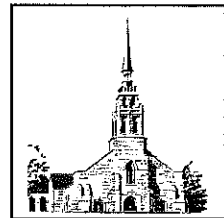


The Corinthian

"Good News is for Sharing"



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Schedule for Sunday, January 27

8:30 – No 8:30 Service

9:45 – Regular Sunday School

11:00 – Combined Worship Service:

- Receiving of New Members
- Ordination of Deacons
- 2008 General Budget Commitments

12:15 – Potluck Lunch

14 Days to the Souper Bowl

Opportunities are fast approaching for the National Souper Bowl Sunday on February 3. During the past few weeks we've discussed Souper Bowl Sunday and why it's important. One question many people ask is, "How can I make a difference"? Here are some of the things our congregation can do to help.

- Show your support on February 3 by your monetary contribution to the Soup Kitchen. Every dollar is important.
- Participate in food drives occurring in our community on an ongoing basis.
- Volunteer with organizations who work with the hungry on a daily basis like the Soup Kitchen, CCM, and Second Harvest Food Bank.
- Most important pray daily for those in need and pray for God's guidance to show you opportunities of service to those hurting in our community.

As John Wesley stated: "Do all the good you can by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."

Corinth Crew Happenings

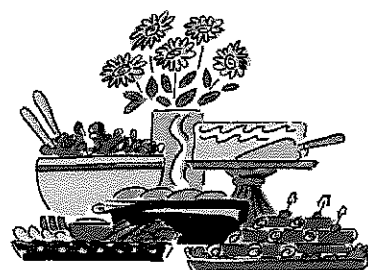
Saturday, February 23, Youth/Parent Paintball Clash (estimated cost \$35 per person)

Friday, March 14 - Saturday, March 15, Student Life Conference in Charlotte. Cost \$75 per person for admission/hotel room. Sign up started January 23 (only 40 spots available).

Annual New Members Potluck

All members are invited to enjoy a potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the 11:00 service. We will celebrate all new members who joined this Sunday, January 27 as well as those who joined last year.

Everyone is asked to bring a side dish and/or dessert (label dish with what is in it and your name) to share with everyone. Meats, rolls and drinks are provided by the church. Bring the dishes to the Fellowship Hall and someone will be there to receive the dishes before the Sunday School and 11:00 service.



Potluck

Catawba District Leadership Training School

Sunday, January 27
Trinity Reformed UCC
Conover, NC

3:00 – Registration
3:30 – General Session
4:00 – Workshop #1
5:00 – Supper
5:45 – Workshop #2
6:45 – Closing Worship
7:30 – Close

Pastor Thompson will lead two workshops (see Pastor's Pen) and Elizabeth Moss of Corinth will lead a workshop on making Chrismons.

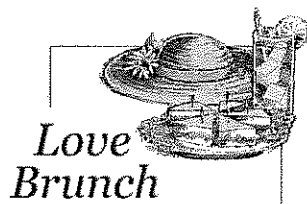
To see a copy of the complete schedule, including workshop titles, or to register for the event, contact the church office at office@corinthtoday.org or 328.6196 by noon on Friday, January 25.

GriefShare

GriefShare, a 13 week grief recovery video seminar and support group, will be held at here at Corinth starting on February 13. The meeting will be held on Wednesdays from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm in the Althouse Room. Please call Betty McGee, R.N., Parish Nurse, at 828.328.6196, ext 204, or email at betty@corinthtoday.org.

DivorceCare

DivorceCare is a 13 week support group for people who are separated or going through a divorce. Classes will meet in the Moss Room at Corinth beginning on Saturday, February 2, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon. Please call the church office 328.6196 to register.



Love Brunch

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The Love Brunch began many years as a way for the women of Corinth church to celebrate their love for each other, church, community, missionaries,

and for their love of Christ.

This year we are coming together not only to share our God's love for the community but to also celebrate the wonderful relationships He has created for us as women to enjoy.

We extend a special invitation to your daughters (ages 7 and up), mothers, friends, and sisters. Please join us on Saturday, February 9, 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets \$9 at the door.

RSVP to the church office 328.6196. Childcare and transportation available upon request.



Worship

with Us

Looking Forward to Worship

Four times each year, our church family comes together for "combined worship," as we celebrate our bond in Christ. There will be no 8:30 service January 27, and the two 11:00 services will be combined in the sanctuary. The service is neither traditional nor contemporary. It is unique to this celebration of our common life. Come join us!

Read John 6 to prepare for Sunday, especially verses 60-71. Jesus moves quickly from cultic popularity to desertion by the crowds in this chapter, ultimately leading him to ask his disciples, "You do not want to leave too, do you?"

We will receive new members, ordain and install our deacons, and receive our 2008 General Budget pledges during worship Sunday, January 27.

Financial Update

- Offering this week: \$11,391
- Budget needs YTD: \$58,357 (5.7%)
- Offering YTD: \$60,537 (5.9%)
- Needed by 1/31/2008 to stay current: \$23,988
- Building Fund this week: \$13,024

Attendance

January 20, 2008

Worship services - 479

Sunday School - 192

Altar Flowers Open Dates

The following dates are still available for Altar Flowers. June 1, June 22, July 13, August 13, September 21, September 28, and October 19.

If you would like any of the above dates please contact Martha Karlake 322.7341 or email karslake@charter.net.

Week of January 27

Sunday, Jan 27

Sunday School, 9:45 am
Combined Services/New Members, 11:00 am (Sanctuary)
Potluck Luncheon, 12:30 pm
*Alcoholics Anonymous, 8:00 pm

Monday, Jan 28

Boys Scouts, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, Jan 29

Men's Bible Study, 6:30 am
Prayer Group, 2:00 pm
Consistory, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, Jan 30

Men's Bible Study, 7:00 am
Spiritual Stretchers, 9:45 am
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
Men's Bible Study, 6:15 pm
Kids' Club, Handbell Choir, 6:15 pm
Characters of the Bible, 6:15 pm
Support Group for Single Parenting, 6:15 pm
Jr. & Sr. High Youth CREW, 6:30 pm
Stephen Ministry, 6:30 pm
Chancel Choir, 7:00 pm
College Girls Bible Study, 9:00 pm

Thursday, Jan 31

Men's Bible Study, 8:00 am
Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am
Special Needs Support Group, 6:00 pm

Saturday, Feb 2

DivorceCare, 10:00 am

**Non-Corinth - sponsored events.*

Pastors' Prayer List

Current Items for Praise and Prayer

- John Moretz had surgery at Carolina Medical Center Monday, January 21, and asks prayer for a quick recovery and healing.
- Ashley, Stephen, and Steve Tillery were involved in an automobile accident following worship services on Sunday at the intersection next to the church. All were treated and released from Frye Hospital. Steve had previously requested prayer for Colleen's severe back pain. Fortunately, Colleen was not in the car for the accident.
- Linda Armfield briefly lost consciousness at the 8:30 worship service yesterday and was taken by ambulance to Frye Regional Medical Center. Tests were inconclusive on what caused her to faint. She was released and doctors will follow up this week.
- Helgi Shuford will have knee replacement surgery Wednesday, January 23, at Mercy Hospital in Charlotte.
- Jeff Long's wife, Dea, will have surgery at Frye Regional Medical Center on Monday, January 28, to remove a blockage in her carotid artery.
- Trisha Harris was hospitalized on January 17 at Frye Regional Medical Center. Trisha and Don request prayer as she continues her fight with cancer and now complications of a viral infection.
- Steven Dulin was hospitalized last week at Carolinas Medical Center for chemotherapy, and will be hospitalized again beginning tomorrow (Tuesday) for the next round of chemo.
- Bill Howell's daughter in law, Kristy Howell, asks prayer for her uncle, Art Meyers of Springbay, IL who suffered a head trauma and bleeding on his brain due to a fall.
- Steve and Colleen Tillery ask prayer for a friend, Jimmy Kiser, who will have surgeries on his leg this week and next. Pray for successful surgery and rehabilitation in order to save the leg.
- Mary Berry requests prayer for her mom, Bette Faulkner, Smyrna, SC, who has been admitted to Piedmont Medical Center in Rock Hill, SC for sepsis pneumonia.
- Tammy Mumford's father, Floyd Nickerson, died on January 22 in the morning. A memorial service will take place later this week in Connecticut.

Special Ministries Person of the Week: Fred Dale, Brian Center Nursing Home, #216, 220 13th Avenue Place NW, Hickory, NC 28601

Military Person of the Week: Charlie & Heather Long, US Air Force, 103 Ruby Belle Way, Goldsboro, NC 27530, email: clong@teslarf.com

Student of the Week: Brooke Anderson, NC State University, email beander3@ncsu.edu, 04462 Owen Hall, Raleigh, NC 27607

Benevolence of the Week: Nazareth Children's Home, 725 Crescent Road, Rockwell, NC 28138, Contact person: Josh Regan, phone 704.279.5556

Families of the Week: Austin & Judy (Elizabeth, Catherine) Allran; Jeb & Ellen (Katie) Allran; Mary Allran; Mark & Patty (Brooke & Monica) Anderson; Todd & Julie (Brittany, Heather) Anderson; Doug & Nadine Andrews; Angelo & Angie (Nicolas, Luke, Isabella) Apollonio; Robert & Linda Armfield; Bob & Marna (Ian, Alexander, Erica) Arthur; Craig & Donna (Sarah, Ethan) Atwood; Mark & Donna (Thomas, Lauren) Bailey; Jon & Eszter (Mathias) Bailey; Steve & Tonya Bailey; Nathan & Nicole (Destiny, Cierra) Ballard; Donna Ballenger; Derrick & Diane (Brian, Michael McLaury) Baretzky

Share the Joy

- Mike and Amy McGhinnis rejoice to share the news that they have been granted official guardianship of Gabe and Aiden Smith, sons of Amy's late sister, Catherine Stearns Smith. The McGhinnises appreciate the support and love of their church family over the past four months. Many challenges remain for their family.

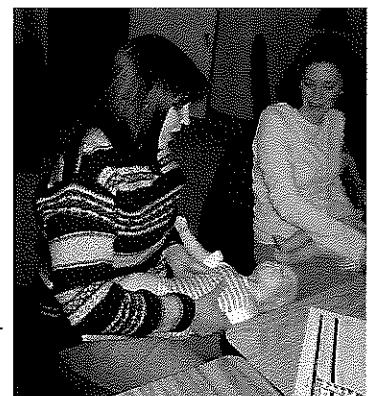


What blessings have come to you or a member of the Corinth family? If you have something to share for this column please contact the church office 328.6196, ext 201

CPR/AED

Congratulations to the following who became CPR/AED certified: Tara Davis, Tiffany Sloane, Jeanne Elkins, Lala Kozischek.

Another class is scheduled for May, if you are interested please call Betty McGee, Parish Nurse, 328.6196, ext 204 or email betty@corinthtoday.org.



Pictured Tara Davis and Tiffany Sloane.

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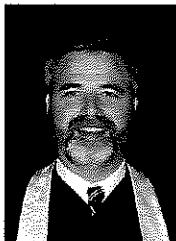
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Pastor's Pen

Part 1 – Pledge Sunday

This Sunday, January 27, the Board of Christian Stewardship has asked us all to fill out our pledge cards for the 2008 General Budget. My hope and prayer is that last fall's successful Capital Campaign will encourage many more Corinthians to fill out a General Budget pledge as well.

Many people seem reluctant to fill out a pledge card, perhaps concerned that someone will call them to task if they do not meet their pledge. I assure you, no one will. We do not "bill" members to complete their pledge if it is not met.

Why pledge, then? Because there is an implied commitment to prioritize giving, to join with your sisters and brothers to give God our "first fruits," to step out in faith and trust God.

This is also an annual reminder to take another look at what and where we give. Linda and I believe we need to shift our giving and increase what we give to Corinth's General Budget in 2008. For us, that means withdrawing support from other worthy organizations,

at least for now, so that we can focus on the church. Every once in a while, we need to do that kind of "recalculating."

Please join us in prayer and reflection, and fill out a pledge card this Sunday. You may either bring from home the one you were mailed, or fill out the card that will be in your bulletin.

Part 2 – Leadership Training School

Since September, I have been teaching a "Christianity 101" class – an introduction to the Bible, church history, the Christian life, and more. Class members have expressed their appreciation for "the basics." Two sessions class members particularly enjoyed were (1) an overview of the Bible in chart form to retell the larger Story and put biblical characters and events in perspective, and (2) a 4000-year overview of Judeo-Christian history, overlaying the timeline of the Bible and church history with what was happening elsewhere in the world at the same time.

If you are interested in either of these sessions, I will teach them Sunday, January 27, as part of the Leadership Training School at Trinity Reformed UCC in Conover. See page 1 of the newsletter for details.

- Bob Thompson, Pastor