



Corinth
 REFORMED CHURCH
You Matter. You Belong. You Serve.

Worship With Us on Sunday, August 1

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

To prepare for worship, read Romans 12:1-8.

Our worship services are livestreamed at corinthtoday.org/live

"The Corinthian"

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Pastors' Prayer List

Congratulations

- **Gianna Vanessa Block**, born July 25 to Robert and Anya Block robertblock.nc@gmail.com

Recent Deaths

- **Rev. Dr. Don Flick**, July 24, husband of Jo Anne Flick
dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/hickory-nc/donald-flick-10281415

Health Concerns

- **Phil Mumford** caringbridge.org/visit/philmumford
- **Bill Bost** (Newton Conover Rehab)
- **Morris McGuire** (Catawba)
- **Reggie Hefner** regshumaker@gmail.com
- **Peggy Loytty**, surgery 7/29, Davy Medical Center mcloytty@outlook.com

Other

- **Corinth kids and chaperones** are at Student Life Camp at Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC 7/26-7/29
- **Corinth youth and chaperones** are at Student Life Camp at Ridgecrest in Black Mountain, NC 7/25-7/29



Communion this Sunday. Matzah and grape juice are available for pick-up in the Rowe Welcome Center during office hours this week and on Saturday from 8am-5pm, for those who wish to participate in communion at home.

This Week at Corinth

For updates and more details, visit CorinthToday.org/now and Facebook.com/CorinthReformed.

Sun 8/1 — Morning Worship. Join us in person or online, corinthtoday.org/live.

- **Sonrise Worship, 8:30am, Sanctuary.**
- **Traditional Worship, 11:00am, Sanctuary.**
- **Contemporary Worship, 11:00am, Bost Memorial Hall.**

HOPE Garden. The HOPE Garden has produced and delivered 430lbs of produce this year! Come help in the garden located behind the Mitchell House and see the progress we have made this summer.

Volunteer on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings 7:30-10:30am (new earlier start time during July and August). No signup required. For more info, email Lou Maguth, mlmaguth@gmail.com.



Sunday, July 25

Giving: Online corinthtoday.org/give

Text "Corinth" or "Corinth Legacy" to 73256

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

Offerings:

\$30,727 for General Fund

\$45,770 needed by July 31

Ways to Belong

Trivia and Dessert Night. All moms of youth, rising 6-12 grades, are invited to connect on Wednesday, August 11 from 7-9pm. Please RSVP, bit.ly/3y8lpuv and join in on the fun!

"Save the Date," Corinth Women's Retreat. This year's Women's Retreat will be October 1-2 at the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Jackie Perry. The theme is *Meet Me. Move me. Mend me. --Experiencing the power and presence of God in relationships.* For more information, email Linda Thompson, linda@corinthtoday.org.

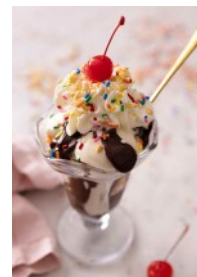
Ways to Serve

Big City Volunteers. This fall we plan to bring back Big City Studio, a program for kids in grade K-5 during the 11am worship services. We are looking for volunteers to help with this amazing ministry. To sign up or learn more, email Tarrah Williams, twilliams81404@hotmail.com.

Stephen Ministry. Are you interested in providing one-on-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life? We are preparing for our Fall training class now. Contact Pastor Lori, lori@corinthtoday.org, for more information.

SAVE THE DATE!

- Fri 8/13 — Chicken Pies for Senior Adults
- Sun 8/15 — Pulpit Exchange and Picnic Lunch
- Wed 8/18 — Wednesday Night Dinner
- Sun 8/22 — Blessing of the Backpacks and Honoring the Teachers
- Sun 8/22 — Leadership Lunch
- Wed 8/25 — Youth Kickoff Event
- Sun 8/29 — Men's Breakfast
- Sun 8/29 — Sign Up Sundaes



Corinth Kids and Youth are both at Student Life camp this week having fun and growing in their faith. The kids are at Presbyterian College and the youth are at Ridgecrest.



Thank You Corinth!

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

Corinth is thankful to all those who donated to Fostering Hope Catawba during VBS. We raised \$3,690 to help the amazing ministry.

Sharon Rowe thanks the staff and congregation for recognizing her 21 years as the Children's Ministry Director. She appreciates all the volunteers and families throughout the years.

Cristy Sweeney, on the behalf of the American Red Cross, thanks Corinth and all who donated blood at our blood drive on 7/22. We collected 46 units which translates into saving 138 lives.

August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship* and Communion Corinth 101	2	3 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am <i>Finding Hope in Fragile Places</i> Study 6pm Elder-led Prayer 7pm Elders	4 8:30am Men's Bible Study 11am Sermon Study	5 8am Men's Bible Study 6:30pm <i>Get Out of Your Head</i> Study	6 Elders' Retreat 5pm Stephenson/Taddeo Wedding	7 Elders' Retreat 10am Anxiety Support Group
8 Worship* 12:15pm Corinth 101	9 7pm Strategic Planning Team	10 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am <i>Finding Hope in Fragile Places</i> Study 1:15pm Women's Prayer 7pm Boards	11 8:30am Men's Bible Study 11am Sermon Study 7pm Moms of Youth Hang Out	12 8am Men's Bible Study 6:30pm Crosstalk (Families Anon.)	13	14
15 Worship* Pulpit Exchange 11am Combined Services 12:15pm Lunch	16 6pm Annual Staff Dinner	17 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am <i>Finding Hope in Fragile Places</i> Study 1:15pm Women's Prayer 7pm Deacons	18 8:30am Men's Bible Study 11am Sermon Study 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner	19 8am Men's Bible Study 6:30pm <i>Get Out of Your Head</i> Study	20 1pm Craft 'n Connect	21 10am Anxiety Support Group
22 Worship* Honor Teachers and Blessing of the Back Packs 12:15pm Adult Leadership Training Lunch	23	24 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am <i>Finding Hope in Fragile Places</i> Study 1:15pm Women's Prayer 7pm Consistory	25 8:30am Men's Bible Study 11am Sermon Study 5pm Confirmation Orientation 6pm Youth Kick Off	26 8am Men's Bible Study 6:30pm Crosstalk (Families Anon.)	27	28
29 8am Men's Breakfast Worship* 11am Combined Worship/New Members 12:15pm Sign Up Sundae	30	31 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am <i>Finding Hope in Fragile Places</i> Study 1:15pm Women's Prayer	* Worship Schedule 8:30am Sunrise Worship (Sanctuary) 11am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) 11am Contemporary Worship (Bost Memorial Hall)			

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

Families of the Month: Andrew & Jenny Walker (Evelyn, Gracie, Kristin), Bob & Tommie Walker, Caroline Walker, Dave & Sue Walker, Jason & Wendy Walker (Blake), Mike & Brandi Walker (Haley, Carson), Nathan & Amanda Ward (Olivia, Charleigh), Savannah Washco, Bryan Waters, Kevin & Krisity Watkins (Ryan, Hank, Kinsey), Sherrill Walkins, Andrew & Heather Wastson (Ceil, Andy), Dana Watson, Darah Watson, David & Gwyn Watson, Debra Watts (Lindsey), Ethan Watts, Seven & Melissa Watts (Kaiden, Aaren, Ashlynn, Mark & Tammy Web, Carl & Eugenia Welch, Marje Wells, Shannon & Keisha Wells (Marissa, Elijah Hardee, Kadance Hardee), Franklin & Mary Wepner, Don & Judi West, Lou & Julia Wetmore, Emma Wheatley, Bill & Greta Whetzel, Jeffrey, Shana White (Trevor, Brooks, Zach, Alyssa), Jennifer White (Trevor, Brooks)



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Office Hours

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



Pastor's Pen — "Belonging"

Which body part would you give up?

- Your heart or lungs? Only after death and in limited circumstances.
- Your kidney or part of your liver? If it could save someone else's life.
- Your leg or arm? Maybe not voluntarily, but if amputation saved your life, you'd give up a body part.
- Your tonsils or appendix? Anytime they give you trouble.
- A tumor or painful foot wart? As soon as possible.
- A knee or shoulder or hip? If you could replace it with a better one.

The body is a familiar concept in the New Testament. The Apostle Paul especially loves having you think about the individual parts – "members" of your body, he calls them. And he doesn't want you thinking of any of them as expendable.

You can't press Paul's metaphor too far. Every metaphor has its limitations. He's not thinking of your appendix or tumor when he writes that no one can say to another part of the body, "I don't need you" (1 Corinthians 12:21).

Please deliver to:

His primary point is this: "In Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others" (Romans 12:5). We belong to Jesus, but that's not how Paul is using the concept here. In this passage, the belonging is horizontal – not vertical. I belong to *you*. You belong to *me*. We belong to *each other*.

Earlier in the same passage, Paul says, "Do not conform to the pattern of this world" (Romans 12:2). The pattern of our world is to create distance from those we don't like – to unfriend, snub, scorn, shun, avoid, renounce.

But what if you're "members" who "belong" to each other? Then be together: listen, care, understand, help, serve, give, encourage, show mercy, and teach each other. Even when you disagree. Work hard at belonging to each other, precisely because you belong to Jesus.

We'll say more about that this Sunday as we continue "Corinth 101 for Everyone." See you then!

-Bob Thompson, Pastor