



Corinth

REFORMED CHURCH

You Matter. You Belong. You Serve.

Worship With Us on Sunday, February 27

- 8:30am Sonrise Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship (Bost Memorial Hall)
- 11:00am CORE Kids Worship (Abernethy Student Center)

To prepare for worship, read John 11:1-44.

"The Corinthian"

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Pastors' Prayer List

Health Concerns

- **Jerry Reese** (surgery, 2/16 Novant) jreese@jerryreese.com
- **Charlie Lemons** (surgery, 2/23) crlemons@aol.com
- **Jerry Caldwell** (surgery, 2/24) jan@corinthtoday.org
- **Sandi Reynolds** jrey1505@centurylink.net
- **Cheryl Rhea** cherylwrhea@yahoo.com
- **Todd Schwenke** (Springsboro, OH), Patter Cross' father patter@corinthtoday.org
- **Revonda Matthews** (surgery, 2/21 CVMC) Kim Harshaw's mother kharshaw7@gmail.com
- **Aria and Keiri Cardwell** (Boone) Lynn Van Ess's family phyllharmonic@yahoo.com
- **Crowley Fortier** (Chapel Hill Burn Center, age 2) Ronnie Parker's family friend ronnieparker@bellsouth.net
- **Rachel Merkwa** (Baptist, Winston-Salem) Erica Sargent's friend ericasmileyface@gmail.com

Recent Deaths

- **Philip Kincaid** (Feb 18, Blackey, KY) Bill Parker's brother-in-law rkymthidoc@gmail.com
- **Doug Mets** (Feb 19) Greg Brunt's step-father, c/o Carolina Rehab, 3647 Miller Bridge Rd Connelly Springs, NC 28612

Families of the Week: Haley Burgess; Rory & Jessica Siciliano Burkitt; Annie Burnham; Bill & Angie Burnham; Cyndi Burns; Ed & Polly Byrd; Todd & Deb Byrd; Edward & Talita Byrnes; Drew Caldwell & Michelle Shuler; Jerry & Jan Caldwell

Coming Up at Corinth

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

Wed 2/23 — Wednesday Night Programs. Join us for dinner (baked spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert) at 5:15pm followed by classes for children, adult studies, and Youth Crew.

Thu 2/24 — Blood Drive, 2:30-7pm, Bost Memorial Hall. Corinth is hosting a blood drive for the Red Cross. Visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code "Corinth" to make a reservation.

Fri 2/25 — Craft 'n Connect, 1pm, Mitchell House Room 106. All women are invited for fellowship and crafting. Contact Patter Cross for more info, patter@corinthtoday.org.

Sat 2/26 — Children's Movie Event, 10:45am, Carolina Theater.

Sun 2/27 — Morning Worship. Join us in person or online, corinthtoday.org/live.



Love Month Collection for the Pregnancy Care Center

We are collecting paper towels, Lysol wipes, copy paper, masks, toilet paper, tissues, exam gloves, trash bags, highlighters, dry erase markers, post-it notes, clear leaf bags.

Please bring donations to the Rowe Welcome Center.



Sunday, February 20

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

Offerings: \$20,088 for General Fund
\$4,558 over budget for Fiscal Year

Ways to Connect and Serve

Ash Wednesday Worship. Join us Wednesday, March 2 at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary as we begin the season of Lent with this service that includes communion and the imposition of ashes. All other Wednesday night programs except the fellowship dinner (5:15pm in Bost Memorial Hall) will not meet on March 2, so everyone can worship together.

Pastor Bob's Sunday School Class. This may be the final time Pastor Bob teaches the *Heidelberg Catechism*. Sign up for the 13-week Sunday School class that begins March 6 by emailing Pastor Bob, bob@corinthtoday.org.

HOPE Garden. We are looking for volunteers to help get the HOPE Garden ready for Spring! The board is also in need of 1-2 people to help in leadership roles with managing the garden. There will be a startup meeting on Saturday, March 19 at 9:30am in the Mitchell House Room 102. If you are interested or have questions, email Christine Cofer, cchope2012@gmail.com.

Spring Work Day. Join us Saturday, March 12 from 8am-12pm to clean up around Corinth. Volunteer activities will include spreading mulch and light landscaping tasks. Please bring wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes, blowers, pruners, gloves, etc. This is a great way to connect outside with your church family! Sign up now, bit.ly/SpringWorkDay2022.

Youth Work Day. Join the Youth at Valley Haven Camp (7655 Valley Haven Drive) on Saturday, March 26 from 10am-1pm to help with light tasks. Lunch is provided. Sign up, bit.ly/YouthWorkDay.

Corinth is Hiring! We are looking for an experienced part-time property technician who can help us maintain a safe, hospitable church through routine maintenance and repair work. For more information and the online application, visit corinthtoday.org/hiring.



**On Sunday, January 30,
we welcomed 19 new members
to our church family.
Help us welcome them and get
them connected at Corinth!**



Christopher Bothos



Steve & Vicki Bowman



**Taylor & Chelsea
Huffman**



Leslie McKenna



Brent Joyce



Peg Wartowski



Janice Ryskamp



Galen & Dawn Grant



**Brian, Sonya, Ben,
& Abby Teague**



**Hunter & Alison
Tompkins**



**Stan & Amy
Froneberger**

March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
** Wednesday Night Programming 5:00pm Confirmation 5:15pm Fellowship Dinner 6:15pm Nursery Care (<i>Birth thru Age 3</i>) Women's Bible Studies: <i>Me, Myself & Lies;</i> <i>Self Control/Mastering Our Passions</i> 6:30pm Men's Bible Study 6:30pm Kids' Club (Age 4 thru 5th Grade) Youth CREW (Grades 6-12) Sermon Series Bible Study		1 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am <i>Encountering God</i> Women's Study 1:15pm Women's Prayer 6pm Elder-led Prayer 7pm Elders	2 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:15am <i>Jesus the King</i> Women's Study 9:30am <i>Matthew II</i> Women's Study 11am Sermon Study 5:15pm Fellowship Dinner 6:30pm Ash Wed. Service No other Wed night activities	3 10am <i>Take Courage</i> Women's Study 10am <i>The Power of God's Name</i> Women's Study	4	5 10am Anxiety Support Group
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Mon-Thurs 9:00am — 4:00pm
Fri 9:00am — 12:00pm



Pastor's Pen — "Splinters and Lent"

The City Walk arches were going to be Hickory's version of St. Louis' Gateway. Last Friday, less than a year after their installation, they collapsed. Reactions ranged from sadness to glee, blaming to gloating, accusation to defensiveness. And frustration – if not at the collapse, at the blaming, gloating, accusation, or defense.

Many said they'd never liked the arches in the first place. I was among those who loved them. I may be the only one who still does.

Sunday morning, just prior to the 8:30 worship service, the thought came to me: maybe the broken arches should stay where they fell. They could be a visual reminder that Hickory, like every human community, is a collection of shattered lives. I quickly realized that's not how cities want to be known. Our municipal motto is *Life. Well Crafted.*

My thoughts then turned to the morning sermon on John 8, the story of the woman caught in the act of adultery and forced to stand before Jesus at dawn in the temple courts. I had already written my sermon on why we love this story: in it we see Jesus' character, wisdom, and balance. I mused aloud that the splintered wood might create a fitting visual on Corinth's front lawn. (Perhaps I should have followed with one of my grandson's favorite exclamations: "Just kidding!" I wasn't sure I was.)

Against the backdrop of our tall steeple, Gothic limestone, granite, and glass the splintered wood

might illustrate who we long to be – a church whose real beauty is grace received and given.

Ideally, a church should be willing to confess that we are a community of offenders *and* accusers, abusers *and* victims, self-righteous *and* self-condemned – all being transformed among those who sin differently. The reality is that our church, like all churches, draws together those who sin similarly. Adulterers, Pharisees, and white professionals with traditional values all prefer the company of their own kind.

During Lent, which begins March 2, let's admit we are all splintered wood. I'm going to adopt – and urge – the Lenten discipline of daily confession. I'm not talking about a quick, "Lord, I guess I sin sometimes," but time set aside each day for self-examination, meditation on prayers of confession, and repentance. Our worship services during Lent will prioritize confession. If you would like to receive daily emails to prompt your own confession, email barb@corinthtoday.org. - Bob Thompson, Pastor

