



Corinth

REFORMED CHURCH

You Matter. You Belong. You Serve.

Worship With Us on Sunday, May 30

8:30am Sonrise Worship (Sanctuary)

11:00am Combined Worship (Sanctuary)

To prepare for worship, read Ephesians 4:1-16

Our worship services are livestreamed at corinthtoday.org/live

"The Corinthian"

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Pastors' Prayer List

Recent Deaths

- **Shelda Bumgarner**, Sharon Rowe's cousin, 5/19 sharon@corinthtoday.org
- **George David**, mission partner in India, 5/16 davidrajesh@hotmail.com (daughter)

Mission Team

- **Ed Pearce and Hamp Shuford III**, Samaritan's Purse, Whiteville, NC

Health Concerns

- **Joe Condeelis** (surgery 5/25, Iredell) jcycjac@gmail.com
- **Hoppy Huffman** (surgery 5/17) ccc.huffman@gmail.com
- **Benard Ondiek, mission partner** (Kenya) friendsofchrist15@yahoo.com
- **Rob Collins** (rehab) 1robcollins@gmail.com
- **Jennifer Stephens** jkevin3116@gmail.com
- **Charles Moretz** charlesmoretz@gmail.com
- **Matt Rostan** (surgery 5/24, Levine) rostan4@gmail.com

Verse of the Week: "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love." -Ephesians 4:2

Coming Up at Corinth

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

Thu 5/27 — Cross Talk, 6:30pm, Mitchell House Room 204. Open to family/friends who have a loved one battling addiction. Email Dr. Steve Siciliano, drsiciliano@earthlink.net for more info.

Fri 5/28 — Craft n' Connect, 1pm, Mitchell House Room 106. All women are invited for crafting and conversation. Contact Patter, patter@corinthtoday.org, for more info.

Sun 5/30 — Morning Worship. Join us in person or online, corinthtoday.org/live.

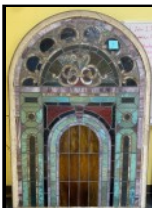
- **Combined Worship, 8:30am, Sanctuary.**
- **Combined Worship, 11am, Sanctuary.** We will welcome new members to Corinth.

Sun 5/30 — Pizza Celebration, 12:15pm, Bost Memorial Hall. Everyone is invited for pizza and fellowship after the 11am worship service to honor our kitchen staff and volunteers. We will have tables set up in Bost Hall or you can gather in the courtyard. No signup required.



Mon 5/31 — Office Closed for Memorial Day.

Tue 6/1 — Elder-led Prayer Time, 6pm, Althouse Room. Everyone is invited to join in prayer for our church, our community, and the world.



Stained Glass Auction. Corinth is auctioning ten 110-year-old stained glass windows from our downtown location. The proceeds will help fund the replacement of the sanctuary doors. For bidding instructions contact the church office at 828.328.6196 or barb@corinthtoday.org. You may view the windows at church during office hours. The auction will end at midnight June 6.

Sunday, May 23

Giving: Online corinthtoday.org/give

Text "Corinth" or "Corinth Legacy" to 73256

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

Offerings:

\$48,264 for General Fund

\$38,790 needed by May 31

Ways to Belong

Men's Golf. All Corinth men are invited to golf on Wednesday evenings over the summer beginning May 26. Meet at Lake Hickory Country Club by 5:45pm. Cost is \$27.50 for non-members, cart included. We will play two-man scramble. RSVP to Nick Carlino, nick_carlino@hotmail.com or 208.659.6787.

Women's Summer Bible Studies. Stay connected with other women at Corinth this summer. Check out corinthtoday.org/women for a list of new studies offered.

VBS. Don't forget to register your kids for VBS at Corinth June 28-July 1! Ages 4-rising 6th grade are welcome to join. Sign up by May 31 at vbspro.events/p/3f358c.

Student Life for Kids Camp. We are taking a group of rising 4th-6th graders to Presbyterian College in SC July 26-29. The cost is \$269 per student. Register by May 26; email Lauren Everley, lauren@corinthpreschool.com.

Ways to Serve

Stephen Ministry. Are you interested in providing one-on-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life? We are preparing for our fall training class now. For more information, contact Pastor Lori, lori@corinthtoday.org.

HOPE Garden. We need volunteers of all ages to help in the garden located behind the Mitchell House on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings 8:30-10:30am and Tuesday afternoons 4:30-6:30pm. We are expanding the garden adding blueberry and blackberry bushes and fig trees. No signup required.

Strong Life Ministry. Strong Life's mission is to address, educate, coordinate, and provide aid and relief to those in poverty and homelessness. They help people rebuild and find employment but are in need of laptops (new or used). If you would like to donate or help with this ministry, visit stronglifenc.org/donate.



On Sunday, May 23, Corinth welcomed 15 confirmands into our church family (pictured left), recognized graduates from the Class of 2021 (pictured below left), and were privileged to hear Psalm 100, a Christian a cappella group, perform in both 11am worship services and an evening concert (pictured below right).

**Thank You Corinth!**

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

The Board of Evangelism thanks everyone who donated gift cards and encouragement cards to the HCAM students.

Jane Duralia is thankful for the generosity from the Good Samaritan Fund that helped her friend with financial support during her move.

Tracy Parsons from Safe Harbor appreciates the generous hospitality Corinth provided to the Whole Woman residents during the renovation of their housing. They were blessed to stay in the Mission House and enjoy the Wednesday Night meals. A special thank you to Cori Thompson and Barb Roithner who made it all possible.

JUNE 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)		1 6:30am Men's Bible Study 1:15pm Women's Prayer 6pm Elder-led Prayer 7pm Elders	2 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Esther Precept Study 11am Sermon Study 6pm <i>Kindness</i> Study	3 8am Men's Bible Study 9:30am <i>Get Out of Your Head</i> Study 6:30pm <i>Get Out of Your Head</i> Study	4	5 10am Anxiety Support Group
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For up-to-date info about what's happening at Corinth, visit corinthtoday.org/now

Families of the Month: Caroline Torres; Jerry Townsend; Charlie & Nikki Tracy (Charlie & Andrew); Chuck & Elizabeth Tracy (Peter); William Tracy; Amber Tramble (Alayna); Jerry & Melinda Travis (Piper); James Treadaway; Jamie & Laura Treadaway; Dawn & Robert Tretsch (Bennett); Tommy & Angie Triplett; John & Dodie Truesdale; Randy & Kim Turner; Michael & Nicole Turnmyre (Mady & Katie); Beth Tysinger; George Ussery; Richard & Patty Valentine; Sabrina Valles; Chris & Monica Van Allsburg (Brynne, Nylah & Skylar); Lynn Van Ess; Doug & Leslee Vance (Paige & Cade); Cathy & Pete Varvaris; Carol Vaughan; Joseph & Cindy Vaughan (Jenna & Alyssa); Sarah Vaughan; Carla Vestal (Sophia); Crissy Vickery; Walt & Carol Von Miller; Melrose Wagner; Denise & David Walden



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Office Hours

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



Pastor's Pen — "Humble and Patient"

The timing of last weekend's church attendance survey and this coming Sunday's verse of the week couldn't be better. Paul writes, "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love" (Ephesians 4:2). The pandemic has clearly given us an opportunity to "bear with one another."

Almost 75% of our survey respondents are fully vaccinated or will be soon and 50% say they're attending regularly now. It's encouraging that 98% say coming to church in person is "important."

Some among us prefer to never hear the words "mask" or "vaccine" again - especially at church. 11% of survey respondents say they are not planning to be vaccinated. One person wants us to stop promoting "vaccine propaganda," which someone else called "the mark of the beast."

On the other end of the spectrum, 14% won't return to church in person until "the pandemic subsides and we feel safer." One person will return to worship "when I am convinced that the unvaccinated will wear masks." Another is concerned about others' "cavalier attitude on safety."

I love this church! Unity in diversity, as the Apostle Paul says, requires effort (Ephesians 4:3).

Part of the effort is listening. We've heard you, and we care. We miss you when you're not in person, no matter why or for how long you're away. One person said, "No one ever contacted us to see how we were." That makes me sad. I'm so sorry.

Effort also means action, and we're on it. We'll start with a pizza lunch after church this Sunday in honor of our kitchen staff and volunteers. We're planning special Sundays all summer long - Father's Day, Children's Sunday, Youth Sunday, Service Week, a pulpit exchange with our friends at Morning Star First Baptist, and more. August 29 we are planning a Sign Up Sundae to get reconnected in classes and groups. September 19 will be Homecoming Sunday with dinner on the grounds.

Would you like to help Corinth reconnect? If you'll call folks we've lost touch with or host a neighborhood gathering in your home, let me know.

We all need to be humble. We have not handled the pandemic perfectly. It's been a struggle, and only time will tell what we should have done differently.

Especially now, we all also need patience. This is Jesus' church. When it comes to bringing us back together, he's on it.

-Bob Thompson, Pastor