



# Corinth

REFORMED CHURCH

*You Matter. You Belong. You Serve.*

## Worship With Us on Sunday, April 3

- 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 17:20-26.*

"The Corinthian"

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### Pastors' Prayer List

#### Health Concerns

- **Wayne Cofer** (3/28 surgery, Lynchburg Surgery Center, VA) [cchope2012@gmail.com](mailto:cchope2012@gmail.com)
- **Judy Allran** [judyLou52@gmail.com](mailto:judyLou52@gmail.com)
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- **David (husband of Sharon) Abernethy** (CVMC) [dabern@charter.net](mailto:dabern@charter.net)
- **Max Hand** (3/31 surgery, Duke University Medical Center) Liz Alexander's father [elizabethblair2312@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethblair2312@gmail.com)

#### Recent Deaths

- **Tim Arndt** (3/21) Celebration of Life will be April 2 at 2pm in the Sanctuary. Receiving will follow in Bost Memorial Hall [dawnarndt@charter.net](mailto:dawnarndt@charter.net)

#### Other Prayer Needs

- **Gena Small** is serving as a chaplain with Samaritan's Purse in Round Rock, TX.
- **Ukraine and Russia** Our mission partners are working diligently to provide support for refugees in this area of the world. Please continue to pray for peace, protection and wisdom.

**Families of the Week:** Patrick & Dawn Conner (Hayden & Delaney); Kourtney Conway; Caroline Cook; Mike & Julie Cordora (Alex); Garrett & Emma Corneliusen; Peter & Lisa Corneliusen; Shane Corneliusen; Ellen Correll; Todd & Julie Correll (Morgan & Marley); Ted & Lucy Corwin

### Coming Up at Corinth

*For updates and more details, visit [CorinthToday.org/now](http://CorinthToday.org/now) and [Facebook.com/CorinthReformed](https://Facebook.com/CorinthReformed).*

**Wed 3/30 — Wednesday Night Activities.** Join us for fellowship dinner (chicken pie, green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls, & cheesecake) at 5:15pm followed by classes for children, adults, and youth.

**Fri 4/1 — Lenten Lunch, 11:30am, Althouse Room.** Free lunch. Donations accepted.

**Fri 4/1 — Lenten Organ Recital, 12:30pm, Sanctuary.** Cory Westby is the guest organist.

**Sat 4/2 — Wilderness Ministry Hike, 9:30am.** Join us for an easy hike at Riverbend Park. Enjoy the outdoors with the whole family! RSVP to Adam Payne, [jadam318@yahoo.com](mailto:jadam318@yahoo.com).

**Sun 4/3 — Morning Worship.** Join us in person or online, [corinthtoday.org/live](http://corinthtoday.org/live). We will collect a special offering for Young Life in memory of Debbie Hobart. See page 2 for more details.

**Sun 4/3 — Corinth 101, 12:30pm, Althouse Room.** This 4-week class is led by Pastor Bob Thompson and required for membership, but open to anyone who wants to learn more about Corinth. Lunch and childcare provided. To sign up, email Pastor Amy, [amy@corinthtoday.org](mailto:amy@corinthtoday.org).



### Children's Easter Celebration!

**Join us this Sunday, April 3 at 2pm in Bost Memorial Hall.**

Bring your Easter basket and join us for an egg hunt, face painting, inflatables, and snacks. RSVP, [bit.ly/CorinthEasterEgg](https://bit.ly/CorinthEasterEgg). Sign up to volunteer, [bit.ly/EasterVols](https://bit.ly/EasterVols).

### Sunday, March 27

**Giving:** Online [corinthtoday.org/give](http://corinthtoday.org/give)

Text "Corinth" to 73256

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

**Offerings:** \$37,783 for General Fund

\$267,217 over budget for Fiscal Year

Ways to Connect and Serve

**Spring Educational Forum.** The Southern Conference of the UCC is offering a Zoom seminar on Saturday, April 2 to address "Mental Health Challenges during and after the COVID Pandemic." Tickets are \$10 for adults and free for youth, [bit.ly/SpringForum22](http://bit.ly/SpringForum22).

**"Wilmington on Fire."** Local clergy have invited the community to view and discuss a documentary about the 1898 Wilmington Massacre. Admission is free at the Carolina Theater on Sunday, April 3, at 3pm.

**Youth.** There are two opportunities coming up for youth to connect. The Guys Only wWeekend is April 8 at Johns River Valley Camp. The cost is \$25. Pick up forms at Corinth. There is a Glow Together Girls' Night on April 9, 5:30pm at Corinth. \$10 donation appreciated. Sign up, [bit.ly/GirlsGlow](http://bit.ly/GirlsGlow).

**Easter Lilies.** Each year we use lilies provided by the congregation to decorate our worship spaces. After the services on Easter, you may take your lilies home. They are \$9 each and must be ordered by April 11. Call the office 828.328.6196 or email [barb@corinthtoday.org](mailto:barb@corinthtoday.org) and indicate how you wish for it to appear in the bulletin (in honor of / in memory of). You may pay online under General Fund with details in the memo line.

**Student Life Camp.** Kids in grades 3-5 are invited to Fort Bluff in Dayton, TN, June 20-23. The cost is \$339 per person, with a \$100 deposit due at registration. Learn more and sign up now, [bit.ly/CorinthStudentLife2022](http://bit.ly/CorinthStudentLife2022).

**Big Stuf Camp.** Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to Panama City Beach, FL, June 20-24. The cost is \$450 per person, with a \$100 deposit due at registration. Register, [corinthtoday.org/youth](http://corinthtoday.org/youth).

**Afghan Advocates.** Hickory has welcomed two families that fled Afghanistan last fall. If you would like regular prayer updates, email [rachelgrose6@gmail.com](mailto:rachelgrose6@gmail.com). Current prayer requests include medical care, English lessons, language barriers, and jobs.

**Graduation Sunday.** We will celebrate our graduates on Sunday, May 22. We want to recognize members, children of members or regular attenders graduating from high school, college, or graduate school this year. Please send the student's name, school, degree, and major (if applicable) to [corinthamd@gmail.com](mailto:corinthamd@gmail.com) by May 2.

**2022 Annual Meeting.** We received 423 votes at our annual meeting on March 27. The FY2022 budget, the nominees for Consistory and the nominee for the Foundation Board were all approved. Thank you to all who participated!



**This Sunday, April 3, we will collect a special offering for Catawba Valley Young Life.** The Consistory has designated a \$25,000 gift in memory of Debbie Hobart, and is challenging the congregation to match the gift. Write your check to Corinth or give online and include "Young Life" in the memo line.

Easter Schedule at Corinth

**April 10 — Palm Sunday.** We will have communion in all services.

**April 11-14 — Holy Week.** The Sanctuary will be open Mon-Thu from Noon-2pm for personal prayer and reflection.

**April 14 — Maundy Thursday Service.** Join us at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary.



**April 17 — Easter Sunday.** We will follow our normal Sunday Morning Worship schedule except there will be no CORE Kids at 11am. We will have a photo backdrop for great Easter picture opportunities, as well as donuts and refreshments.

Thank You Corinth!

*If you would like to thank Corinth members for anything, please email [barb@corinthtoday.org](mailto:barb@corinthtoday.org).*

**The Board of Property Management** wants to thank the volunteers who helped with the Spring Work Day at Corinth on Saturday, March 19.

**Anne Bogen**, Executive Director at Carolina Caring, thanks Corinth for allowing them to use the Althouse Room for their Foundation Planning Retreat.

**Sandi Reynolds** appreciates everyone who brought her the delicious meals.

**Beverlie Hunter** is grateful for the communication from Corinth and looks forward to hearing Pastor Bob's sermons every week.

# April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<b>* Worship Schedule</b> 8:30am Sonrise Worship (Sanctuary) 11am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) 11am Contemporary Worship (Bost Memorial Hall) 11am CORE Kids Worship for Grades K-5 (Abernethy Student Center)				<b>** Wednesday Night Programming</b> 5:00pm Confirmation 5:15pm Fellowship Dinner 6:15pm Nursery Care ( <i>Birth thru Age 3</i> ) <i>Women's Study, Me, Myself &amp; Lies</i> 6:30pm <i>Women's Study, The Art of Forgiving</i> Men's Bible Study CORE Kids (Age 4 thru 5th Grade) Youth CREW (Grades 6-12) Sermon Series Bible Study		<b>1</b> 11:30am Lenten Lunch 12:30pm Lenten Organ Recital/Cory Westby Organist	<b>2</b> 10am Anxiety Support Group
<b>3</b> Worship* 12:15pm Corinth 101 2pm Children's Easter Celebration	<b>4</b> 2pm GriefShare	<b>5</b> 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am <i>Having a Mary Spirit</i> Women's Study 1:15pm Women's Prayer 6pm Elder-led Prayer 7pm Elders	<b>6</b> 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 Wednesday Night Programming**	<b>7</b> 8am Men's Bible Study 10am <i>Take Courage</i> Women's Study 10am <i>The Power of Jesus' Name</i> Women's Study	<b>8</b> 11:30am Lenten Lunch 12:30pm Lenten Organ Recital/Robert Adrian Smith, Organist	<b>9</b>	
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### **Office Hours**

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



### **Pastor's Pen — "The Bride of Christ"**

I didn't watch the Oscars Sunday night, but heard the "breaking news" when I woke Monday morning. The lead story was not who or what won an Oscar.

Will Smith had walked on stage toward Chris Rock after the comedian had joked that Jada Pinkett Smith, Will's wife, was "G. I. Jane 2." Chris Rock thought it was a witty reference to the actress's bald head. Will Smith strode to the stage and slapped the comedian, adding profanity-laced rebukes when he returned to his seat.

It was unscripted and embarrassing for everyone involved. Will Smith apologized to the audience later that evening, and to Chris Rock on Monday.

The moment was, in a sense, unsurprising. It was unsurprising in a Hollywood culture where the line between violence and entertainment is regularly blurred, as is the line between appropriate and tasteless humor. But I digress.

It was unsurprising for another reason. Any married man understands the urge to punch someone in this situation, though I might have restrained myself before a national TV audience.

His wife had lost her hair due to a medical condition called alopecia, and Will Smith knew the joke added to her pain.

I wonder if Jesus feels the same about his bride, the church? I know I'm reducing him to my level, but stay with me for a moment. Does Jesus not love his bride "as is"? Does he not see her as beautiful and holy, regardless of what others see? When we devalue, insult, or distance ourselves from the church, does Jesus not take offense?

Here's what the Apostle Paul says: "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless" (Ephesians 5:25-27). That's a word to husbands, but it's also a reminder of how Jesus sees the church.

Don't mess with Jesus' bride. See her glory as he does. Don't embarrass her before a watching world. You don't need to call attention to her flaws. He paid a high price to present her to himself as radiant, holy, and blameless. Thanks be to God.

- Bob Thompson, Pastor