



Corinth

REFORMED CHURCH
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Worship With Us on Sunday, December 26

8:30am Combined Worship (Sanctuary)

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Combined Worship (Sanctuary)

To prepare for worship, read Luke 2:25-35.

"The Corinthian"

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Pastors' Prayer List

Health Concerns

- **Debbie Hobart** cvyounglife@gmail.com
- **Sandi Reynolds** jrey1505@centurylink.net
- **Cheryl Rhea** cheryl.rhea@n-ccs.org
- **Philip Bracewell** bracewell70@charter.net

Recent Deaths

- **Melrose Wagner** (Dec 14, Dallas, PA)
- **Lib Mundy** (Dec 17) Glenda Bumgarner's aunt ggserenityb@gmail.com
- **Adam Seth Benton** (Dec 18) Len and Katrina's son kbenton43@gmail.com

Other Prayers

- **Gena Small** will be serving in Kentucky with Samaritan's Purse Jan 2-23.

Families of the Week: Jonathan Birchfield & Dana Chambers; Keith & Jennifer Black (Alex, Levi, Arianna, Oliver); Page Blackwelder; Clay Blackwell; Dee & Susan Blackwell; Evan & Nancy Bledsoe (William); Olivia Bledsoe; Thomas Bledsoe; Rob & Julie Bliss; Chris Bliven; Aaron & Stephanie Blizzard; Curtis Blocker

Coming Up at Corinth

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

Thu 12/23 — 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 info.

Fri 12/24 — Office Closed. Merry Christmas!

Fri 12/24 — Christmas Eve Service, 5pm, Sanctuary. Join us for a family-friendly Christmas service. We will collect donations for the Pregnancy Care Center. Please bring diapers, wipes, blankets, toys, etc. to place in the manager with baby Jesus. We will have childcare for ages 0-4. The service will be livestreamed at corinthtoday.org/live.

Fri 12/24 — Christmas Eve Moravian Love Feast, 10pm, Sanctuary. Join us for a service of praise, prayer, Scripture, and the sharing of food. The service will be livestreamed at corinthtoday.org/live.

Sun 12/26 — Morning Worship. Join us in person or online, corinthtoday.org/live.

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

Mon 12/27 — Office Closed and No Newsletter this week. Merry Christmas!

Fri 12/31 — Office Closed. Happy New Year!

Sun 1/2 — Morning Worship. Join us in person or online, corinthtoday.org/live. We will celebrate communion in all services.

- **Sonrise Worship, 8:30am, Sanctuary.**
- **CORE Kids, 11:00am, Abernethy Student Center.** Worship for children in grades K-5.
- **Traditional Worship, 11:00am, Sanctuary.**
- **Contemporary Worship, 11:00am, Bost Memorial Hall.**

Sunday, December 19

Giving: Online corinthtoday.org/give

Text "Corinth" or "Corinth Legacy" to 73256

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

Offerings:

\$36,697 for General Fund

\$108,786 needed by December 31

Ways to Connect

Adult Classes & Studies. Corinth has new classes and studies starting in January. Sign up now and get connected in 2022, corinthtoday.org/adults.

Preschool Registration. Corinth Weekday Preschool is registering 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.

Refresh for Moms. All moms are invited on Wednesday, Jan 12 at 9:30am in Bost Memorial Hall. We welcome speakers Angela and Scott Hunter for a conversation about "Standing Firm in your Marriage." Join us for food, fellowship, and friendship. Free childcare available, bit.ly/refreshnursery.

Connection Sunday. Join us on Sunday, Jan 9 after the 8:30am and 11am worship services to learn more about ways to connect at Corinth. We will have refreshments and info about ways to serve and belong in small groups. For more info, email Patter, patter@corinthtoday.org.

Cub Scouts. Corinth is re-chartering Troop 1 and invites boys in grades K-5 to join! For more info, contact John Morrison, john.david.morrison@gmail.com.

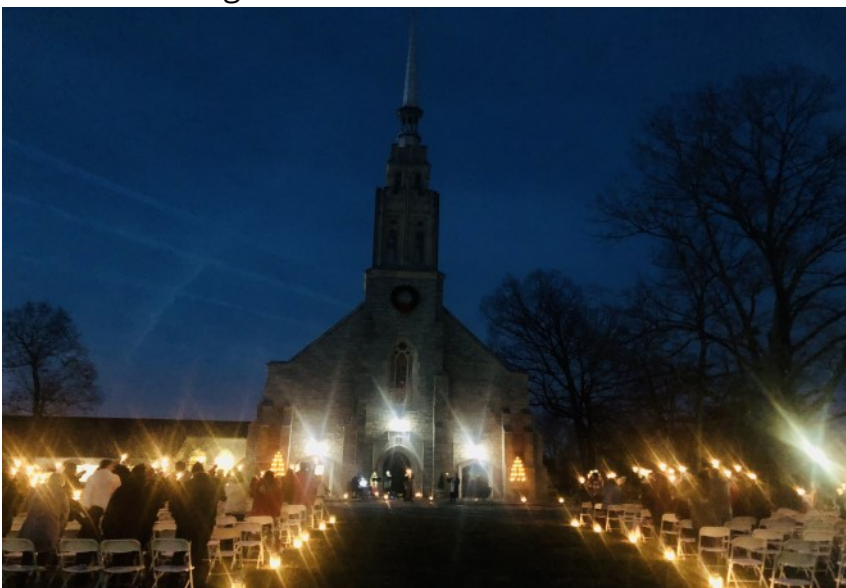
Altar Flowers. Sign up now to provide altar flowers for 2022, bit.ly/altarflowers22. For more info, email Barb, barb@corinthtoday.org.

Afghan Refugee Volunteers. If you are interested in joining a team of volunteers to help place a refugee Afghan family in Hickory or want to know more about ways to help, contact Dr. Michael Cotton, michaelcottonmd@gmail.com.

Corinth hosted two beautiful Candlelight Services over the weekend.



"Christ is the true Light of the world. He shines into our darkness with a light that cannot be put out. All who believe in Him have eternal life. As we light our candles, we once more joyfully receive our Savior and promise to light the world with His love!"



Thank You Corinth!

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

Karen Weishuhn is grateful that Corinth streams the worship services so she could watch her grandchildren perform in the Children's Christmas pageant.

Mark Thomas is thankful that Corinth is more than just another church — it's a home, full of caring hearts and welcoming arms.

Peggy Edmunds enjoyed the tree lighting and loves how beautiful Corinth looks with lights.

Corinth thanks the kitchen staff and all the volunteers for feeding us so well in 2021 and we look forward to more delicious church meals in 2022.

January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 10am Anxiety Support Group
2 Worship* with Communion	3	4 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am <i>Encountering God</i> Women's Bible Study 1:15pm Women's Prayer	5 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**	6 8am Men's Bible Study	7	8
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30 8am Men's Breakfast 8:30am Combined Worship 11am Combined Worship with New Members	31	<p align="center">* Worship Schedule</p> <p>8:30am Sunrise Worship (Sanctuary) 11am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) 11am Contemporary Worship (Bost Memorial Hall) 11am CORE Kids Worship for Grades K-5 (Abernethy Student Center)</p>				<p align="center">** Wednesday Night Programming</p> <p>5:00pm Confirmation 5:15pm Fellowship Dinner 6:00pm Men's Bible Study 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 Kids' Club (Age 4 thru 5th Grade) Youth CREW (Grades 6-12) Sermon Series Bible Study</p>



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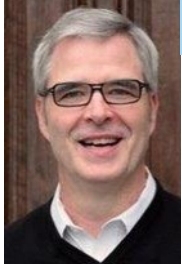
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Fri 9:00am — 12:00pm



Pastor's Pen — "Happy New Year!"

Most of you will read these reflections, if you read them at all, just before or after Christmas. But this is the last "Pastor's Pen" before the calendar flips to 2022, and it's time to think ahead.

None of us knows what's ahead. A year ago who would have predicted the Capitol assault, the Taliban takeover, the Omicron variant, or the Mayfield tornadoes?

As far as we know, most of us have at least one more year. How will 2022 be different?

I've determined one way it will be different for me. Email is dropping down the list of my priorities. My Inbox like yours fills up everyday with a mix of the urgent and the casual, the important and the trivial, the essential and the unsolicited. (The same daily range exists for most of us on other screens or in print.)

The Apostle Paul said, "Make the most of every chance you get. These are desperate times! Don't live carelessly, unthinkingly. Make sure you understand what the Master wants" (Ephesians 5:16-17, *The Message*).

In 2022 I want to give greater priority to reading and writing. The last few years I have increasingly treated email as my most critical

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priority. Soon if you email me, you'll get an auto response that says, "I answer emails mostly in the afternoon."

What inspired me to adjust my daily schedule was reading a chapter every day this month in Pastor Mark Batterson's book, *Do It for a Day: How to Make or Break Any Habit in 30 Days*. I don't like everything about the book, but every page has challenged me to think differently about daily priorities (aka habits). If you haven't picked up a copy and don't know how to order one, contact the church office. We'll get one to you.

Batterson prodded me in multiple ways. In chapter 21, for example, he said, "Change the routine." I need to delay most email responses until after I complete higher morning priorities – devotions and prayer, workout, time with Linda, strategic planning, reading, and writing.

Don't wait until January 1 to set so-called "New Year's resolutions." Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you now into breaking bad habits and embracing new ones to "make the most of every chance you get" to do "what the Master wants."

Happy New Year! And Merry Christmas.

- Bob Thompson, Pastor