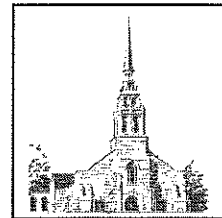


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Special Days for Special People

Corinth's delegation to "Special Days for Special People" Camp at Blowing Rock Conference Center stands in front of the Memorial Garden granite plaque. Normally the engraved names are from donors who want to remember a family member. Joe Houston's name was added by the Conference Center in honor of the many years he volunteered his time at the Special Days camp. Joe's children, Gene and Dana, and his granddaughter, Samantha, were part of Corinth's group at this year's camp.



Corinth Celebrates Our Special People

Sunday, June 15, was a special Father's Day for our Class of Joy and Noah's Ark. In addition to the open house for the new Noah's Ark room, we welcomed Byron Sellers of Joni and Friends as our guest speaker. Byron was paralyzed in a vehicle accident twenty years ago, and serves as a church liaison in the area of ministry to the disabled.

Three Corinth men spoke on Father's Day of their special families –

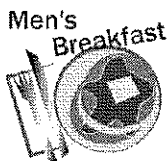
Tim Rhoney: "I have learned to appreciate the small things, not to get lost in the rat race of the world, live one day at a time, and don't worry about tomorrow."

Tom Mattox: "In having a special needs son, I have learned to love my wife more. Tam is the tireless, daily, never take no for an answer advocate that all special children need and I love her for that."

Ed Farmer: "Victor (Ed's grandson) has been a blessing to us and I know he will continue to bless others by his spirit."

A Gathering of Men

All men are invited to a men's breakfast on Sunday, June 29, 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. All fathers are welcome to bring their sons.



Date Night

The youth will hold a fundraiser on June 27. All parents who have children from 5th grade and under are welcome to drop off their children so the parents can enjoy a *Date Night*. Childcare for *Date Night* will be from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm on June 27, at Corinth. Please bring your children to the nursery classes in the Education wing of the church. Please be sure to feed your children ahead of time and bring a snack for them during the evening. The youth will plan to play games with the children, and watch a movie during the evening. Children must be signed up by Wednesday, June 25, in order to participate.



The 2008 All-Church Retreat: The Eleventh Commandment

All of Corinth's members and visitors are invited to attend the All-Church Retreat at Blowing Rock Conference Center on September 19-21, 2008. Beyond the chit-chat on Sunday mornings, we have the opportunity to get to know so many others on a deeper level (those who attend other worship services, young, old, married and single). For more information, see the All-Church Retreat Brochure.

Registration is open and is first come-first serve and ends on June 30. Come and find out what the "eleventh commandment" is all about and how it relates to our church family. Don't miss this wonderful time to draw closer to God and each other as a church family.

The rooms in popular South Lodge are starting to fill up. Sign up as soon as possible.

The students will be accepting donations for the evening to help pay the cost of Student Life Camp which is \$265.00 per student.

Thank you for helping support Corinth Youth in this Fundraiser.

To register your children for the evening email or call Angie Burnham at angieburnham@charter.net, or 327.4537. Please be sure to give names and ages of children when you call.



Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass Coming Back in 2009

Thanks to all our sponsors who helped make Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass concert (www.kingsbrass.org) a huge success.

We are looking forward to their return in 2009.

Financial Update

- Offering this week: \$11,283
- Budget needs YTD: \$467,087 (46%)
- Offering YTD: \$418,481 (41.3%)
- Needed by 6/30/2008 to stay current: \$88,669

Capital Campaign

- Building Fund this week: \$8,159
- Building Fund to date: \$1,111,252
- Total Projected Cost: \$6.48 million
- Total Pledges: \$5.65 million

Attendance

June 15, 2008
 Worship services - 558
 Sunday School - 184

Vacation Bible School

July 14-18

Vacation Bible School is going to travel in outer space to a place called "Cosmic City." The dates are July 14-18, 9:00 am-12:00 pm.

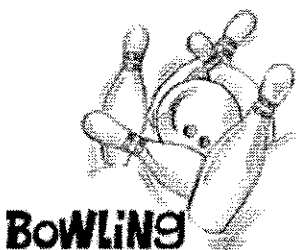


Sign up by the Fellowship Hall in the hallway or online at www.corinthtoday.org.

Youth Bowling

All youth are invited to go bowling on June 25, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm at the Pin Station.

Contact Angie Burnham if you need a ride 327.4537 or email angieburnham@charter.net.



Do you receive "This Week at Corinth"?

If you are not currently receiving Pastor Thompson's Monday email with devotions, news updates, prayer requests, and financial updates, please send your email address to barb@corinthtoday.org. Also, be sure you have bob@corinthtoday.org unblocked on your spam filter and/or added to your "white list" of senders. The email comes from a mass email program, and your computer may identify it as junk mail unless you indicate otherwise.



Week of June 22

Sonrise Worship, 8:30 am (Sanctuary)
 Sunday School, 9:45 am
 Pastor's Class, 9:45 am
 Heritage Worship, 11:00 am (Sanctuary)
 Celebration Worship, 11:00 am (Fellowship Hall)
 Twenties N Thirties Bible Study, 7:00 pm
 *Alcoholics Anonymous, 8:00 pm

Looking Forward to Worship

We resume our series of messages in 1 John on Sunday, June 22. Read 1 John 4:7-21 as the Apostle gets specific about what it means to "love one another."

Tara Davis will be commissioned as a Stephen Leader in all three worship services.

William Ethan Abernethy, son of Ram and Kim, will be baptized on his first birthday in the 11:00 traditional service.



Monday, June 23

Tuesday, June 24

Wednesday, June 25

Thursday, June 26

Friday, June 27

Boy Scouts, 7:00 pm

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

Men's Bible Study, 7:00 am
 Spiritual Stretchers, 9:45 am
 Youth Bowling, 2:00 pm
 Women's Bible Study, 6:30 pm

Men's Bible Study, 8:00 am
 Women's Bible Study, 10:00 am
 Women's Bible Study, 6:00 pm

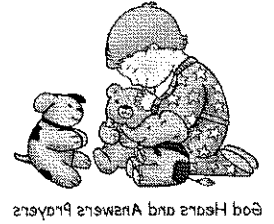
Youth Fundraiser-Date Night, 6:00 pm

*Non-Corinth - sponsored events.

Pastors' Prayer List

Current Items for Praise and Prayer

- Maxine Warren was hospitalized Sunday afternoon for chest pains. She will have tests today at Frye Regional Medical Center.
- Jon and Amy Hasty ask our prayers as Jon looks for new employment. He was laid off from his construction job last week.
- D. G. Rowe has returned to Lutheran Home West to continue his rehabilitation from two recent falls.
- Stephanie McKee ask for prayer as she seeks employment.
- Jordyn Horan, two-year- old daughter of Steve and Juliet Horan who have been visiting Corinth recently, was hospitalized last week at Frye Regional Medical Center for a bacterial infection. She is now home.
- Steve Tillery asks prayer for his sister-in-law, Carol Tillery of Clifton, NJ, who has been diagnosed with cancer in her lung and neck.
- Amber Smith asks prayer for her friend's four-year-old son, Donovan. He has been diagnosed with Impetigo, a skin infection, and may possibly have a Staph infection.



Special Ministries Person of the Week: Helen England, Pine Crest, 915 29th Ave NE, Apt. 105, Hickory, NC 28601

Military Person of the Week: Noah J. Davidson, US Marine, 2281 PLT 3009, Box 13009, 3rd Battalion, Parris Island, SC 29905-3009

Benevolence of the Week: Young Life, PO Box 5418, Viewmont Station, Hickory, NC 28603, 322.5437, Contact Person: Debbie Hobart, Area Director 308.2152

Families of the Week: Charlie & Heather Long (Vivian, Bianca, Penelope), Chris Long (Cheyenne, Sierra), Jeff Long, Mike & Melinda Long (Lindsey, Jordan), Tom & Lois Long, Tom & Sherry Long (John, Allie), Jennie Lovelace (Bradley, Riley), Brian & Joy Lowry (Sydney, Grant), Eric & Peggy Loytty, Winston & Heather Lyerly (Troy, Lauren), Kathy Lyons, Graeme & Rae MacIver (Tara, Caitriona), Tom & Ramah Mackey, Brandon & Linda Mallard (Alexa), Lowell & Joyce Mallard, Jim & Kelly Marshall (Joe, Helen)

Share the Joy

- Congratulations to Amanda Shelton who made the President's List at Lenoir Rhyne College for a 4.0 average.
- Congratulations to Amy Stickler who was initiated into the Mortar Board, a national honor society for college seniors.

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 or 203, or email office@corinthtoday.org.

All Church Retreat

I began coming to Corinth in the spring of 2001. Feeling the need to be of service, I began teaching Sunday School to the 2 and 3 grade class. Partly because of this and my limited mobility at the time, I did not have many opportunities to interact with other adults. I soon heard of the fall Family Retreat and was excited; I knew that the informal atmosphere of retreats lent themselves to fostering new friendships, and deepening my relationship with Christ.

Corinth's retreat did not disappoint me. I was a single adult woman with numerous health problems and not yet a member, but I was treated as though I already belonged. I will never forget meeting "Patriotic Paul" and "Liberty Linda" (Schowalter) through one of the mixers preceding Pastor Bob's teaching that first night. The next day we found we were truly "destined" to become friends when we found that the three of us were true Gators, bonding over the Florida-Tennessee game that we listened to as we drove to Beech Mountain during the free time on Saturday afternoon! Attending the retreat became the first real step in feeling that I belonged—that this is where the Lord wanted me.

The "family" retreat means the Corinth family—young, old, married, single, single again, male and female. I encourage everyone to sign up for this year's retreat. The worst thing that can happen is you are "eliminated" by the mafia in the Friday or Saturday night games. The best is that you find that you, too, belong, and that God is calling you to be an integral part of the Body of Christ here at Corinth.

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Pastor's Pen Caught or Taught?

Here's a cliché I read again recently – tossed out as if to say it is to evoke nods of assent, maybe even a reaction of “Well, Duh!” – Faith is caught, not taught.

Really?

Several years ago a guest newspaper columnist wrote a piece attacking Christians for their perceived need to talk about their faith. She expressed the wish that believers could just go about doing good and not feel the need to make converts. She conceded that followers of Jesus Christ had done commendable deeds through the years – built hospitals and schools, ministered to the sick and dying, cared for the poor – but why did they have to proselytize as well? Faith, after all, is caught, not taught.

Really?

Her column evoked a written response from me. If Christians only lived their faith and never talked about it, the Christian faith would quickly die out – no matter how much good they did. The hospitals and schools would not have been built in Century Nineteen of the Christian era if believers in Centuries One through Eighteen had not passed the

faith along. The church in any era is one generation from extinction if we don't share our faith with our children, our neighbors, and our friends.

To be sure, although “Faith is caught, not taught” is a cliché you can't trust, it still conveys some truth. Among New Testament writers, perhaps James expressed it most clearly. “Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do” (James 2:18). Faith isn't faith unless it goes to work.

But even James wrote a letter to teach the faith. Words interpret actions. Love often needs an explanation.

To her credit and my surprise, my columnist friend wrote back and apologized for her column. She said she had been sick and wrote the column out of frustration without a clear head.

Faith is both caught and taught. We live it, we model it, we show it. As Paul said, we “spread everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him” (2 Corinthians 2:14). We smell like Christ when our lives reflect his compassion.

But we also have the privilege and responsibility to “always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks...the reason for the hope that you have” (1 Peter 3:15).

- Bob Thompson, Pastor