



Corinth

REFORMED CHURCH

You Matter. You Belong. You Serve.

Worship With Us on Sunday, February 28

- 8:30am Sonrise Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship (Bost Memorial Hall)

To prepare for worship, read Matthew 18:10-20.

Our worship services are livestreamed at corinthtoday.org/live

"The Corinthian"

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Pastors' Prayer List

Recent Births

- **Fletcher Michael**, to **Patrick and Magen Shelton** 2/23 (proud grandparents **Mike and Debra Shelton**) thnk10s@charter.net

Health Concerns

- **Jeff Gilchrist** (Frye, surgery Feb 20) jgilchrist@pruittmachinery.com
- **Brian Anauo** anauob79@gmail.com
- **Diane Camp** d_camp_1225@hotmail.com
- **Angela Mason** 11angela11@att.net
- **Kelly Williams** kelly_williams97@icloud.com
- **Phyllis Brown** (Curtis Blocker's friend) Curtis.blocker@gmail.com

Recent Deaths

- **Dr. Doug Eller** (Cathy's husband, Feb 21) celler@charter.net. There will be a private memorial service (invitation only) at Corinth on Friday, Feb 26 at 11am. Watch online, corinthtoday.org/live.
- **Brenda Smith** (Stacey Thomas' aunt, Feb 19, Jacksonville, FL) drt@icofjax.com
- **Caroline Ervin** (Betty McGee's niece, Feb 17, Claremont, NC) bememcge@gmail.com
- **Troy Brown** (Curtis Blocker's friend, Feb 16, Charlotte, NC) Curtis.blocker@gmail.com
- **Ned Bowman** (Scott's father, Feb 23) bowmantireandauto@gmail.com

Coming Up at Corinth

As we continue to evaluate and make decisions about safely meeting at Corinth, please stay updated at CorinthToday.org/now and Facebook.com/CorinthReformed.

Wed 2/24 — Youth CREW, 6pm, Bost Memorial Hall. Please wear a mask and bring your Bible. We will provide a "snack supper" and continue the series "What to do with Doubt?"

Thu 2/25 — Healthcare/Teacher Meal Pickup, 5:30-6:30pm. To support our healthcare workers and teachers and show our appreciation, Corinth is providing a free dinner for pickup. Sign up to reserve a delicious family-size meal, bit.ly/3jw7Ob8.

Thu 2/25 — Cross Talk, 6:30pm, Althouse Room. This is open to family and friends who have a loved one battling addiction. Contact Dr. Steve Siciliano, drsiciliano@earthlink.net for more info.

Sun 2/28 — Heart for Kids. We end Love Month by focusing on children at Corinth. Now more than ever, our kids need encouragement, support, and prayer. Sign your child up to receive prayer throughout the year from a Corinth member at bit.ly/37rcPwS. If you would like to participate and pray for a kid at Corinth or for more info, email Sharon Rowe, sharon@corinthtoday.org.

Thu 3/4 — Red Cross Blood Drive, 2:30-7pm, Bost Memorial Hall. Visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code "Corinth" to make a reservation.

Sunday, February 21

Giving: Online corinthtoday.org/give
Text "Corinth" or "Corinth Legacy" to 73256
Mail check to 150 16th Ave NW, Hickory NC 28601

Offerings: \$42,272 for General Fund
\$123,281 needed by March 31
See Pastor's Pen

Ways to Connect

Wednesday Night Meals. We are continuing to look for ways to connect and will start offering meals for pickup on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30pm starting March 3. You must signup in advance to reserve a meal. Donations are welcome but not required. More information coming soon.

Spring Work Day. Join us Saturday, March 6 from 8:30am-12pm to spread mulch and other light landscaping tasks around Corinth. Connect outdoors and keep Corinth looking beautiful. Learn more and signup at bit.ly/3oBDIt1 or contact Jennifer Collins at 828.612.2791.

Visual Art. We are looking for visual artists who would like to join in displaying art as part of a Lenten season exhibition. If you are interested or want to learn more contact Tim Boyd at 828.267.5975 or tboyd1950@gmail.com.

One Hour of Sharing. Each year the United Church of Christ collects an offering to help with disaster recovery. This year's theme is "Let Love Flow" and will help those around the world impacted by the pandemic, wildfires, hurricanes, earthquakes, and flooding. On Sunday, March 21 Corinth will collect a special offering for this ministry.

Easter Lilies. Each year we use lilies provided by the congregation to decorate or worship spaces. After the services on Easter, you make take your lilies home. They are \$9 each and must be ordered by March 29. To place your order email barb@corinthtoday.org and indicate how you wish for it to appear in the bulletin.

On Monday, Corinth volunteers packed 60 boxes full of donations for Viewmont Families in Need. They distributed the boxes from the tent out front and blessed the community with food, prayers, and hope. Thank you to all who donated for Love Month and helped with this ministry!



Private Prayer Time



Corinth's sanctuary is a holy and beautiful place to find peace and comfort. We will open the sanctuary to the community during specific times for private prayer. Please use this time for reflection, peace, connection, and prayer.

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
6-8am	12-2pm	2:30-4pm	9-10:30am (Contemporary music)
5-6pm		4-5pm (organ)	10:30am-12pm

Thank You Corinth!

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

Pastor Bob and Linda Thompson express their sincere thanks for all the thoughtful cards, texts, emails, flowers and meals during the loss of Linda's mother.

Jan Ketcham is thankful for her church family and the love she felt during her retirement.

Connie Bowen appreciates the prayers and encouragement during the loss of her husband.

Many Corinth members and people in the community have expressed their gratitude for the meals Corinth provides to healthcare workers on a weekly basis.



March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 8am & 5pm Sanctuary open for prayer 2pm GriefShare (Zoom) 6pm Joshua Bible Study	2 6:30am Men's Bible Study 8:30am 1 Peter Bible Study 1pm Matchless Bible Study 1:15pm Women's Prayer 6pm Elder-led Payer 7pm Elders	3 9:30am & 1pm Jude and Joshua Bible Studies 11am Bible Study & Prayer 12pm Sanctuary open for prayer 5pm Confirmation	4 8am Men's Bible Study 10am Finding I Am Bible Study 2:30pm American Blood Drive 2:30pm & 4pm Sanctuary open for prayer (4pm soft music)	5 1pm Craft n Connect	6 8am Spring Work Day 10am Anxiety Support Group
7 Worship* and Communion	8 8am & 5pm Sanctuary open for prayer 2pm GriefShare (Zoom) 6pm Joshua Bible Study	9 6:30am Men's Bible Study 8:30 am 1 Peter Study 1pm Matchless Study 1:15pm Women's Prayer 7pm Boards	10 9:30am & 1pm Jude Bible Study 11am Bible Study & Prayer 12pm Sanctuary open for prayer	11 8am Men's Bible Study 10am Finding I Am Bible Study 2:30pm & 4pm Sanctuary open for prayer (4pm soft music)	12 1:30pm Holy Attentiveness Bible Study	13 9:00am Leadership Retreat (Zoom)
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* Worship Schedule 8:30am Sunrise Worship (Sanctuary) 11am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) 11am Contemporary Worship (Bost Memorial Hall)			** Wednesday Night Programming 6pm Nursery Care (Birth thru Age 3) Kids' Club (Age 4 thru 5th Grade) Youth CREW (Grades 6-12) Men's Study: Discipleship Class; Sermon Series Bible Study			

For up-to-date info about what's happening at Corinth, visit corinthtoday.org/now



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Mon-Thurs 9:00am — 4:00pm
Fri 9:00am — 12:00pm



Pastor's Pen — "Over and Above"

What a year this has been! We're nearing the first anniversary (March 15) of our first all-virtual Sunday worship service. The end of our fiscal year follows March 31.

One of the immediate concerns a year ago was financial – for individuals and families, for businesses, for the nation, and for churches. For many, the worst case scenario has materialized. For others, it's been a year of unprecedented prosperity. Within the Corinth family, we've seen both.

As a congregation we took two immediate and dramatic actions last spring. First, we reduced church spending as much as possible, cutting many budgeted lines even while adding spending to modify worship and ministry. Second, we looked for ways offer direct and indirect assistance to those left most vulnerable.

- Since our kitchen staff couldn't serve meals on campus we redeployed them to help the community. Since March they have prepared over 26,000 meals and 4,000 cookies.
- We urged our members to give generously to the Good Samaritan Fund, a crisis assistance program for members and non-members. In

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the last twelve months, we've received \$332,805 for this fund and helped 515 people.

- We've maintained all our missions giving and offered extra assistance to many of our local and cross-cultural ministry partners. In March, we'll announce our final Corinth Legacy mission grant of about \$90,000 to one of our mission partners.

I'm among those who are surprised that we are still on target to meet our General Fund projected offerings of \$2,140,724 for this fiscal year. So why should you still give through March 31? Because we have a unique opportunity to do and share even more. The Consistory has decided that if gifts exceed the budget, the "extra" will not further pad our checking account. Instead,

- 50% of the over and above will be given to one or more of our Missions partners.
- The other 50% will be designated by the Board of Property Management for one or more unfunded capital needs.

God has given to us and through us beyond our expectations. Let's not only finish well but steward well all of his provision.

- Bob Thompson, Pastor