



Corinth

REFORMED CHURCH
You Matter. You Belong. You Serve.

Worship With Us on Sunday, May 2

8:30am Sonrise Worship (Sanctuary)

11:00am Traditional Worship (Front Lawn)

11:00am Contemporary Worship (Bost Memorial Hall)

To prepare for worship, read Ephesians 2:1-10.

Our worship services are livestreamed at corinthtoday.org/live

"The Corinthian"

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Pastors' Prayer List

Health Concerns

- **Rob Collins** (Baptist) 1robcollins@gmail.com
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- **Linda Miconi**, Barb Roithner's sister (St. Elizabeth, Youngstown, OH) barb@corinthtoday.org
- **Shelda Bumgarner**, Sharon Rowe's cousin sharon@corinthtoday.org
- **Greyson Gaines**, Dave Everett's friend's newborn dave@everettchevy.com
- **George David**, Corinth-supported missionary in India is nearing the end of his life

Communion this Sunday. Matzah and grape juice are available for pick-up in the Rowe Welcome Center during office hours this week, for those who wish to participate in communion at home.

Coming Up at Corinth

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

Wed 4/28 — Wednesday Night Activities

- **Wednesday Night Meals, 5:30-6:30pm.** We are offering individual meals to go. Sign up to reserve your meal(s) in advance, bit.ly/2ZMHmRv, and pick up behind Bost Memorial Hall.
- **Women's and Men's Bible Studies and Children's Programs, 6pm.** Sign up is required. Visit corinthtoday.org/now for a list of classes and ways to sign up.
- **Youth CREW, 6pm, Bost Memorial Hall.** All grades 6-12 are invited. No sign up required.

Fri 4/30 — Craft n' Connect, 1pm, Mitchell House Room 106. All women are invited for crafting and conversation. Contact Patter, patter@corinthtoday.org for more info.

Sat 5/1 — HOPE Garden, 9am. Volunteers are needed to help in the garden located behind the Mitchell House. Bring your gloves and water. No sign up required.

Sat 5/1 — Anxiety Support Group, 10am, POTS House.

Sun 5/2 — Morning Worship. Join us in person or online, corinthtoday.org/live. We will celebrate communion in all services.

- **Sonrise Worship, 8:30am, Sanctuary**
- **Traditional Worship, 11am, Sanctuary**
- **Contemporary Worship, 11am, Bost Memorial Hall**

Sun 5/2 — Youth Pick-up Soccer, 3-4:30pm, Front Lawn. All youth grades 6-12 are invited for a friendly soccer scrimmage. Bring a friend and water bottle and be ready for fun!

Sunday, April 25

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

Offerings: \$37,403 for General Fund
\$19,159 needed by April 30

Ways to Connect

Student Life Camp. Rising 7th-12th graders are invited for a week of fellowship and fun, July 25-29 at Ridgecrest. Sign up by May 9 (\$295) or after (\$330). Forms are available in the church office or email Abigail, abigail@corinthtoday.org.

BigStuf Camp. Rising 7th-12th graders can sign up for camp in Panama City Beach, June 21-25. The cost is \$350 per student. Forms are available in the church office or for more info, email Abigail Hardy, abigail@corinthtoday.org.

Summer Confirmation. Rising 7th-12th graders who have not participated in Confirmation classes are invited to Summer Confirmation. Confirmation is the process by which youth can become members of Corinth. Classes will be Wednesday evenings, 4-5:30pm from June 16-August 11. For more info or to sign up, contact Pastor Amy, amy@corinthtoday.org.

Childcare. We are offering childcare for ages 0-5 on Sunday mornings during Sunday School and the 8:30am and 11am worship services. Sign up is required each week at bit.ly/3rSwoq0.

Kids' Sunday School. We are now offering Sunday School for kids grade K-5. Sign up is required, bit.ly/3gbGD5N.

VBS. Registration is now open for VBS at Corinth June 28-July 1 for kids ages 4-rising 5th grade. Sign up at vbspro.events/p/3f358c by May 31. We are also in need of volunteers (rising 7th graders and older). Sign up, bit.ly/3g6pURx. Contact Stephanie Robinson, robinsonsfour@gmail.com for info.

Carolina Caring. The Hospice ministry is in need of dark-colored Twin-XL sheet sets, new bath towel sets, and nutritional supplement cans (Ensure/Boost) for income-challenged patients. For more info or to donate, contact Chaplain Sandi Hood, shood@carolinacaring.org or 828.612.4387.

Graduation Sunday. We will celebrate our graduates on Sunday, May 23. 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, and major (if applicable) to corinthamd@gmail.com by May 2.



On Thursday, April 22, Corinth hosted a COVID vaccine outreach clinic.

We administered 83 vaccines to the community. Thank you to all of the volunteers and healthcare workers that made it a success!



Thank You Corinth!

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

Cathy, Davis, and Olivia Eller are grateful for all the prayers and support through the loss of their husband/father, Doug Eller.

Amanda Freeland truly appreciates the financial help and encouragement Corinth has given to help Tommy, a client in need, get a new start and find hope.

Linda Lail thanks the pastors, Konia Sunday School class and the bereavement team for the wonderful service for her husband, Jerry and the bereavement meal.

Courtney Whittaker is thankful for the COVID vaccination clinic and how easy it was to get her first dose.

A Good Samaritan recipient is blessed to have people at Corinth that care and shared this verse: "Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it." -Hebrews 13:2

May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
* Worship Schedule 8:30am Sonrise Worship (Sanctuary) 11am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) 11am Contemporary Worship (Bost Memorial Hall)			** Wednesday Night Programming 6pm Nursery Care (Birth thru Age 3) Kids' Club (Age 4 thru 5th Grade) Youth CREW (Grades 6-12) Men's Study: Discipleship Class Sermon Series Bible Study			1 10am Anxiety Support Group
2 Worship* 12:15pm Corinth 101	3 2pm GriefShare	4 6:30am Men's Bible Study 8:30am <i>Elijah</i> Study 1:15pm Women's Prayer 6pm Elder- led Prayer 7pm Elders 7pm College Small Group	5 8:30am Men's Bible Study 11am Bible Study & Prayer 5pm Confirmation 6pm <i>Three Women from the Bible</i> Study Wednesday Night Programming**	6 8am Men's Bible Study 10am <i>Get Out of Your Head</i> Study 6:30pm <i>Three Women from the Bible</i> Study	7	8
9 Worship* Mother's Day	10 2pm GriefShare	11 6:30am Men's Bible Study 8:30am <i>Elijah</i> Study 1:15pm Women's Prayer 7pm Boards 7pm College Small Group	12 8:30am Men's Bible Study 11am Bible Study & Prayer 5pm Confirmation 6pm <i>Three Women from the Bible</i> Study Wednesday Night Programming**	13 8am Men's Bible Study 10am <i>Get Out of Your Head</i> Study 6:30pm <i>Three Women from the Bible</i> Study 6:30pm Crosstalk (Families Anon.)	14	15 10am Anxiety Support Group
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23 Worship* 8:30am Confirmation 11am Graduation (Traditional Service)	24	25 6:30am Men's Bible Study 8:30am <i>Elijah</i> Study 11am Preschool Graduation 1:15pm Women's Prayer 7pm Consistory 7pm College Small Group	26 9:30am <i>Esther</i> Precept / In and Out Study	27 10am <i>Get Out of Your Head</i> Study 6:30pm Crosstalk (Families Anon.)	28 1pm Craft n' Connect 6pm UCHS Graduation	29
30 8:30am Combined Service 11am Combined Service with New Members	31 Church Office Closed for Memorial Day					



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Mon-Thurs 9:00am — 4:00pm
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Pastor's Pen — "It's Time"

Here we go! As of Tuesday, April 27, it's official. The Consistory has appointed a Strategic Planning Team whose primary role will be to oversee the process and timeline toward my retirement and the next chapter at Corinth.

I emailed Corinth's members earlier this month, saying that the transition timeline is about 3-5 years. It's unusual for a pastor to announce the timeline this far in advance. It's also intentional on my part. Why?

It's better. When Linda and I announced that we were leaving the last church, we gave them less than three months' notice. It was not enough time to prepare for closure and deal with their grief and ours. The church did not do well in the years after we left. We also felt very dishonest during the Fall of 1992. We were hiding a big secret from people that we loved while we tried to discern if God was calling us to Hickory.

It's a reality check. Every pastor is an interim pastor – others came before me and still others will follow. Our three decades are still only 20% of Corinth's history to date. By God's

grace and unless Christ returns sooner, there will be decades if not centuries ahead for this church. Pretending I'll never retire is unhealthy.

It's about faith. In Ephesians Paul offers a grand vision of what the Church and this church is and what it can become. Passing a baton gives an opportunity to thank God for what he has done and also allows Linda and me to release you to the greater things God will yet do in and through you.

The details of the handoff are rather hazy at the moment. Who will follow Pastor Bob? When and how will the transition unfold? To most questions, at this point we just have to say, "I don't know."

What we do know at the moment is that God has called seven Corinth members to serve on the Strategic Planning Team: Tracey Bolick, Steve Brackett, Bruce Carlton, Jordan Faulkner, Shirley Huffman, Tim Summers, and Roger Young. Please pray for them, encourage them, and join them in trusting our gracious God to use every detail of this transition for the praise of his glory. We'll keep you updated on the progress!

-Bob Thompson, Pastor