



Corinth

REFORMED CHURCH

You Matter. You Belong. You Serve.

Worship With Us on Sunday, December 5

- 8:30am Sonrise Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship (Bost Memorial Hall)
- 11:00am CORE Kids Worship (Student Center)

To prepare for worship, read Revelation 5:1-14; Isaiah 11:1-10.

"The Corinthian"

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Pastors' Prayer List

Health Concerns

- **Jack McGrath**, John and Julie's son, jmcgrath10@gmail.com
- **Carol Cheslock** curiousinct@att.net
- **Ann Bowman** jordansmom51@gmail.com
- **Steven Sadlak** (Hospitalized in Saginaw, MI) trishagoble@gmail.com
- **Louw Family**, Dave Walker's family, doak99@gmail.com
- **Bonnie Watkins**, Kevin Watkins' mother, kevin@corinthtoday.org

Recent Deaths

- **Rose Howard** (Nov 18) Kim's mother, wkimhoward@gmail.com
- **Noah Shipwash** (Nov 14, Lexington) Scott and Melissa Bowman's daughter-in-law's brother, bowmantireandauto@gmail.com
- **Will Stephens**, Bill Bost's grandson
- **Janette Bumgarner** (Nov 28) Glenda's mother, ggserenityb@gmail.com
- **Albert Corwen** (Nov 28, Iowa) Sue and Dave Walker's family, sws923w@gmail.com
- **Joe Dak Ferrell** (Nov 29, Myrtle Beach, SC) Lori Blocker's cousin, lori@corinthtoday.org

Families of the Week: Craig & Donna Atwood (Ethan); Sarah Atwood; Edward & Joan Auten; Jon & Eszter Bailey (Mathias & Claire); Marc & Jenny Bailey; Mark & Donna Bailey; Steve & Tonya Bailey; Don Baker; Derrick Baretzky; Diane Baretzky; Libby Barger



Communion elements are available in the Welcome Center this week during office hours and on Saturday from 9am-5pm for those who wish to participate at home.

Coming Up at Corinth

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

Wed 12/1 — Wednesday Night Programs. Join us for dinner (hot chicken salad, green beans, rolls, cookies) at 5:15pm followed by classes for children, adult studies, and Youth Crew.

Fri 12/3 — Young at Heart & Prime Time Singles Lunch, 11:30am, Althouse Room. Join us for a Christmas lunch. Please bring a donation for Meals on Wheels. RSVP to the office, 828.328.6196 or barb@corinthtoday.org.

Fri 12/3 — Fall Organ Recital, 12:30pm, Sanctuary. Join us for a free organ recital featuring Dr. Peter Corneliussen and vocalist, Jordan Randall.

Sun 12/5 — Morning Worship. Join us in person or online, corinthtoday.org/live. We will celebrate Communion in all services.

Sun 12/5 — Jesus' Birthday Party, 4-6pm, Bost Memorial Hall. Join us for a family Christmas celebration. Enjoy pizza, birthday cake, snacks, and hot chocolate while decorating gingerbread houses. To RSVP visit, bit.ly/JesusBirthdayParty.

Sunday, November 28

Giving: Online corinthtoday.org/give

Text "Corinth" or "Corinth Legacy" to 73256

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

Offerings:

\$53,301 for General Fund

\$262,158 needed by December 31

Ways to Connect

Preschool Registration. Corinth Weekday Preschool will open registration for the 2022-23 school year for Corinth members and currently enrolled students this month. Registration will open to the public in January. Pick up forms in the church office or contact Lauren Everley, lauren@corinthpreschool.com.

Poinsettias. Order by Dec 6. Pay online, \$14 each, (designate "poinsettia") or contact the office, 828.328.6196 or barb@corinthtoday.org, and indicate how you wish for it to be listed in the bulletins (in memory of / in honor of).

Corinth 101. This 4-week class begins Dec 5 and will meet two Sundays in Dec and two in Jan following the 11am services. It is required for membership, but open to anyone who wants to learn more about the church. To sign up, email Pastor Bob, bob@corinthtoday.org.

StrongLife Ministry. We are collecting new or gently used backpacks for individuals in poverty or homeless. Please bring backpacks to the Welcome Center by Dec 12.

Altar Flowers. Sign up now to provide altar flowers for 2022, bit.ly/altarflowers22. For more info, email Barb, barb@corinthtoday.org.

Hickory Choral Society. Corinth will host Christmas concerts on Dec 10, 7:30pm, Dec 11, 3pm and 7:30pm and Dec 12, 3pm. Reservations and masks are required. Please contact the Hickory Choral Society, 828.322.2210.

Exodus Missionary Outreach Church. Join us at Exodus Church (1763 Highland Ave NE) on Sunday, Dec 5 at 4pm for a dedication of the new kitchen and Fellowship Hall and welcome reception into the United Church of Christ.

Youth Skate. All youth, grades 6-12 are invited to a Tacky Christmas Skate party on Dec 14 at 6:30pm at Skateland. Please bring \$5 and wear your tackiest Christmas gear.

Active Military. Every year in our Candlelighting bulletins we recognize all members of Corinth and their immediate family members who are serving active duty in the military. Email the individual's name and branch of service to barb@corinthtoday.org by December 13.

Memorial Christmas Tree. We will provide ornaments for you to write your loved one's name and favorite memory to hang on the tree in the Welcome Center. If you have additional prayer needs, email Pastor Lori, lori@corinthtoday.org.



The Christmas Tree Lighting on Sunday night was beautiful. We began the season of Advent with music, lights, fellowship, hot chocolate and cookies.

"The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him."

- John 1:9-10

Pick up a free copy of Corinth's Advent Devotional Booklet in the Narthex, Bost Hall, Welcome Center, or church office.

Thank You Corinth!


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

Brenda Stevens from Big House Family Ministries, appreciates all the donations for the pajama drive. We collected \$1,238 along with the pjs for this amazing ministry. If you would like to know more about serving foster families in Catawba County, contact Brenda, bighousewelcomes@gmail.com.

Kevin Watkins is thankful for everyone who gave to the College Care Packages. We were able to give over \$1,000 worth of gift cards to encourage and love on our college students.

Corinth thanks the Board of Community Life for providing hot chocolate and cookies at the Tree Lighting and for always being hospitable at Corinth events.

December 2021

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Women's Bible Study <i>Elijah</i> 11am Sermon Study Wednesday Night Programming** | 2 8am Men's Bible Study | 3 11:30am Young at Heart/Prime Time Singles Lunch 12:30pm Organ Recital | 4 10am Anxiety Support Group |
| 5 Worship* Communion (All Services) 12:15pm Corinth 101 4pm Jesus' Birthday Celebration/ Gingerbread Houses | 6 2pm Griefshare | 7 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Women's Bible Study <i>Get Out of Your Head</i> 1:15pm Women's Prayer | 8 8:30am Men's Bible Study 11am Sermon Study Wednesday Night Programming** | 9 8am Men's Bible Study 6:30pm Crosstalk (Families Anon.) | 10 7:30pm Hickory Choral Society Christmas Concert | 11 3pm & 7:30pm Hickory Choral Society Christmas Concert |
| 12 Worship* 12:15pm Corinth 101 3pm Hickory Choral Society Christmas Concert 5pm Contemporary Candlelighting | 13 2pm Griefshare 7:30pm St. Stephens High School Christmas Concert | 14 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9am Women's Bible Study <i>Get Out of Your Head</i> 1:15pm Women's Prayer | 15 8:30am Men's Bible Study 11am Sermon Study No Wednesday Night Programming | 16 8am Men's Bible Study 2pm Griefshare/ Surviving the Holidays 6pm Date Night | 17 1pm Craft 'n Connect | 18 10am Anxiety Support Group 5pm Outdoor Candlelighting Service |
| 19 Worship* 4:30pm Traditional Candlelighting Service | 20 | 21 6:30am Men's Bible Study 1:15pm Women's Prayer 6pm Deacons 7pm Consistory | 22 No Wednesday Night Programming | 23 6:30pm Crosstalk (Families Anon.) | 24 Church Office Closed/Holiday 5pm Christmas Eve Service 10pm Moravian Love Feast | 25 Christmas Day  |
| 26 Worship* 8:30am & 11am Combined Services | 27 Church Office Closed/Holiday | 28 6:30am Men's Bible Study | 29 No Wednesday Night Programming | 30 | 31 | |

For up-to-date information about what's happening at Corinth, visit corinthtoday.org/now

*** Worship Schedule**

8:30am Sonrise Worship (Sanctuary)
 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
 11:00am Contemporary Worship (Bost Memorial Hall)
 11:00am CORE Kids Worship (Abernethy Student Center)

**** Wednesday Night Programming**

5:00pm Confirmation
 5:15pm Fellowship Dinner
 6:15pm Nursery Care (Birth thru Age 3)
 Women's Bible Study
 6:30pm CORE Kids (Age 4 thru 5th Grade)
 Youth CREW (Grades 6-12)
 Men's Study: Discipleship Class
 Sermon Series Bible Study



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Office Hours

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



Pastor's Pen — "It's Time"

The first recorded words of Jesus in Mark's gospel are, "The time has come. The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

From the moment Jesus began to unveil his identity and mission in Galilee until today in Hickory, these words are always true: "It's time."

Advent annually redirects our focus on the kingdom of God. The King has come, is here, and will come again. It's time for change and trust.

The Church, including our church, has filled our lives with more activities, distractions, and idols, with the pandemic as a convenient excuse. Collectively we are less attentive to God, each other, and a world in need of the Good News.

What specifically have I noticed? Less engagement with church life, less responsiveness to others' needs, less willingness to volunteer. More seclusion, more family conflict, more addiction issues, more anxiety, more focus on things, more insecurity, more frustration, more excuses.

The Advent season is a renewed call to deep self-examination. If Jesus is who he said he is

(Son of David, Son of God), and if he did everything needed to reconcile us to God – then it's *always* time to repent and believe.

As I write this, I'm also aware that December can be a tough time to renew our disciplines. All of us – myself included – are overwhelmed with more things to do and people to engage than usual. It doesn't feel like the time is now for a deep spiritual inventory. For some, January might be too late. For most, it's OK to take this month and begin to pray over what must change as the New Year dawns.

Let me tell you what I'm doing, starting December 1. I plan to read a new book called [*Do It for a Day: How to Make or Break Any Habit in 30 Days*](#), by a pastor named Mark Batterson. He suggests reading a chapter (10 minutes) each day. That I can do. That I must do.

If that's not your strategy, what is? Now is the time to reject a passive approach to my intimacy with Jesus and passion to serve him. If the kingdom of God is already here and coming soon, it's time to repent and believe.

-Bob Thompson, Pastor