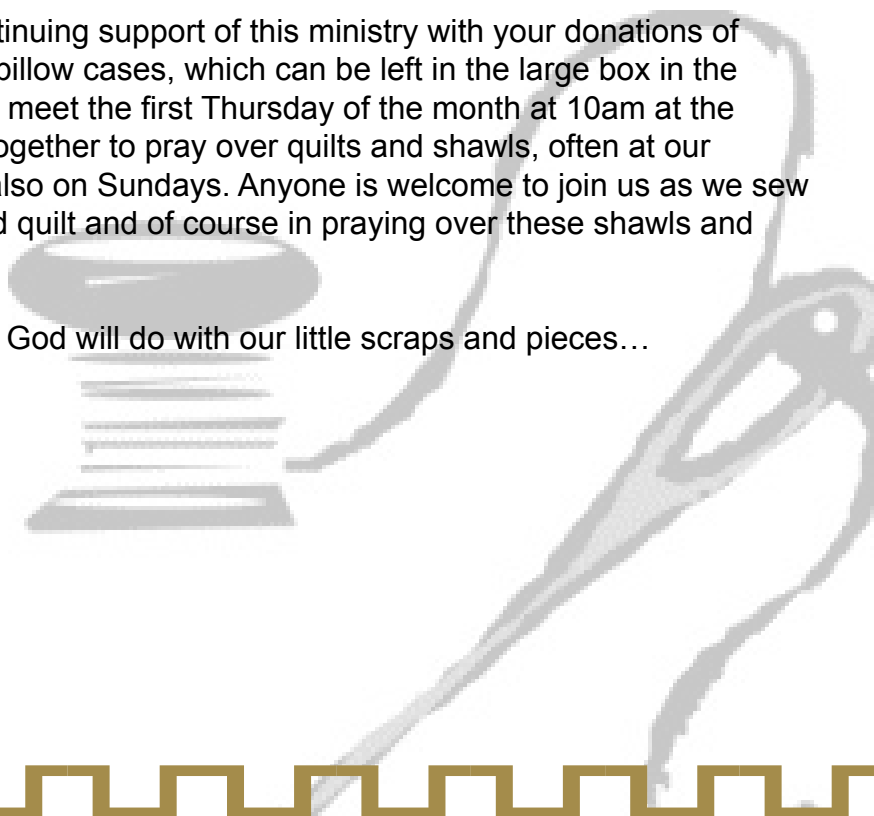


Last month we had the honor of giving our latest baby quilt to Peppard Murphy, newborn daughter of Nathan and Kristin. This blanket will be a reminder to Peppard and her parents of their time here at Corona as they move back East for work and to be near family.

We appreciate your continuing support of this ministry with your donations of yarn, ribbon, fabric and pillow cases, which can be left in the large box in the foyer area. We currently meet the first Thursday of the month at 10am at the church. We also come together to pray over quilts and shawls, often at our Thursday meeting, but also on Sundays. Anyone is welcome to join us as we sew and knit and crochet and quilt and of course in praying over these shawls and quilts.

Looking forward to what God will do with our little scraps and pieces...

Dale Bowers



# Youth Escapades

Youth Group Sundays  
6-8pm

BOYS AND GIRLS BIBLE STUDIES  
WEDNESDAYS 7-8:30PM

Sunday School Sundays 10-10:45am



## Upcoming Events

- September 23-24 - "My Night in a Box"
- Sept 30-Oct 2 - GAK to attend Youth Ministry Conference
- Oct 7-9 - All Church Retreat

GAK is working hard at planning the 2012 summer mission trip; look for fundraisers starting in October including Rent-A-Kid, Pie Auction, Art Auction, Bake Sale, Garage Sale, and more!



Gabe and Kristy Jaramillo, Corona Youth Directors  
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## Praises for Deacon Rick Hicks, Pastor John and Dale Bowers!

There are scores of mighty good works going on behind the scenes at Corona which represent just some of the goodness in our church community. Look around your pew on Sunday, ask and find out what others are doing...and give a big thank you to those who work behind the scenes to build our body of Christ and represent our church in such a positive manner. Here's a great story:

Marshall and Mary Ann Youngren are from Nebraska but are in Denver for a long hospital stay. Their Pastor in Nebraska contacted Pastor John asking if we could send someone by to pray with them and let them have a friendly face for a few moments in time. Here is a letter they recently sent to Corona:

*Dear Friends at Corona,  
We want to send a very heartfelt and sincere "Thank You" for the beautiful Rose Plant and Hand Made Prayer Shawl.  
This has been a very tough time for us, and our friends at Corona Presbyterian Church have helped so much. I know that all of the prayers have been heard and answered, we are seeing improvements every day.*

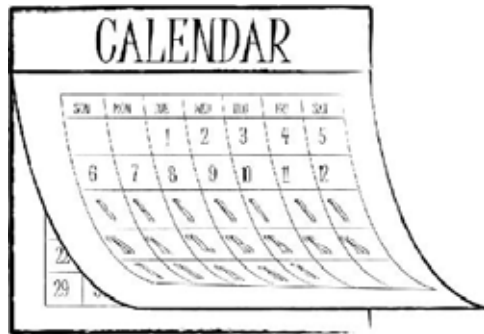
*A special thanks to Pastor John and Rick Hicks for coming to the hospital to visit with us and Dale Bowers for making the shawl and for gathering the hands to place the prayers on it. God bless each and everyone.*

*Sincerely,*

*Marshall and Mary Ann Youngren*

## SAVE THE DATE!

The Corona All Church Retreat is Friday Evening October 7th through Sunday Morning October 9th at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park. *A great time for the Corona Community to grow together and in the Lord.* Guest Speaker – Dr. Bruce Demarest, Professor of Christian Theology and Spiritual Formation, Denver Seminary.



## Reminder

We will be continuing the combined service schedule at least through October 9th. Sunday school begins promptly at 9 am and Worship Service begins promptly at 10:30. Coffee fellowship time is 10:00 – 10:30 but we will have the coffee ready at 8:45 so please come on down to the multi and help yourself!

# Deacon's Corner Koinonia

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Summer has been a busy time for our Church family. There have been many members with illness or injury and our visitation team has been busy! Thank you for your continued contributions to the Deacon's Fund and the Food Basket Ministry and the Communion Sunday Flower Ministry.

**Flower Ministry:** On every Communion Sunday the Welcome and Hospitality committee will provide three small plants or flower bouquets which will greet you at the entry door and then be delivered by the Deacons after service to our shut-ins and others needing a blessing. Fresh flowers and/or little plants can brighten up someone's day! If you would like to sponsor the "Communion Sunday Bouquets of Blessing", sign up on the bulletin board above the nametag table. Bless you.

**Food Basket Ministry:** We have purchased a new freezer which is now filled with frozen food goods to supply to those in need including frozen meat and vegetable boxes from Angel Food Ministries. In addition, there will continue to be pantry boxes for dry good needs. Our goal is to also have about a weeks' worth of home cooked casseroles available so that we can be 'ready to roll' for the needs of families within the congregation when there is a death or illness. If you have a favorite casserole recipe that freezes well and would be willing to supply it for the freezer, please contact Laura Anderson to let her know. The deacons will provide disposable freezer dishes. Please label with cooking/warming instructions and ingredients so we can avoid allergens.

**Blessing Kits:** We will be repeating this popular program again October 24. We will meet in the multi for an all church soup lunch and to prepare the bags. Mark your calendars and save your sample toiletries. Also be watching for deals on socks and stocking caps. It would be great to supply those for these Fall Homeless Blessing Kits.

Yours in Christ,

Corona Board of Deacons



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# New York or Bust!



Earthquakes! Hurricanes! Is it, could it be....oh wait, no, it's just Deidra arriving in New York! Well there actually was an earthquake in CO the day she left and a hurricane in NY a few days after she arrived! She'll have a lot of laughs about that over the years. Corona's very own Deidra Walbert is off on a new adventure. She arrived on August 22nd at LaGuardia Airport and was met by a staff assistant from the Helen Keller National Training Center to escort her back to the school in Sands Point, NY, where she will be studying Braille, American Sign Language, technology, travel training, and other assisted technology and living skills. As someone who is technically Deaf/Blind, this will give her a head start on vocational skills to bring her into the future. She will be there anywhere from 4 months to 1 year depending upon her interests and how quickly she masters the skills she needs.

Despite nature's temporary sidetracking, Deidra is excited to be on the East Coast and looking forward to her education, training and the opportunities that lie ahead for her. You go girl!



# Eagle Scout Project



The Eagle Scout landscaping project a huge success! Way to go Daniel Geiter...we are proud of all you have accomplished...the new Corona landscaping and flower beds look awesome.

Pastor John, John Walbert and John Kumar joined nearly 2,000 other Presbyterians last month at a Fellowship of Presbyterians (FOP) gathering in Minneapolis.

**Come find out some of what they learned at a 15 - 20 min. presentation on Sept. 25th immediately following worship service.**

**Group Study  
at the Kumar's  
Every Thursday  
from 7 to 9pm.**

Contact John or Kristol  
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## 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 Charmsangavej ([spmorris77@hotmail.com](mailto:spmorris77@hotmail.com), [ccham@hotmail.com](mailto:ccham@hotmail.com), or 720-570-8919).

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email Carol. Thank You!

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...An open letter to Elaine Connell, Clerk of Session from Nancy and Jim Collins...

Dear Elaine and the Corona Elder Board,

"...Thanks to you and the other faithfuls who serve without pay and mostly without thanks. We appreciate very much your hard work and believe that those of us who benefit from Corona are fortunate to have folks like you working for the Kingdom.

We live half the year in the Middle East, where Jim is a psychologist-tent-maker. His practice entails the 20 nationalities that attend our diverse evangelical church in Abu Dhabi and some of the 170 nationalities who work there; Christians, Muslims, Hindus, and Agnostics. Several have come to faith in Christ in the last 11 years, and our church has played an important role in their salvation and growth. We are in Denver the other half of the year and have been part of probably 20 churches in our lives. Nancy's job as a diplomat found us moving every 2-4 years so we've had the opportunity to be part of many different bodies. Last year we looked for 5 months to find Corona and you are a special group.

This letter is to ask you to consider remaining with the one Sunday worship service. It's a blessing to see a larger group and we think the spirit of 100 folks in one strong service instead of 50 folks in each single service is great and better for our unity of spirit. Thanks for considering and praying about this..."

Joyfully His,

Nancy Charles-Parker and Dr. Jim Collins





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**SUMMER SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Sunday School for all ..... 9:00 a.m

Coffee Fellowship..... 10:00 a.m.

Childcare and nursery available until 11:45 a.m.

Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m.

Children's Church

**STAFF**

Rev. John Geiter

Senior Pastor

Nancy Rowley

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Youth Pastors



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