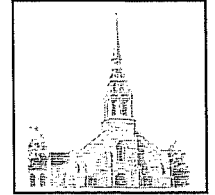


# **The Corinthian**

## *"Good News is for Sharing"*



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### **Corinth Honors Mothers on Mother's Day**

All mothers were honored on Mother's Day at Corinth, but we recognized special mothers present in the three services.



#### *Oldest Mother Present*

8:30 – Hazel Rowe  
11:00 Contemporary – Judy Houston  
11:00 Traditional – Alice Ruth Pierce (97!)

#### *Youngest Mother Present*

8:30 – Carolyn Postell  
11:00 Contemporary – Erin Partin  
11:00 Traditional – Marissa Freeman

#### *Mother with Most Family Members Present*

8:30 (tie) – Delane Mitchell, Ramah Mackey (5 each)  
11:00 Contemporary (tie) – Alisa Ramirez, Carol Ann Hartman, Tracey Bolick (5 each)  
11:00 Traditional – Mary Barnhart (11)

### **Using your Spiritual Gifts**

Is one of your God-given talents talking, being social, or using a phone? Mine sure is (all of them to be honest)! There is a group of people at Corinth who gather together after New Members Sundays (usually 3 or maybe 4 times a year) and look at the Opportunities to Serve and Spiritual Gifts Assessments that the new members filled out in Pastors Class. Then that group makes sure the new members find their way around Corinth or know the people that can help them find their niche at Corinth.

This group works together to help our new members use their God-given talents and gifts in the ways they want, in the ways God wants. Colossians 10 states, "and we pray this in order that you may live a life *worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way, bearing fruit in every good work*, growing in the knowledge of God."

So if someone calls you and says "Hi I'm Sherrie, and I'm calling from Corinth's *Enlistment Committee*." Now you know what Sherrie and her group (Enlistment Committee) is up to!

If you are interested in being part of this wonderful group, so important to welcoming new members at Corinth, please contact me, Tammy Mumford at [tammyjomumford@yahoo.com](mailto:tammyjomumford@yahoo.com).

### **All Church Retreat**

It wasn't until just a few weeks before the 2006 All-Church Retreat that I actually decided to sign up. I've never been much of a retreat person, and let's be honest--most of the "churchy" people I had known weren't of the variety that I wanted to spend three days with. And then of course there was the fact that I wasn't even a member of Corinth at the time, and (in my mind) there was no telling how I might be received. Needless to say, the prospects looked dim at best.

For reasons I couldn't even begin to pinpoint at the time, I decided to go. It took less than an hour at the retreat for me to realize that my fears and doubts were completely unfounded. Throughout the weekend, I met dozens of people who welcomed me into the church family without so much as a second thought. The All-Church Retreat has helped to bond me together with my brothers and sisters at Corinth on a level that Sunday morning worship, Bible studies, and special events could never do. The relationships that were formed that weekend are ones that I have cherished deeply and nurtured in the months since then. We laughed, we prayed, we studied Scripture, we stayed up WAY too late playing Mafia.

Despite my worst fears and every cynical thought I could come up with, the retreat was an experience that I wouldn't give up for anything. Whether you have been turned off from retreats or "churchy" people, or are reluctant to go because you feel like an outsider, I encourage you to take that first step toward fellowship in faith. You won't be disappointed!!

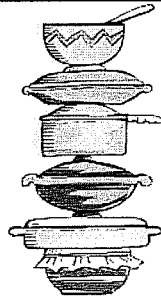
*Amy Stickler*



*Amy Stickler is a rising senior at Lenoir Rhyne College and will be a Summer Intern here at Corinth this summer.*

**Spring Cleaning in the Kitchen**

We may have your missing dish! The kitchen has accumulated several miscellaneous plates, dishes, bowls, from various events held at the church. Also, some plates, dishes, etc. have appeared from bereavement meals. Please visit the kitchen to see if any of these items are yours. They are located in back corner to the left of the big glass window. Items not claimed by the end of May, will be used in the kitchen or donated to charity.



Missing Items?

*Thanks for your help!!*

*The Kitchen Staff*

**Graduation Sunday**

Graduation Sunday will be Sunday, June 3. Please submit by May 23 the names of anyone graduating from high school, college, or graduate school, 328.6196 or email [office@corinthtoday.org](mailto:office@corinthtoday.org).

**Beauty and the Beast**

Come one, Come all to see Corinth's Allie Siciliano as Belle and Nathan Gibbs as Gaston in Hickory Day School's production of BEAUTY AND THE BEAST!!! The fantastic costumes, including a dancing Wardrobe, a mechanical clock, a beastly Beast, menacing wolves, and singing plates, were all designed by Jessica and Karie Siciliano. This will be a great show for the young, the Young at Heart, and everyone in between.

Two Shows on Friday, May 18 - Matinee at 1:00 pm and an evening show at 7:00 pm, at the Arts and Science Center Auditorium. Admission is free.

**Attendance**

May 13, 2007  
All worship services - 510  
Sunday School - 179

**Looking Forward to Worship**

Pastor Bill Howell will preach at both traditional worship services Sunday, May 20. Pastor Thompson will be on vacation.

On this Anniversary Sunday, the traditional services will honor the 138<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Corinth's charter. The worship service will follow the bulletin and format from May 22, 1966.

Scripture for all three services will be Ephesians 3:1-13. We will also hear a Benevolence Update in all services from our own Mark Gwaltney, Executive Director of Family Care Center.



Welcome to Corinth

**Financial Update**

- Offering this week: \$43,295
- Budget Needs Year to Date: \$348,887 (37.2%)
- Offering Year to Date: 361,840 (38.5%)
- Needed by May 31, \$29,265

**What is a Stephen Minister Like?**

*They are Among Us* - No, we're not talking about angels or aliens. We're talking about individuals who care about others. The Scriptures describe their services well: "Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering." (Hebrews 13:3).

If you or someone you know wants do more as a Christian caregiver, consider Stephen Ministry. This is our congregation's one-to-one caregiving ministry. A training class is starting August 29. Please contact one of the Stephen Leaders for an application and/or more information:

Rachel Church, 328.4226; [rachelchurch1@yahoo.com](mailto:rachelchurch1@yahoo.com), Barbara Laney, 324.8686 [blaney@charter.net](mailto:blaney@charter.net), Cyndi Burns, 304.0869 [burnsladdie@yahoo.com](mailto:burnsladdie@yahoo.com), Randy Rosenbalm, 234.0082 [rdosenbalm@hotmail.com](mailto:rdosenbalm@hotmail.com), Pastor Bill Howell, 328.6196 [bill@corinthtoday.org](mailto:bill@corinthtoday.org).

**Week of May 20**

<i>Sunday, May 20</i>	Traditional Worship, 8:30 am (Sanctuary) Sunday School, 9:45 am Traditional Worship, 11:00 am (Sanctuary) Contemporary Worship, 11:00 am (Fellowship Hall) Sunday Night Fellowship, 6:00 pm *Alcoholics Anonymous, 8:00 pm
<i>Monday, May 21</i>	Men's Bible Study, 12:00 pm CPR, 6:00 pm Scouts, 7:00 pm
<i>Tuesday, May 22</i>	Men's Bible Study, 6:30 am Tuesdays are for Singing, 1:00 pm Prayer Group, 2:00 pm Spiritual Council, 7:00 pm
<i>Wednesday, May 23</i>	Men's Bible Study, 7:00 am Sr. High CREW Bible Study, 4:00 pm Jr. High Choir, 4:15 pm Children's Choir, 5:00 pm Confirmation Class, 5:00 pm Fellowship Meal, 5:30 pm Women's Bible Study, 6:15 pm Small Group Study, 6:15 pm Kids' Club, 6:15 pm Men's Bible Study, 6:15 pm Handbell Choir, 6:30 pm Jr High Youth CREW, 6:30 pm Chancel Choir, 7:00 pm Sr. High Youth CREW, 7:30 pm
<i>Thursday, May 24</i>	Fred T. Foard High School, 7:00 pm
<i>Saturday, May 26</i>	Dianne Sherrill & Jack Hart wedding, 7:00 pm

*\*Non-Corinth - sponsored events.*

## **Pastors' Prayer List** **Current Items for Praise and Prayer**

- Dora Bost will have back surgery Wednesday, May 16, at Frye Regional Medical Center.
- Dot Knott continues as a patient at Frye Regional Medical Center. Please pray for correct diagnosis and treatment of her health issues.
- Greta Bolick had successful shoulder surgery on Monday, May 14 at Presbyterian Orthopaedic Hospital in Charlotte. She will be released by the end of this week.
- Emma Harris had surgery Friday, May 11, at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte to remove her thyroid.
- Nancy Killian is continuing her post-operative recovery and physical therapy at Brian Center Viewmont.
- Clay and Donna Neill ask prayer for their son, Spencer, whose surgical procedure has been rescheduled for May 23, at Baptist Hospital in Winston Salem. The purpose of the procedure is to help determine the reoccurrence of his swallowing problems.
- Sandi Reynolds's daughter Paige Brigham underwent emergency surgery at Florida Hospital Orlando to repair a brain aneurism. Paige is doing well and the family is encouraged by her progress. Sandy and Joe remain in Orlando until Paige can come home to Hickory. An address for contacting the Reynolds or well wishes for Paige is: Florida Hospital Orlando, #5213, 601 East Rollins St., Orlando, FL 32803.
- Helgi Shuford asks prayer for relatives and friends in her birth country of Estonia, which has been facing ethnic and political unrest. Buck and Helgi will be traveling to the area this week. For up-to-date news on Estonia, visit [www.topix.net/wire/world/estonia](http://www.topix.net/wire/world/estonia).
- Graham and Heather Parks ask prayer for Heather's step father who suffered a heart attack while vacationing in the mountains. Pray for a speedy recovery and strength to take the necessary steps to change his lifestyle.
- Holli Coffin, who has been attending Wednesday night Women's Bible Study, asks prayer for her father, Dick Adams, who is having bypass surgery Tuesday, May 15, at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte.

**Special Ministries Person of the Week:** Barbara Terrell, 915 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE #224, Hickory, NC 28601

**Military Person of the Week:** Daniel J. /CSSN Boynton, US Navy, 52 DIV, USS NITZE (DDG 94) FPO AE 09579-1200

**Student of the Week:** Eric Forshee, Sophomore UNC-Chapel Hill, 316 West Rosemary St. #309, Chapel Hill, NC 27516 email [forshee@email.unc.edu](mailto:forshee@email.unc.edu)

**Benevolence of the Week:** InterVarsity, Lenoir Rhyne College, 631 21<sup>st</sup> Ave. NE Hickory, NC 28601

**Families of the Week:** Shirley Hefner; Amanda & Troy Hendricks; Gay Henkel; Larry Henline (Max, Hart, Jack,); Lindsay Henson; Wayne & Tara Hicks (Nicole, Troy); Jon & Daina Hill (Caroline) Matt & Kim Hiner (Trevor); Norris & Delores Hines; Sean & Christian Hirsch (Luke); Buddy Hodges; Gene & Beth Holland; Gerald Holland; Rocky & Donna Holscher

## **Buck Shuford honored by Lenoir-Rhyne College**

Harley F. (Buck) Shuford, Jr. was honored by Lenoir-Rhyne College on May 12, with an honorary doctor of humane letters degree at its 2007 commencement. Since 1996, Buck has served as chairman of CV Industries, Inc., the parent company of Century Furniture, Valdese Weavers, and Shuford Development. He was honored for his lifetime of leadership in business, civic affairs, education, and the arts. Congratulations, Dr. Shuford!

## **Confirmation Sunday**

Confirmation Sunday will be May 27, 2007. A reception will be on the front lawn will following the service.

## **Graduation Sunday**

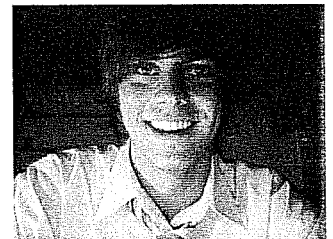
Graduation Sunday will be June 3, 2007. A reception will begin at 10:20 am and end at 11:00 am on the front lawn.

## **Moldova Mission Trip**

This past fall I started my first college semester at Greenville College in Illinois. One of the first revelations I had was that there were people from all over the world living right next door to me. After becoming friends with an international student and a missionary's kid on my hall, I found a growing desire for knowledge of the outside world. In late night discussions they shared of their experiences in other countries. Once I heard about the differences of cultures I felt just a little closer to places I only knew by name. This only left me wanting more. Before college, mission trip opportunities had risen but I was unable to take advantage of them due to being sick with Lyme disease. Once I had talked to students at my school, I felt that God was telling me that it was finally my turn to experience what many of my friends had already experienced. But I still did not know where the opportunity would come from.

When I was home for Christmas break I learned that my sister and brother in law (Tiffany and Jesse Sloane) were going on a missions trip with Corinth to Moldova. I was floored! I then knew that if there was any possibility for my first missions trip experience that this was it. I felt God was opening a new door to my Christian walk. I am so thankful to the Corinth team for allowing me to join in with them in partnership to share the Gospel in Moldova. Even though I am far from home base, the team has welcomed me and made me feel like I am right beside them. I am looking forward to getting to know the team better and joining in the final preparations for our trip. Thank you for all of your support and prayers for the team and myself. God will do great things in Moldova through Corinth Church and this missions team!

*Philip Varvazis*



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## **Pastor's Pen "All About Me" Comes to Church**

Last week, I had the privilege of preaching the Baccalaureate service at Catawba College.

In the sermon, I urged students not to plan their lives around self-fulfillment, but around loving God and neighbor.

During the message, I noted that the "all about me" approach to life affects even the church. Here is an excerpt:

"Now consider what happens when self-interest is applied to religion. Even those of us who are pastors, if we want our churches to grow (and who doesn't?) find ourselves marketing our churches like they are restaurants or hotels. You like Saturday night service? We've got that. You prefer contemporary worship? Come check us out – we have the best band in town. You prefer liturgy? We've got a service for that too. The best preschool in town, the youth program all the kids think is cool, clean restrooms, comfortable seating. We're all about you at this church."

I am quite sure that not a few readers of this column read that paragraph and saw only the phrase, "contemporary worship."

"Yeah, that's the problem" – (or, "Is Bob saying that's the problem?") – "contemporary worship. We're just pandering to the 'all about me' mentality."

Not so fast. The paragraph gave equal time to traditional worship as a symptom of catering to individual preferences. Likewise with varying worship schedules, need-based programs, and quality facilities.

What's wrong with trying to meet needs and preferences? In the interest of evangelism, not only is nothing wrong with it – it may well be an important component of fulfilling the Great Commission. We meet people where they are so we can point them to Christ.

As insiders in the church, though, here's where we learn whether we are really here for worship and service, or here just to please ourselves. What if the playground isn't available for several months? What if the parking lot is crowded and I have to walk a long way? What if I'm asked to attend a combined service once in a while where my personal preferences yield to or combine with others? What if my favorite traditions change? What if I don't feel cared for or listened to like I deserve and expect? What if the church or the leaders make a decision I don't like? What if pastors or other members let me down? What if I'm doing more than my share? Giving more than others? What then?

Why am I in church anyway? To have my needs met? Or to take the road of submission, sacrifice, service, and surrender to God and his work?

*-Bob Thompson, Pastor*