



# Corinth

REFORMED CHURCH

*You Matter. You Belong. You Serve.*

## Worship With Us on Sunday, May 29

8:30am Combined Worship (Sanctuary)

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Combined Worship (Sanctuary)

*To prepare for worship, read Hebrews 4:14-5:10.*

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### Pastors' Prayer List

#### Health Concerns

- **Brooke Stephens** (5/18 surgery) [jdstephens67@hotmail.com](mailto:jdstephens67@hotmail.com)
- **Billie Sowards** [emetz180@gmail.com](mailto:emetz180@gmail.com)
- **Arnie and Revonda Morrow** [morrowfam@charter.net](mailto:morrowfam@charter.net)

#### Recent Deaths

- **Willie Mae Ingold** (5/21) Family Receiving, Wednesday, May 25, 6:30pm at Bass-Smith; Memorial Service in Corinth Sanctuary, Thursday, May 26, 11am [theingolds@yahoo.com](mailto:theingolds@yahoo.com)
- **Joan Lail** (5/19, Hickory) Don Murphy's mother [gdonaldson1966@gmail.com](mailto:gdonaldson1966@gmail.com)

**Families of the Week:** Brady Eckard; Terrell & Peggy Edmunds; Ryan & Amanda Edwards (Grant & Carter); John & Laura Eichler; David Eidson; Josh & Katie Elder (Allie, Evan & Emmy); William & Jennifer Elder (Woody & Jenna); Robb & Jeanne Elkins (Will, Josh & Elliana); Davis Eller; Jerry & Paula Eller; Olivia Eller; Jim & Mary Elliott (Caleb & Jacob)

### 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).*

**Fri 5/27 — 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](mailto:patter@corinthtoday.org).

**Sat 5/28 — Wilderness Ministry Hike and Picnic.** Join us for an easy, family-friendly hike at Rocky Face Mountain. We will meet in the Corinth parking lot at 9am and caravan to the park or meet us there by 10am. Bring a picnic to enjoy after the hike. To RSVP or for more info, email Adam Payne, [jadam318@yahoo.com](mailto:jadam318@yahoo.com).

**Sun 5/29 — Men's Breakfast, 7:45am, Bost Memorial Hall.** Men of all ages are invited to a fellowship breakfast. No RSVP required.

**Sun 5/29 — Morning Worship.** Join us in person or online, [corinthtoday.org/live](http://corinthtoday.org/live). We will have Combined Worship at 11am and welcome new members. CORE Kids does not meet on the 5th Sunday.

**Sun 5/29 — Baptism Service, Courtyard.** Everyone is invited after 11am worship for the service of immersion for Olivia and Ella Andreasson, Laiea Carson, and Macie, Landon, and Laney Greene.

**Sun 5/29 — Fall Nicaragua Mission Trip, 12:15pm, Althouse Room.** We are planning to send a team to Nicaragua in the fall. If you are interested or want to learn more, join us for an informational meeting. Email Pastor Amy, [amy@corinthtoday.org](mailto:amy@corinthtoday.org), with any questions.

**Mon 5/30 — Church Office Closed.** The office will be closed for Memorial Day.

**Wed 6/1 — Movie Night, 8:30pm, Courtyard.** Join us for a free family-friendly movie, *Megamind*. Bring your own chair or blanket and we will provide popcorn.



### Sunday, May 22

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

Text "Corinth" to 73256

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

**Offerings:** \$35,734 for General Fund

\$20,868 needed by May 31

**Ways to Connect and Serve**

**Summer Confirmation.** Teens age 12-17 who have not yet completed confirmation have the opportunity this summer beginning June 8 at 4pm. To sign up or more info, email Pastor Amy, [amy@corinthtoday.org](mailto:amy@corinthtoday.org).

**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, [bit.ly/CorinthVBS22](https://bit.ly/CorinthVBS22).

**VBS Volunteer Training.** If you have signed up to help with VBS, please attend one of the trainings; June 5 at 12:30pm or June 13 at 6pm in the Althouse Room. Sign up to volunteer, [bit.ly/CorinthVBS22](https://bit.ly/CorinthVBS22).

**Men's Summer Golf.** Join the Men's Ministry at Catawba Springs on Wednesday, June 1 at 5:30pm for nine holes and a shotgun start. The cost is \$31 and includes cart fees and use of the driving range. Contact Steven Regan for more info, 828-381-7380.

**Forgiven Ministry.** We are looking for volunteers to help at the One Day with God camp at Wilkes Correctional on Saturday, June 18. This is an opportunity to restore relationships with inmates, their children, and families. To learn more or sign up, [forgivenministry.org/connect](https://forgivenministry.org/connect).

**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](mailto:cchope2012@gmail.com).

**Pastor Search.** The Vanderbloemen Search Group (VSG) has officially posted the job opening for senior pastor at Corinth. To view the video, visit, [vanderbloemen.com/job](https://vanderbloemen.com/job). If you have feedback on the search process, email [search@corinthtoday.org](mailto:search@corinthtoday.org). To receive prayer updates, email [prayer@corinthtoday.org](mailto:prayer@corinthtoday.org). Please continue to pray for the Pastor Search Team members, Tracey Bolick, Steve Brackett, Bruce Carlton, Jordan Faulkner, Shirley Huffman, Tim Summers, and Roger Young.



**A Corinth Retreat.** Save the date for October 7-9 at the Blowing Rock Conference Center. Corinth is excited to welcome Dr. Curt Thompson as the guest speaker to a weekend of fellowship and fun. Registration will begin August 7.

**Congratulations to the 2022 Graduates!**

On Sunday, May 22 during the 11am Traditional Service we recognized and celebrated our graduates. *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. -Jeremiah 29:11*

**Thank You Corinth!**

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

**Amy Rinehults and Kevin Watkins** thank the Corinth family for the graduation reception and all the support while they finished school.

**The Hickory Choral Society** is grateful to Corinth for allowing them to use the sanctuary for their Spring concerts.

# June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>*Worship Schedule</b></p> <p>8:30am Sonrise Worship (Sanctuary)</p> <p>11am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)</p> <p>11am Contemporary Worship (Bost Memorial Hall)</p> <p>11am CORE Kids Worship for grades K-5 (Abernethy Student Center)</p>			<p><b>1</b></p> <p>8:30am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>11am Sermon Study</p> <p>6:30pm <i>The Art of Forgiving</i> Women's Study</p> <p>8:30pm Movie Night/<i>Megamind</i></p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>8am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>10am <i>Breathe</i> Women's Study</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>10am Anxiety Support Group</p>
<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Worship* with Communion in all services</p> <p>8:30am Confirmation Sunday</p> <p>12:30pm VBS Training</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>6:30am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>9:30am <i>Discerning the Voice of God</i> Women's Study</p> <p>1:15pm Women's Prayer</p> <p>6pm Elder-led Prayer</p> <p>7pm Elders</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>8:30am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>11am Sermon Study</p> <p>6:30pm <i>The Art of Forgiving</i> Women's Study</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>8am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>10am <i>Breathe</i> Women's Study</p> <p>7pm Crosstalk (Families Anon.)</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p>
<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Worship*</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>6pm VBS Training</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>6:30am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>9:30am <i>Discerning the Voice of God</i> Women's Study</p> <p>1:15pm Women's Prayer</p> <p>7pm Boards</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>8:30am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>6:30pm <i>The Art of Forgiving</i> Women's Study</p> <p>8:30pm Movie Night/<i>National Treasure</i></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>8am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>10am <i>Breathe</i> Women's Study</p> <p>6pm Date Night</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>10am Anxiety Support Group</p> <p>4pm Robinson/Sellers Wedding</p>
<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Worship*</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>BigStuf/Youth Student Life/Kids</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>BigStuf/Youth Student Life/Kids</p> <p>6:30am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>9:30am <i>Discerning the Voice of God</i> Women's Study</p> <p>1:15pm Women's Prayer</p> <p>7pm Deacons</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>BigStuf/Youth Student Life/Kids</p> <p>8:30am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>6:30pm <i>The Art of Forgiving</i> Women's Study</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>BigStuf/Youth Student Life/Kids</p> <p>8am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>7pm Crosstalk (Families Anon.)</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>BigStuf/Youth 1pm Craft 'n Connect</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>
<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Worship*</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>9am-12pm VBS</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>6:30am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>9am-12pm VBS</p> <p>9:30am <i>Discerning the Voice of God</i> Women's Study</p> <p>1:15pm Women's Prayer</p> <p>7pm Consistory</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>9am-12pm VBS</p> <p>6:30pm <i>The Art of Forgiving</i> Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>9am-12pm VBS</p>		



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### Office Hours

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



### Pastor's Pen — "I Don't Know"

"Are you a scholar?" she asked.

"No, I don't consider myself a scholar," I answered.

"I wish you were a scholar," she said, and added, "Do you read?"

I was a little offended, probably intimidated, and definitely embarrassed. I was a full-time pastor, husband, and father of three young children. Since earning my Master of Divinity five years earlier I hadn't read much.

She had signed up for one of the private interviews two days before Corinth would vote on my call as pastor. It was uncomfortable to admit how little I knew and the scarce effort I had been making to learn more.

Thirty years later, I am far more comfortable admitting, "I don't know." I love what Eugene Peterson (translator of *The Message* and a brilliant scholar and writer) said at the end of *The Pastor*, his autobiography: "It amazes me still how much of the time I simply don't know what I am doing, don't know what to say, don't know what the next move is."

I've long since abandoned the quest to become the Answer Man for all unsolved mysteries about life and the Bible. *I don't know* why good people, even innocent children, die young. *I don't know*

how to explain the mystery of the Trinity. *I don't know* the balance between God's sovereignty and free choice. *I don't know* the future. *I don't know* why the poor will always be with us.

I'm not suggesting Christians can know nothing for sure. Our world of uncertainty needs truth that never changes, hope that never fades, security that will not rust or decay. Still, admitting we don't know everything might have some great effects, like....

*Humility.* I trust God enough to believe that the people he's placed around me have something to teach me.

*Curiosity.* Because I don't know everything, I long to discover *more* of God, the Bible, and the world.

*Witness.* I become more aware that arrogance is a repellant to unbelievers and an inquisitive spirit is winsome.

*Unity.* As I grow in knowledge, I grow in grace toward the members of Christ's body.

I open myself to God and the body of Christ when I admit my own ignorance. Plan specific prompts today to trigger the thought, "I don't know."

(This is a brief excerpt from the book I'm writing, *The Unity of Grace*.)

-Bob Thompson, Pastor