



Corinth
 REFORMED CHURCH
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Worship With Us on Sunday, August 29

Watch the Combined Service online anytime after 8am at corinthtoday.org/live.

To prepare for worship, read 1 Samuel 2:1-11.

"The Corinthian"

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Pastors' Prayer List

Health Concerns

- **Gretchen Bost** sblmach@aol.com
- **Beverly Forrest** (surgery Aug 21, Catawba) bnforrest@embarqmail.com
- **Reggie Hefner** (surgery Aug 23, Baptist) regshumaker@gmail.com
- **Charlie Lemons** (surgery Aug 25) crlemons@aol.com
- **Gary Goss** gdgoss@gmail.com
- **Chris Houck** (Watauga Hospital, Boone, NC) Tom Houck's brother thouck@earthlink.net
- **Larry Niederhofer** (Springfield, IL) Peggy Edmunds' brother peggy_0822@yahoo.com

Recent Deaths

- **Pat Harris**, Aug 19 (Newton, Dottie McCaslin's sister) dorismccaslin@hotmail.com

This Week at Corinth

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

Wed 8/25 — Confirmation Orientation, 5pm, Sanctuary. Students entering grade 6 (or older) are invited to participate in the 2022 confirmation class that will start in October and is every Wednesday at 5pm. To register, email Pastor Amy, amy@corinthtoday.org.

Wed 8/25 — Youth Kickoff Event and Parent Meeting, 5:45pm, Bost Memorial Hall. All rising 6-12 graders and their parents are invited. We will have dinner, a brief meeting, and a slip and slide for the kids. Bring a towel and join in the fun!

Fri 8/27 — Craft 'n Connect, 1pm, Mitchell House Room 106. Bring a craft or just come for fellowship. To signup or for more info, email Patter Cross, patter@corinthtoday.org.

Sat 8/28 — Wilderness Ministry, 9am. Join us for the Table Rock Summit hike and meet at the church at 9am to caravan. To RSVP, email Adam Payne, jadam318@yahoo.com.

Sun 8/29 — Morning Worship. Join us online anytime after 8am, corinthtoday.org/live. We will have Sunday school and childcare is available for nursery-5th grade from 9:30-11am.

Sun 8/29 — Virtual Signup. Get connected at Corinth and join a Sunday school class, Bible study, small group, or other ministry. We will have signups and information available at corinthtoday.org/now and encourage you to join to make friendships and grow spiritually. For questions, contact Linda Thompson, linda@corinthtoday.org.



Sunday, August 22

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

Offerings: \$35,021 for General Fund
 \$76,724 needed by August 31

Ways to Connect

Refresh for Moms. Come connect with moms in all stages of life and be encouraged. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month in Bost Memorial Hall from 9:30-11:30am. Join us September 8 as Robin Parish talks about "Standing Firm in the Face of Anxiety." We will have refreshments and childcare is available by signup, office@corinthtoday.org.

Wednesday Night Kid Programs. We will resume Wednesday night classes starting September 8, 6:15-7:30pm. Please make sure your [KidCheck](#) account is up to date and register your child at bit.ly/3kkmE5h.

College Care Packages. Sign up now for your student to receive care packages from Corinth's Student Ministry team. Email the student's name, address, school, year in school and email address to Tanya Russell, tanya@leadstrength.com, by 9/6.

"Save the Date," Corinth Women's Retreat. Join us October 1-2 at the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Jackie Perry. The theme is *Meet Me. Move Me. Mend Me. --Experiencing the Power and Presence of God in Relationships*. For more information, email Linda Thompson, linda@corinthtoday.org.

Ways to Serve

Food Drive. Corinth is hosting a food drive for the Salvation Army August 29-September 12 to help stand up against hunger. Please drop off canned food and non-perishables in the Rowe Welcome Center.

Children's Ministry Volunteers. We are in need of more volunteers for Sunday School, Big City Studio, and Wednesday Nights. These positions range from teaching to assisting. If you would like to help this fall, please contact Hannah Anders, hannah@corinthtoday.org.

Habitat for Humanity Apostle Build. Join the local faith community in helping our neighbors in need. No experience necessary. Corinth Apostle Build workdays are on September 30 and November 6 from 8am-12pm and lunch is provided. Sign up to volunteer, habitatcatawba.volunteerhub.com/lp/corinth/.

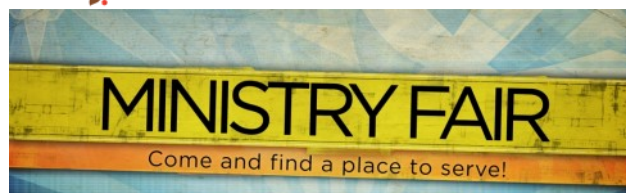
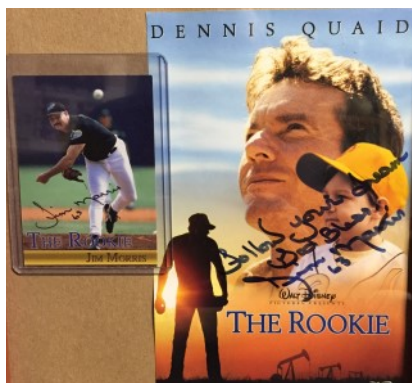
Nursery Workers. We are hiring in the nursery for ages 0-5 on Sundays and Wednesdays. This is a paid position. For more information or to apply, email Hannah, hannah@corinthtoday.org.

Worship on Sunday, August 29

Sunday worship will be online only. Participate in worship at anytime after 8am on Sunday using the link, corinthtoday.org/live. This will be a unique, exciting church service you don't want to miss. Stay tuned for Pastor Bob's emails about some of the surprises we have planned.

Save the Date!

- ◆ September 8 — Wednesday Night Dinner & Wednesday Night Programs Start
- ◆ September 12 — Connection Sunday, Big City for Kids, Women's Fall Festival
- ◆ September 17 — Church Movie Night "The Rookie"
- ◆ September 18 — Meet Jim Morris, the real life Rookie
- ◆ September 19 — Church Lunch and Ministry Fair



September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
** Wednesday Night Programming 5:00pm First Communion (Sept 1-22) 5:15pm Fellowship Dinner 6:15pm Nursery Care (Birth thru Age 3) Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Kids' Club (Age 4 thru 5th Grade) Youth CREW (Grades 6-12) Men's Study: Discipleship Class Sermon Series Bible Study			1 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Women's Bible Study <i>Elijah</i> 11am Sermon Study	2 8am Men's Bible Study	3	4 10am Anxiety Support Group
5 Service Sunday	6 Church Office Closed/Labor Day	7 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Women's Bible Study <i>Nehemiah</i> 1:15pm Women's Prayer 6pm Elder-led prayer 7pm Elders	8 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Women's Bible Study <i>Elijah</i> 9:30am Women's Bible Study <i>Matthew</i> 11am Sermon Study Wednesday Night Programming**	9 8am Men's Bible Study 10am Women's Bible Study <i>The Emotionally Healthy Woman</i> 6:30pm Crosstalk (Families Anon.)	10	11
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For up-to-date info about what's happening at Corinth, visit corinthtoday.org/now

Families of the Month: Nathan & Celia White (Mia & Claire), Patrick & Kirsten White, Steve & Marsha White, Kirk Whitfield (Kamden & Kiley), Elizabeth & Warren Whitley, Matt & Ashlyn Whitt, Lee & Courtney Whittaker (Ethan & Madison), Sharon Wiehrdt, Wes & Tiffany Whitman (William, Lillian, Caleb), Ronnie & Windy Wilcox (Shelby & Riley), Cory & Laura Wiles, Charlie Wilkins, Allan & Diana Williams (Everly, Anniston, Amelia), Frank Williams, Keith & Tarrah Williams (Carter & Emilee), Kelly Williams, Tres & Karen Williams, Martha Willis, Josh & Crystal Wimbish (Josiah & Arie), Chris & Lynn Walker, Peyton Winkler, Bob Winter, Danny & Paula Wittenberg, John & Lisa Wolfe (Alexis), Karl & Carol Wolfe, Shanon & Sarah Wood, Tim & Salem Wood (Adahlyn, Miriam, Lydia), Vivi Wood, Josh & Whitney Worsham (Willow)



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Office Hours

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



Pastor's Pen — "Church is NOT Cancelled!"

"Cancelled" is not the right word for what our Consistory has decided for the next two Sundays – August 29 and September 5. We are, in fact, hoping and praying that worship will be focused, creative, and vital. You'll be watching on a TV or monitor instead of in person, but we still ask you to set aside intentional time for worship.

Why have we taken this step now, when everything was opening up? The primary reason is to call attention to the plight of our area hospitals and healthcare workers. As of Monday, August 23, there were 12 available in-patient beds at our five area hospitals (Boone, Lenoir, Morganton, and two in Hickory) and NO critical care beds available. The percentage of hospital beds currently devoted to COVID patients ranges from 18-34%. At the same time, our healthcare systems are short-staffed, for multiple reasons.

How much difference will it make to the hospitals if one church decides to have online-only services? The direct impact may be negligible, but we've heard all along that mass indoor gatherings can become super-spreader events. This step also allows us to focus attention, prayer, and practical cautions in other settings. We can all do our part. Greater attentiveness could make a difference to any

one of us if hospital beds are occupied and medical staff are too busy or too exhausted to care for emergencies, life-threatening crises, and surgeries.

At Corinth, we have not elected at this time to alter the schedule for Sunday School classes, small groups, or other activities. We do ask that groups meeting encourage protective measures such as masks and social distancing. It's also an option for Sunday School classes that meet these two Sundays to livestream the worship service into their classroom.

There are also steps that individuals can take. Vaccinated or not, everyone has a responsibility to proactively address their own health needs. COVID carries far greater risk for those with underlying conditions, so now's a good time to lose weight, exercise more, stop smoking, and pay extra attention to sound medical advice about other threats to overall health. We can reduce the spread of COVID, flu, colds, and other transmissible diseases with good hygiene, disinfected surfaces, masks, and social distancing.

It's not only "church" that's not cancelled. Compassion isn't cancelled. Humility isn't cancelled. Responsibility isn't cancelled. And most of all, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, joy in the Holy Spirit, and trust in our Heavenly Father – none of them are cancelled. They're needed now more than ever.

- Bob Thompson, Pastor

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