



Corinth

REFORMED CHURCH

You Matter. You Belong. You Serve.

Worship With Us on Sunday, May 1

- 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 Hebrews 1:1-4.

"The Corinthian"

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Pastors' Prayer List

Missions

- **Jared, Emily, Tessa, and Callum Clark** fly to London April 26 to begin their first field assignment with Pioneers. jaredclark1227@gmail.com
- **Moldovan Mission Partners** are feeling the pressure of the war in Ukraine. Please continue to pray for their peace, safety, and strength.

Congratulations

- **Hope Adalaine Lowry**, born to Ben and Jade on April 14 in Raleigh. Proud grandparents are David and Dana Lowry. benjaminlowry2015@gmail.com

Health Concerns

- **Rusty Isenhour** rustyi@rlicpa.com
- **Deb Bennett**, 4/13 surgery beachblondes@outlook.com
- **Gail Young** robertgailyoung@gmail.com
- **Jerry Reese**, 4/27 surgery, Carolina Orthopaedic Hospital jreese@jerryreese.com
- **Jean Robinson**, Trinity Village lauren@corinthpreschool.com

Recent Deaths

- **Mildred "Mimi" Beach** (4/16), Paula Wittenberg's mother wittenbergpaula@gmail.com
- **Anna Christine Riddick Claessens** of Clearwater, FL (4/18), Laura Kennedy's grandmother jammamanc@gmail.com
- **Susan Tolbert** (4/20), Dianne Hart's sister diannehartjr@aol.com
- **Donley Junior (DJ) Hart** of West Jefferson, NC (4/22), Kirsten White's grandfather, kirsten@hartwhiteinteriors.com

Families of the Week: Ann D'Angelo (Samuel & William); Alice Davidson; Brad & Sarah Davis (Caroline, Kate & Hannah); Lonnie & Sherrelyn Davis; Matt & Tara Davis (Jonah, Mark, & Luke); Linda Dawbarn; Adam de la Garza; Carlos & Barbara de la Garza; Zach & Jill Deal (Charlie & Stella)

Coming Up at Corinth

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

Wed 4/27 — Wednesday Night Programs. Join us for fellowship dinner (chicken & gravy, rice, salad, rolls, cake) at 5:15pm followed by classes for children, adults, and youth.

Sun 5/1 — Morning Worship. Join us in person or online, corinthtoday.org/live. We will celebrate Communion in all services.

Sun 5/1 — Pregnancy Care Baby Shower, 12:30pm, Mitchell House Sunroom. Corinth is hosting a shower to provide baby necessities for the PCC. For more info, email andreabridgers@yahoo.com.

Mon 5/2 — GriefShare, 2-4pm, Althouse Room. Gain access to resources that help you recover from loss. For more info, email Sharon Bowman, sandvbowman@embarqmail.com.

Tue 5/3 — Elder-led Prayer Time, 6pm, Althouse Room. Join us for church-wide prayer.

Sunday, April 24

Giving: Online corinthtoday.org/give

Text "Corinth" to 73256

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

Offerings: \$20,501 for General Fund

\$6,790 needed by April 30

Ways to Connect and Serve

Children's Skate. All kids, pre-K-5th grade, are invited to Skateland on Sunday, May 15, 2:30-5pm. We will provide snacks and skates; younger siblings are welcome. A parent must be present at all times. Sign up now, bit.ly/SundaySkate.

Movie Night. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, May 18 at 6pm for a free pizza and movie night. We will watch *Sabina: Tortured for Christ, the Nazi Years*, a true story of how God's love transformed an ambitious atheist into one of the greatest Christian women of the 20th century. We will also have a children's movie in the Abernethy Student Center and provide nursery care.

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. Submit your info at corinthtoday.org/graduation by May 2.

HOPE Garden. Volunteer at the garden on Tuesdays and Saturdays, 8:30-10:30am and Thursdays, 9-11am. For schedule updates or info, email Christine, cchope2012@gmail.com.

Vacation Bible School. All kids age 4 - rising 6th grade are invited for a week of "Monumental" fun, June 27-30, 9am-12pm. Come celebrate God's greatness! Sign up to participate or volunteer, bit.ly/CorinthVBS22.

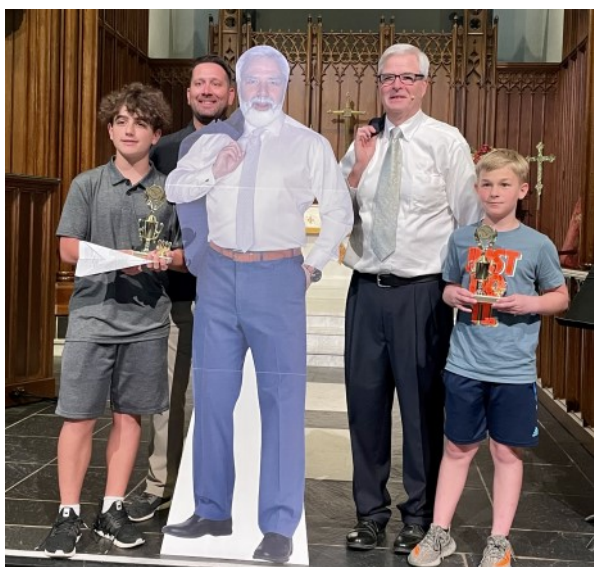
Student Life Camp. Kids in grades 3-5 are invited to Fort Bluff in Dayton, TN, June 20-23. The cost is \$339 per person. Learn more and sign up now, bit.ly/CorinthStudentLife2022.

Big Stuf Camp. Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to Panama City Beach, FL, June 20-24. The cost is \$450 per person. Register now, corinthtoday.org/youth.

Creative Journaling and Quiet Time. All women are invited on Thursday, May 5, from 9am -12pm in Mitchell House Room 106 to learn various ways to study the Bible and creative ways to journal during your quiet time. To sign up for this one day class, contact Patter Cross, patter@corinthtoday.org.

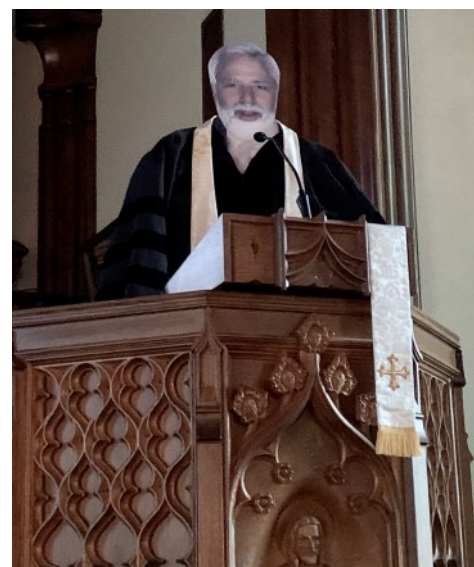


Debbie Hobart Memorial. Please make your donation to Catawba Valley Young Life in memory of Debbie Hobart by Sunday, May 8. Give to Corinth's General Fund, corinthtoday.org/give and write "Debbie Hobart" in the memo line. To learn more about Young Life, visit cv.younglife.org.



On Sunday, April 24 in the 11am Traditional Service, Pastor Bob brought back Holy Humor with "bearded Bob" and the paper airplane contest.

Congratulations to Mason Carlino (12-17), Wes Wightman (18+), and Gavin Abee (11 and under) for winning in their age group.

**Thank You Corinth!**

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

Tim Arndt's family is thankful for the ministry and hospitality teams that made Tim's memorial service a time of remembrance and thanksgiving.

Foothills Oral Surgery appreciates the spaghetti dinner and thoughtfulness from Corinth.

The Children's Ministry thanks all the volunteers that helped with the Easter Celebration and made it so much fun for the kids at Corinth and in the community.

May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship* with Communion in all services 12:15pm Corinth 101 12:30pm Pregnancy Care Baby Shower 4pm CVCC Choral Concert	2 2pm GriefShare	3 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	4 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am <i>Matthew II</i> Women's Study 11am Sermon Study Wednesday Night Programming**	5 8am Men's Bible Study 10am <i>Walking By Faith</i> Women's Study	6	7 10am Anxiety Support Group 4pm Bragg/Brookman Wedding
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15 Worship* 2:30pm Children's Skate Party	16 2pm GriefShare 7pm St. Stephens High School	17 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am <i>Having a Mary Spirit</i> 11am Preschool Graduation 1:15pm Women's Prayer 7pm Deacons	18 8:30am Men's Bible Study 6pm Movie Night/Pizza	19 8am Men's Bible Study 10am <i>Walking By Faith</i> Women's Study 10am <i>Breathe</i> Women's Study 6pm Date Night	20	21 10am Anxiety Support Group
22 Worship* 11am Graduation Sunday (Traditional)	23	24 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am <i>Having a Mary Spirit</i> Women's Study 1:15pm Women's Prayer 7pm Consistory	25 8:30am Men's Bible Study 8am UCHS Chapel	26 8am Men's Bible Study 10am <i>Breathe</i> Women's Study 7pm Crosstalk (Families Anon.)	27 1pm Craft 'n Connect 6pm UCHS Graduation	28
29 Worship* 11am Combined Services/New Members	30 Church Office Closed/Staff Holiday	31 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am <i>Having a Mary Spirit</i> Women's Study 1:15pm Women's Prayer	<p align="center">*Worship Schedule</p> 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)			
<p align="center">For up-to-date information about what's happening at Corinth, visit corinthtoday.org/now</p>			<p align="center">** Wednesday Night Programming (ends May 11, resumes in the Fall)</p> 5:00pm Confirmation 5:15pm Fellowship Dinner 6:15pm Nursery Care (<i>Birth thru Age 3</i>) Women's Bible Study - <i>Me, Myself & Lies</i> 6:30pm Women's Bible Study - <i>The Art of Forgiving</i> (continues until Aug 24) Men's Bible Study CORE Kids (Age 4 thru 5th Grade) Youth CREW (Grades 6-12) Sermon Series Bible Study			



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



Pastor's Pen — "Why Church is Worth It"

Church can be hard.

I don't mean that it's hard to join a church, attend a funeral or wedding, enjoy Christmas carols or dress up for Easter, or bring the kids to VBS. All of that is relatively painless.

Church is hard for the same reason marriage is hard, singleness is hard, raising children is hard, earning a degree is hard, working is hard, rehab is hard, learning to play golf or croquet is hard, and climbing a mountain is hard. It's hard because the reward requires perseverance.

Starting something – almost anything – is easy. Persistence through failure, disappointment, sleepless nights, unanticipated obstacles, the need to forgive 70x7, these are what makes it hard. They're also what makes it worthwhile.

When you're standing on the summit, watching your child take flight, celebrating your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary, hanging your diploma on the wall, hearing the Lord say, "Well done, good and faithful servant," what was hard fades into insignificance. You say things like, "I'd do it all again" and "The bitterness then enhances the sweetness now."

What makes church hard is the people. It's not so much that they're imperfect; it's that they're imperfections are so...diverse. Their sins, their

personalities, their experiences, their gifts – church brings into not only proximity but relationship people who think differently and even love differently. Just about the time you get used to them, they change or you change. Or they leave or you leave.

Church has become even harder during the pandemic and beyond because good habits are hard to make and even harder to remake when broken. But we aren't the ones who made church hard. Church has been hard since it was first launched – by none other than Jesus himself and his first apostles. If they hadn't known it would be hard, they wouldn't have talked so much about forgiveness, exhortation, and, yes, perseverance.

Starting this Sunday, we're going to spend several months reflecting on a New Testament book addressed to people for whom church had become hard. It was hard for the same reasons it's hard today – different levels of understanding of and commitment to Jesus, alternatives to exclusive commitment, and differences of sins, personalities, experiences, and gifts.

The writer of Hebrews will tell us in many ways that perseverance with church is still worth it. Because Jesus is worth it.

- Bob Thompson, Pastor