



Corinth

REFORMED CHURCH

You Matter. You Belong. You Serve.

Worship With Us on Sunday, January 30

8:30am Combined Worship (Sanctuary)

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Combined Worship (Sanctuary)

No CORE Kids on 5th Sunday

To prepare for worship, read John 3:22-36.

"The Corinthian"

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Pastors' Prayer List

Health Concerns

- **Sandi Reynolds** jrey1505@centurylink.net
- **Kim Harshaw** kharshaw7@gmail.com
- **Jean Paspas** (Frye) mjpkp0942@gmail.com
- **Julie Settlemire** (Brian Center) send cards to 2159 6th St NE, Hickory, NC, 28601
- **Nicole BuShea** (Marietta, GA) Rosemary's daughter rbushea2011@gmail.com
- **Penny Foster** (Catawba) Keisha Wells' mother Cekhardee@gmail.com
- **Albert O'Connor** (VA Hospital, Martinsburg, WV) Chris' father occonnorbikes2013@gmail.com
- **William Steve Hammer** (Emory Hospital, Atlanta, GA) David Hammer's cousin dave@aluminumnc.com
- **Rosa Espinosa**, Rachel Hammer's friend rachelviolam@hotmail.com

Recent Deaths

- **Debbie Hobart** (Jan 19) kchobart@gmail.com
- **Terry Smith** (Jan 20, Jacksonville, FL) Stacey Thomas' uncle drt@icofjax.com
- **Jim Ferrell** (Jan 24, Bel Air, MD) Christy Moore's father christyf_moore@catawbaschools.net

Families of the Week: George & Deirdre Bolter; Grace Bolter; Justin Bolter; Bill & Sybil Bost; Dora Bost; Nathan Bost; Ted Bost; Connie Bowen (Monica); Eric & Mae Beth Bowen (Ursula & Fae); Lindsay & Sandy Bowen; Marcus & Heather Bowen (Grayson); Phil & Ann Bowman (Jordan)

Coming Up at Corinth

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

Wed 1/26 — Wednesday Night Programs. Join us for dinner (chili, salad, crackers, fruit crisp) at 5:15pm followed by classes for children, adult studies, and Youth Crew.

Fri 1/28 — 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 1/29 — Receiving for Debbie Hobart, 12:30-2pm, Bost Memorial Hall.

Sat 1/29 — Debbie Hobart's Memorial Service, 2pm, Sanctuary. We will have overflow seating in Bost Memorial Hall if needed and the service will be live-streamed, corinthtoday.org/live. Masks are encouraged.

Sun 1/30 — Morning Worship. Join us in person or online, corinthtoday.org/live. We will welcome new members to our Corinth Church family.

- **Combined Worship, 8:30am, Sanctuary.**
- **Combined Worship, 11:00am, Sanctuary.**

Sunday, January 23

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

Offerings: \$148,695 for General Fund
\$158,925 needed by March 31

Ways to Connect

Youth D-Ski-Now. All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to an intense and fun discipleship weekend, February 25-27. Students will be divided by age and gender and stay together in homes in Hickory. This weekend includes a trip to App Ski Mountain to ski/snowboard (\$80) or ice skate (\$60) and 3 meals. Register online by Feb 16, corinthtoday.org/youth.

Dewey A. Houston Scholarship. This college scholarship is available to anyone who is a member of any United Church of Christ church in Catawba County. For more info, email Barb, barb@corinthtoday.org or visit trinitytoday.org. Applications are due by April 8.



5th Annual Love Month

Help us share the LOVE in February!

Collection bins will be in the Rowe Welcome Center. Contact Pastor Amy, amy@corinthtoday.org, with any questions.

- **Feb 6 - Cooperative Christian Outreach Ministries (CCOM).** Copy paper, stamps, manila file folders, toilet paper, paper towels, Walmart gift cards (any amount).
- **Feb 13 - Souper Bowl Sunday.** Bring cash donations for the Hickory Soup Kitchen.
- **Feb 20 - Valley Haven Camp.** Pillows, sleeping bags, snacks (granola bars, chips, etc.), towels.
- **Feb 27 - Pregnancy Care Center.** Paper towels, Lysol wipes, copy paper, masks, toilet paper, tissues, gloves, trash bags, highlighters, dry erase markers, post-it notes, clear leaf bags.



Apologetics Seminar

Dr. Frank Turek

Dynamic Speaker

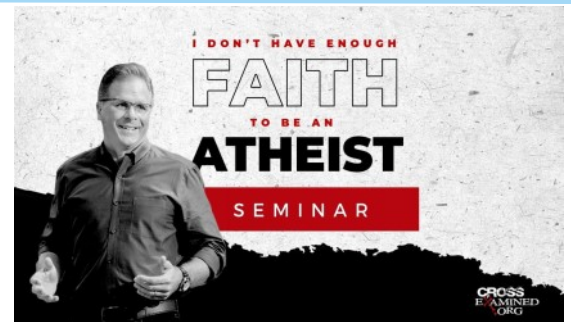
Award-winning Author

Presents Powerful, Entertaining Evidence for Christianity!

Corinth Reformed Church
Wednesday, Feb 16 at 6:30pm

Free Admission. Everyone Welcome!

For more info, visit crossexamined.org



He will address four questions to help establish why Christianity is the most reasonable worldview.

1. Does Truth Exist?
2. Does God Exist?
3. Are Miracles Possible?
4. Is the New Testament True?

Thank You Corinth!

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

Oakwood Elementary School thanks everyone at Corinth who donated gifts for children at Oakwood and made their Christmas brighter.

Corinth staff would like to thank Brandon Brumley for the beautiful aerial picture of the Corinth campus in the snow.

February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am <i>Encountering God</i> Women's Bible 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 Wednesday Night Programming**	3 10am <i>Take Courage</i> Women's Bible Study 10am <i>The Power of God's Name</i> Women's Study	4	5 10am Anxiety Support Group
6 Worship* with Communion Love Month Collection-CCOM	7	8 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am <i>Encountering God</i> Women's Bible Study 1:15pm Women's Prayer 7pm Boards	9 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 9:30am Refresh for Moms 11am Sermon Study Wednesday Night Programming**	10 8am Men's Bible Study 10am <i>Take Courage</i> Women's Bible Study 10am <i>The Power of God's Name</i> Women's Study 7pm Crosstalk (Families Anon.)	11	12
13 Worship* Love Month Collection-Hickory Soup Kitchen	14 2pm GriefShare	15 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am <i>Encountering God</i> Women's Bible Study 1:15pm Women's Prayer 7pm Deacons	16 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 6:30pm Apologetics Seminar-Frank Turek for Adults and Teens Wednesday Night Programming**	17 8am Men's Bible Study 10am <i>Take Courage</i> Women's Bible Study 10am <i>The Power of God's Name</i> Women's Study 6pm Date Night	18	19 10am Anxiety Support Group
20 Worship* Love Month Collection-Valley Haven Camp	21 2pm GriefShare	22 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am <i>Encountering God</i> Women's Bible Study 1:15pm Women's Prayer 7pm Consistory	23 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**	24 8am Men's Bible Study 10am <i>Take Courage</i> Women's Bible Study 10am <i>The Power of God's Name</i> Women's Study 2:30pm American Red Cross Blood Drive 7pm Crosstalk (Families Anon.)	25 Youth D-Now 1pm Craft 'n Connect	26 Youth D-Now
27 Worship* Love Month Collection- Pregnancy Care Center	28 2pm GriefShare	* Worship Schedule 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)		** 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; 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		



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



Pastor's Pen — "I Can Wait"

COVID is both challenging and confirming my fundamental theory about churches – that no church has ever gotten it exactly right, we won't be the first, and that's the way God intended it.

God's plan, apparently, is to pack churches with flawed, wounded, blinded, traumatized, and proud humans who teach, encourage, and irritate each other as they discover and are transformed by God's grace. In the church the Spirit of God streams grace from Jesus into the lives of sinners, where grace then overflows into other sinners down the pew and up the street.

That work of transformation is most often painstakingly slow. If you try to speed it up, you mess it up.

Every phase of the pandemic is a reminder of this basic truth. I'm ready for it to be over, and it will be. But will we be more like Jesus at the end of it?

In *Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?* Philip Yancey writes, "Jesus understood something about God that we impatient types overlook: God acts slowly."

This Sunday during the combined worship services, I'll be updating the timeline toward my retirement. As I reflect back on almost thirty years at Corinth, I remember that not much changed in

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the first few years. Older churches own long traditions, often including the tradition of handling conflict by competing for control. A pastorate has to outlive the conflict in order to change the culture. Urgency is usually the enemy of endurance.

Much good has been accomplished by those who believed change could wait no longer. The Bible does say, "Seek the Lord while he may be found." Patience with change is not an absolute rule.

More often, though, the Bible says something like this: "We wait in hope for the Lord." "It is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord." "If we wait for what we do not have, we wait for it patiently."

"I can wait" needs to be deeply imbedded into our *thinking* so it will influence our *doing* and our *talking* – to anyone but especially to God. The topics include the church's unfinished saints who are driving us crazy and the coronavirus that refuses to retreat. Waiting on the Lord to change things and change people is the essence of the life of faith.

In what situation is God calling you to *think* it until you mean it, "I can wait"?

-Bob Thompson, Pastor