



Corinth

REFORMED CHURCH
You Matter. You Belong. You Serve.

Worship With Us This Weekend

Sun 12/6 8:30am Sunrise Worship
 11:00am Traditional Worship
 11:00am Contemporary Worship

To prepare for worship, read Matthew 1:18-25.

"The Corinthian"

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Pastors' Prayer List

Allan and Diana Williams are the proud parents of Amelia Hope, born November 29.
williams.daw11@gmail.com

Trisha Goble asks for prayer for her nephew, Isaiah McDowell (10), who is being treated at UNC's Children's Hospital. trishagoble@gmail.com

Merv McGee, husband of former parish nurse Betty McGee, passed away November 18.
bememcge@gmail.com

Amy Froneberger's father, Benjamin Hines, passed away November 24. amysworld19@gmail.com

Amy Failing's father, Raymond Victor Bunney, passed away November 28.
atalbutt@hotmail.com

Karan Kirby's husband, Larry, passed away November 30. home6617@yahoo.com

***We will have communion in all worship services this weekend.**

Matzah and grape juice are available for pick up in the Rowe Welcome Center during office hours for those who want to participate in communion at home.

This Week at Corinth

Wed 12/2 — Wednesday Night Activities. Visit corinthtoday.org/now for more information.

- **Adult Bible Studies and Children's Programs, 6pm.** Sign up is required.
- **All Youth, 6pm, Bost Memorial Hall.** No sign up but masks are required.

Fri 12/4 — Young at Heart Christmas Luncheon Drive-thru, 11am-12:30pm. This year we will have a drive-thru hot lunch for our senior adults. Please RSVP to the church office by Wednesday, December 2 at 12pm, officeasst@corinthtoday.org or 828.328.6196.

Fri 12/4 — Craft n' Connect, 1pm, Mitchell House Room 106. All women are invited to join us for fellowship and crafting fun. Email Patter Cross, patter@corinthtoday.org, to sign up.

Sat 12/5 — Anxiety Support Group, 10am, POTS House.

Sun 12/6 — Gingerbread House Pickup, 3:30-5:30pm, Rowe Welcome Center. Reserve your gingerbread house kit(s) at bit.ly/2IMRBjq. Houses must be picked up by December 14.

Sun 12/6 — Tree Lighting, 5:30pm, Front Lawn. Join us for a short celebration as we light the tree, read scripture and sing Christmas carols. The tree lighting will also be available online, corinthtoday.org/live.

Christmas Poinsettias



Each Christmas season we use poinsettias to decorate our worship spaces. They can be purchased in honor or memory of a loved one. Poinsettias are \$14 each and must be ordered by December 7. Contact the office, 828.328.6196 or barb@corinthtoday.org, to place your order. Please indicate how you wish for it to appear in the bulletin.

Sunday, November 29

Giving: Online corinthtoday.org/give

Text "Corinth" or "Corinth Legacy" to 73256

Mail check to 150 16th Ave NW, Hickory NC 28601

Offerings: \$33,598 for General Fund

Thank you!



December 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
* Worship Schedule 8:30am Sonrise Worship (Sanctuary) 11am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) 11am Contemporary Worship (Bost Memorial Hall)	1 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am <i>Conversation Peace</i> 11am <i>Matchless</i> Study 1:15pm Women's Prayer 6pm Elder-led Prayer 7pm Elders Meeting 7pm College Small Group	2 9:30am <i>Red Sea Rules</i> Study 9:30am <i>Hosea</i> Study 11am Bible Study & Prayer 1pm <i>Hosea</i> Study 5pm Confirmation Wednesday Night Programming**	3 8am Men's Bible Study 9:30am <i>Better</i> Study 1pm The Color of Compromise 6:30pm <i>The Faithful</i> Study	4 1pm Craft n Connect	5 10am Anxiety Support Group	
6 2nd Sun. of Advent Worship* and Communion 5:30pm Family Tree Lighting Celebration	7 2pm GriefShare 6pm <i>Hosea</i> Study	8 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am <i>Conversation Peace</i> 1:15pm Women's Prayer 7pm Board Meetings 7pm College Small Group	9 9:30am <i>Red Sea Rules</i> Study 9:30am <i>Hosea</i> Study 11am Bible Study & Prayer 1pm <i>Hosea</i> Study 5pm Confirmation Wednesday Night Programming**	10 8am Men's Bible Study 9:30am <i>Better</i> Study 1pm The Color of Compromise 6:30pm <i>The Faithful</i> Study 7pm Crosstalk (Families Anon.)	11 12noon Young at Heart Drive-Thru Christmas Dinner	12 5pm Bradshaw/Peterson Wedding
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27 Worship*	28 Church Office Closed	29 Church Office Closed	30 No Wednesday Night Programming	31 New Year's Eve	** Wednesday Night Programming 6pm Nursery Care (Birth thru Age 3) Kids' Club (Age 4 thru 5th Grade) Youth CREW — Junior High Women's Studies: <i>The Faithful, The Emotionally Healthy Woman</i> Men's Study: <i>Counterfeit Gods</i> Discipleship Class Sermon Series Bible Study Youth CREW — Senior High	
For up-to-date info about what's happening at Corinth, visit corinthtoday.org/now						

Ways to Belong

Active Military. Every year in our Candlelighting bulletins we recognize all members of Corinth and their immediate family members who are serving active duty in the military. To be included, email the individual's name and branch of the armed services to barb@corinthtoday.org by December 14.

Preschool Registration. Corinth Weekday Preschool registration for the 2021-22 school year is open for Corinth members and currently enrolled students. Registration will open to the public in January. Pick up forms in the church office or email Lauren Everley, lauren@corinthpreschool.com.

Quarantine Care. As Covid numbers increase, more people are having to quarantine due to testing and exposure. This can be a lonely, stressful, isolating time but you are not alone. Please contact Lydia Carlino, lydialudwig@hotmail.com to receive prayer, support and care. Names will be kept confidential. If you would like to help with this ministry, email Lydia to learn more.

Ways to Serve

School Donations. We are collecting items for local schools through Monday, December 7 in the Rowe Welcome Center. There is a need for underwear, girls leggings, boys sweatpants, socks, winter hats, coats, and gloves in sizes ranging from 4-14. They have also requested tissue, hand sanitizer, deodorant, and feminine products for teenagers. Help make the winter months warmer for children. For questions, email Katie Elder, katie@corinthtoday.org.

Christmas Volunteers. If you are available and would like to help during any of the Christmas services, email Patter Cross, patter@corinthtoday.org. We need people to help as greeters, prep for the Moravian Love Feast, parking volunteers, cleanup and more.



On Sunday, November 29 Corinth welcomed 19 new members to our church family.

Help us welcome Ron and Pam Adams, Ed and Talita Byrnes, Roxy Everett, Al Huffman,

Kathy Lyday, Emily Mace, Lynn Marilla, Kerry Payne and Kelly Bruley, Ray and Pat Peirce, Amy Penley, Daniel and Shelby Pierce, John Saul, Mike Skelton, and Bob Winter.



New Property Technician. Corinth welcomes Chilo Forsyth as the new part-time property technician. Chilo is a member of Corinth, graduate from The University of Alabama and is currently serving in the Marine Reserves.

Thank You Corinth!

If you would like to thank the Corinth family for anything, please email office@corinthtoday.org.

Susan Anaou is thankful for the disinfecting wipes from Corinth for her classroom.

Viewmont School is grateful for the food boxes Corinth provided to families in need.

Jon Bailey thanks the Corinth family for the support of our soldiers and their families.

Corinth Children's Ministry says thank you to all who participated in Operation Christmas Child and provided shoeboxes. We exceeded our goal and collected a total of 190 shoeboxes.

Stay Updated and Connected

We continue to make our best effort to keep you updated on ways to belong and serve at corinthtoday.org/now and Facebook.com/CorinthReformed.

For routine matters, call the church office at 828.328.6196, Mon-Thu 9-4; Fri 9-12.

For pastoral care emergencies, call 828.222.6574 to reach a pastor or elder 24/7.



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Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 9:00am — 4:00pm

Fri 9:00am — 12:00pm

Pastor's Pen — "What's Changed and What Hasn't"



I write this column only a couple of hours after a dizzying church staff meeting, and a few hours before another planning meeting for this year's Christmas services.

It feels like the pandemic has changed everything. The next four weeks will certainly be different for me, as I self-quarantine from almost everything except Sunday and seasonal worship services – so that I can be available for those services and for my family. I would encourage you also to exercise extreme caution this month. It's the best way to love your family, your church, the schools, and the healthcare workers.

Much has changed about our church's plans for December. Please pay attention to this newsletter, Facebook, and/or emails (whatever works best for you) over the next few weeks. We'll remind you which services are outdoors, where to park, whether you need to bring a chair, how long the services will be, and how to watch online if you don't come in person.

Some changes this year are for the better, and might even become new traditions. This Sunday at 5:30pm we'll sing some Christmas carols, light

up the 20' Fraser fir out front, and turn on lights in all 16 trees lining our driveway. We'll also set up a nativity scene next to the sanctuary. All this will remain up through the Christmas season.

What's most important is what will not change: Opportunities to give. Chances to serve. A focus on the Bible. (You'll be hearing more about reading through the Bible in 2021.) Evangelism, compassion, and justice.

What must never change is the central message of Christmas. Every light, every worship service, every song, every ministry, every gift, every publication, and every connection in the church and around the world – all point to the mystery and promise of the birth of Jesus Christ, God in human form.

We're not just trying to make the world a happier place during a pandemic. We're pointing the world to the only One who can change lives. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and our passion to know him and make him known has not changed. Not one bit.

- Bob Thompson, Pastor