



Corinth

REFORMED CHURCH

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Worship With Us on Sunday, December 4

8:30am Combined Worship (Sanctuary)

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Combined Worship (Sanctuary)

11:00am No CORE Kids on Combined Sunday

Join us online, corinthtoday.org/live

Sunday's Scripture: Romans 5:9-14; Luke 1:11-17.

Preaching This Week: Pastor Bob and Pastor Paul

"The Corinthian"

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Pastors' Prayer List

Congratulations

- **Graham William Renno** born Nov 26 to Drew and Emma Renno. Proud grandparents are Angie and Bill Burnham. emmadanzey@gmail.com

Recent Deaths

- **Jonas Jesper Andreasson** (Nov 18) stillborn son of Martin and Dana dana@orangecatphoto.com
- **Charlene E.** (Nov 18) Jenny Elliott's sister jlelliott79@gmail.com
- **Jane Hunsucker** (Nov 19) ghunsucker1@yahoo.com
- **Donald Eugene Beard, Sr.** (Nov 20) Donny's father donnybeard@charter.net
- **Leonard Griffin** (Nov 21) Adam Payne's step-father jadam318@yahoo.com
- **Carol Ketcham** (Nov 24) Bruce Ketcham's sister-in-law bketcham75@gmail.com

Health Concerns

- **Josh Hexemer** (surgery Nov 28, Levine in Charlotte) dawnhanzlik@yahoo.com
- **Bill Albright** (Frye) billalbright.wa@gmail.com
- **Rob Collins** (Catawba) 1robcollins@gmail.com
- **Stan Sturgess** (Catawba) ncsturgess@gmail.com
- **Colleen Tillery** tillery209@gmail.com
- **John Everley** (Wilkes Medical Center) Matt Everley's father matt@medesignlab.com
- **Rhonda Mason Cunningham** (Tulsa, OK) Kenny Mason's niece kenmason2@att.net
- **Helen Leonard**, Jon Piland's grandmother jonathan.c.piland@gmail.com

Families of the Week: Leslie King (Sophie & Brooke); Johnny & Bobbie Kirby (Tessa & Riley); Karan Kirby; Willi & Jeanne Klappert; Tom & Pat Klecha; Ken & Janice Kleva; Andrew Knighton; Dan & Kelley Koch; Kevin & Teresa Konecny; Danielle & Lucas Kovascitz (Noah & June); Nate & Philene Krogel (Noah, Benjamin, Hudson & Emersyn)

Coming Up at Corinth

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

Wed 11/30 — Wednesday Night Programs. Dinner (pork roast and rice) starts at 5:15pm followed by classes for adults, children, and youth. Learn more, corinthtoday.org/Wednesday.

Sun 12/4 — Retirement Lunch, 12:30pm, Bost Memorial Hall. Join us for a lunch to celebrate Linda Thompson's 25 years of service to Corinth.

Sun 12/4 — Jesus' Birthday Party, 4pm, Bost Memorial Hall. Enjoy pizza and hot chocolate while decorating gingerbread houses. To RSVP or to volunteer visit, bit.ly/corechristmas22.

Sun 12/4 — Tree Lighting, 6pm, Front Lawn. Welcome Advent with Christmas lights. Come enjoy beautiful lights, music, and refreshments.



Sunday, November 27

Giving: Online corinthtoday.org/give

Text "Corinth" to 73256

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

Offerings: \$68,805 for General Fund

\$183,280 needed by December 31

Ways to Connect and Serve

Preschool Registration. Corinth Weekday Preschool will open registration for the 2023-24 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.

Bible Overview Class. This Sunday, Dec 4, Pastor Bob begins his last Sunday School class. If you are looking for a beginner's overview, need a refresher course, have Bible questions, or just want to reconnect, email Pastor Bob, bob@corinthtoday.org to sign up.

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. Please email the individual's name and branch of service to barb@corinthtoday.org by December 12.



Christmas Movie. During Wednesday Night programs at Corinth on Dec 14, we will be showing *The Star* (PG). For questions, email Hannah, hannah@corinthtoday.org.

Date Night. We'll have an Elves' Night Out on Thursday, Dec 15, 6-8:30pm. Use this time for last minute shopping or just spend quality time together. Childcare is provided; RSVP, bit.ly/decdatenight22.

Shoebox Processing. We are still in need of volunteers to help at Operation Christmas Child headquarters in Boone on Thursday, Dec 15, 1-5pm; Friday, Dec 16, 9am- 1pm; Saturday, Dec 17, 1-6pm to process donated shoeboxes before they are shipped. Volunteers must be 13+. For more info or to sign up, contact Pastor Amy, amy@corinthtoday.org.



Advent Devotionals. Pick up a free copy in the Narthex, Bost Memorial Hall, Rowe Welcome Center, or church office. To receive the daily devotions by email, contact Patter, patter@corinthtoday.org.

Hickory Choral Society
CHRISTMAS Concert
 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 7:30PM
 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 3PM & 7:30PM
 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 3PM
 FOR TICKETS OR QUESTIONS
 CALL 828-322-2210

CORINTH CANDLELIGHT SERVICES
 Contemporary Service & Children's Christmas Pageant
 Saturday, December 17 at 4:30PM
 Traditional Service
 Sunday, December 18 at 4:30PM

CHRISTMAS AT CORINTH
 JOIN US IN WORSHIP
 CHRISTMAS EVE
 SATURDAY, DEC 24
 5pm Family-Friendly Service
 10pm Moravian Love Feast

Thank You Corinth!

To thank Corinth members for anything, please email barb@corinthtoday.org.

Erica Grace is thankful for the prayers and help with rides to church. New connections were made and she was blessed by the Corinth community.

Jerry and Fran Coffey appreciate the kindness and help after their car accident.

Pastor Kevin appreciates everyone who donated to the College Ministry gift cards and helped to bless our students during their exams.



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December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Office Hours For routine matters, call the church office at 828.328.6196, Mon-Thu 9-4; Fri 9-12. For pastoral care emergencies, call 828.222.6574 to reach a pastor or elder 24/7.				1 10am Women's Bible Study	2	3 10am Anxiety Support Group
4 Communion 8:30am & 11am Combined Services 12:15pm Linda Thompson Luncheon 4pm Jesus' Birthday /Gingerbread Houses 6pm Tree Lighting	5 2pm Griefshare	6 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Women's Bible Study 1:15pm Women's Prayer 6pm Elders	7 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:15am Women's Bible Study **Wednesday Night Programming	8 8am Men's Bible Study 6pm Preschool Parents' Night 6:30pm Crosstalk	9 7:30pm Hickory Choral Society Christmas Concert	10 3pm & 7:30pm Hickory Choral Society Christmas Concert
11 *Worship 3pm Hickory Choral Society Christmas Concert 6pm Middle School Girls Small Group 6pm Senior High Small Group	12 2pm Griefshare 7:30pm St. Stephen's High School Christmas Concert	13 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Women's Bible Study 1:15pm Women's Prayer 7pm Boards	14 8:30am Men's Bible Study **Wednesday Night Programming	15 8am Men's Bible Study 6pm Date Night 7pm Arndt Middle School Concert	16 1pm Craft 'n Connect	17 10am Anxiety Support Group 4:30pm Contemporary Candlelighting/Christmas Pageant
18 *Worship 4:30pm Traditional Candlelighting Service 6pm Middle School Girls Small Group 6pm Senior High Small Group	19	20 6:30am Men's Bible Study 1:15pm Women's Prayer 7pm Consistory	21 No Wednesday Night Programming	22 6:30pm Crosstalk	23 Church Office Closed	24 5pm Christmas Eve Service 10pm Moravian Love Feast
25 Christmas Day 10am Combined Service 	26 Church Office Closed	27 6:30am Men's Bible Study	28 No Wednesday Night Programming	29	30	31

***Worship Schedule**

- 8:30am Sonrise Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11am Contemporary Worship (Bost Memorial Hall)
- 11am CORE Kids Worship for grades K-5 (Abernethy Student Center)

**** Wednesday Night Programming**

- 5:00pm Confirmation
- 5:15pm Fellowship Dinner
- 6:15pm Nursery Care (birth thru age 3)
- 6:15pm Women's Bible Study
- 6:15pm Divorce Care
- 6:30pm CORE Kids (age 4 - 5th grade)
- Youth CREW (grades 6 -12)
- Men's Bible Study
- Sermon Series Bible Study
- Chancel Choir Practice



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Office Hours

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



Pastor's Pen — "The Loves of My Life"

Oh, how I love your law!

I meditate on it all day long. (Psalm 119:97)

I've always loved the Bible. My older siblings recall 7-year-old Bobby sitting on my bed and reading the Bible. I still own the Thompson Chain Reference Bible my parents gave me for my 15th birthday, well-marked from cover to cover. A half-century later, my favorite thing about ministry is exploring and explaining the Bible. See "Bible Overview" elsewhere in this newsletter about the class I will lead starting this Sunday.

Set me as a seal upon your heart...

For love is as strong as death. (Song of Songs 8:6)

My love for the Bible is how I met Linda. The passion to study and communicate Scripture is what led me to enroll in Columbia Bible College, where both Linda and I earned a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Education. Every enduring relationship has one or more shared passions – movies, travel, outdoors, reading – something they both love.

Our shared commitment to know the Lord through his Word instigated and sealed our love. "Rohrer" and "Thompson" were close enough in

our alphabetically assigned seats that we often "happened" to see each other on campus.

This week as Linda comes to the formal close of her separate but yoked career, I find myself grateful again for the incredible privilege of sharing Scripture together. While we have rarely been in the same room teaching the Bible, we both know that's what the other is doing.

Husbands, love your wives

As Christ loved the church. (Ephesians 5:25)

Jesus loved the church. He died to create and sustain the church. He still loves the church. The bride of Christ is the third love of my life, and it too has only extended and deepened my love for Linda and the Bible. You who are reading this – you are the church, not a building or an abstraction. You are those Jesus loves, whom we love, and who have loved us well.

To enjoy a lifetime of three great loves is a rare privilege. Thanks for making it possible.

-Bob Thompson, Pastor