



# Corinth

REFORMED CHURCH

*You Matter. You Belong. You Serve.*

## Worship With Us on Sunday, February 5

- 8:30am Sunrise Worship (Sanctuary)
  - 9:45am Sunday School
  - 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
  - 11:00am Contemporary Worship (Bost Memorial Hall)
  - 11:00am CORE Kids (Abernethy Student Center)
- Join us online, [corinthtoday.org/live](http://corinthtoday.org/live)

*Sunday's Scripture: Luke 6:27-36*

Preaching This Week: Pastor Bob and Pastor Paul

"The Corinthian"

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### Pastors' Prayer List

#### Congratulations

- **Lila Esther Sharp** born January 30 to Jon and Gillian Sharp [jonshbrp@gmail.com](mailto:jonshbrp@gmail.com)

#### Recent Deaths

- **Elsie Peterson** (Jan 20, Northwest, NC) friend of Barbara and Beverly Bell [bj2bell@aol.com](mailto:bj2bell@aol.com)

#### Health Concerns

- **Angela Mason** [11angela11@att.net](mailto:11angela11@att.net)
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- **Phil Mumford** [caringbridge.org/visit/philmumford](http://caringbridge.org/visit/philmumford)
- **Butch Parker**, brother of Ronnie Parker [ronniwparker@bellsouth.net](mailto:ronniwparker@bellsouth.net)

**Families of the Week:** Tiffany Martin, David & Judy Marzean (David), Kenny & Angela Mason, Andrew & Katie (Mathewson) Lackey, Angelina Matthews, Nick & Alaura Matthews (Ava, Leilani Marie, Evelyn, Kai), Cathy May, Rick & Barbara Mayfield, Gray McAllister, Trystan McClain, Scott McDade (Brooke & Sophie), Zack McDade, Kip & Myra McDonough (Harrison & Alice), Elliot McEwen, Emi McEwen, Rob & Jenny McEwen

### Coming Up at Corinth

For updates and more details, visit [CorinthToday.org/now](http://CorinthToday.org/now) and [Facebook.com/CorinthReformed](https://Facebook.com/CorinthReformed).

**Wed 2/1 — Wednesday Night Programs.** Dinner (tacos) starts at 5:15pm followed by classes for adults, children, and youth. Learn more, [corinthtoday.org/Wednesday](http://corinthtoday.org/Wednesday).

**Fri 2/3 — Tacos and Trivia, 6-8pm, Althouse Room.** All young adults (20s & 30s) are invited to a fun night of Tacos and Trivia. Sign up for childcare, [bit.ly/tacosandtriviajan](http://bit.ly/tacosandtriviajan) by Feb 1.

**Mon 2/6 — Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1:30pm, Mitchell House Room 301.** Anyone interested in helping with this ministry is welcome. For more info, contact Angela Mason, [11angela11@att.net](mailto:11angela11@att.net).

**IF GOD WHY EVIL?**

Guest Speaker:  
**Dr. Frank Turek**

**Wednesday, Feb 8 6:30PM**

Corinth Church  
150 16th Ave NW

This Event is FREE and Open to the Public

Childcare Available

Why doesn't God stop evil?  
What's the purpose of evil?  
Does evil disprove God?  
What should you do about evil?

**Dr. Frank Turek**

**Wednesday, Feb 8 at 6:30pm**

***If God, Why Evil?***

Perhaps the greatest objection to Christianity is the existence and persistence of evil. If a good God exists, then why doesn't he stop evil? Dr. Frank Turek will show us why evil is actually an argument for God.

This is a community event. Bring a friend!

**Sunday, January 29**

**Giving:** Online [corinthtoday.org/give](http://corinthtoday.org/give)

Text "Corinth" to 73256

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

**Offerings:** \$34,063 for General Fund

\$76,815 needed for January

**Ways to Connect and Serve**

**Refresh for Moms.** All moms are invited on Wednesday, Feb 8 at 9:30am in Bost Memorial Hall. Angela and Scott Hunter from Marriage on Fire Ministries will speak on "Keeping the Spark Alive." Join us for food and friendship. Childcare is available, [bit.ly/RefreshNursery](http://bit.ly/RefreshNursery).

**Galentine's Spa Day.** The Women's Ministry is hosting a spa day on Saturday, Feb 11, 10am-noon in the Mitchell House Sunroom. Join us for refreshments and learn to make homemade bath salts and body scrubs. Learn more and sign up now, [bit.ly/Feb11Galentines](http://bit.ly/Feb11Galentines).



**Blood Drive.** Corinth is hosting a blood drive for the Red Cross on Thursday, Feb 16, 2:30-7pm. Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code "Corinth" to make a reservation.

**Children's Movie Event.** Corinth has reserved the Carolina Theater for all children (preschool—5th grade) on Saturday, Feb 25 at 10:45am to watch *Lyle, Lyle, The Crocodile*. A parent must be present. This is a free event but registration is required due to limited seating. Sign up now, [bit.ly/coremovie2023](http://bit.ly/coremovie2023).

**Marriage Retreat.** Whether you have been married five months or five decades, the goal is the same - a healthy, God-centered relationship. Scott and Angela Hunter from Marriage on Fire Ministries will lead a retreat at Ridgecrest Conference Center March 17-19. Registration is open now, [bit.ly/2023MarriageRetreat](http://bit.ly/2023MarriageRetreat).

**Youth D-Ski-Now.** All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to an intense and fun discipleship weekend, February 24-26. Students will be divided by age and gender and stay together in homes in Hickory. This weekend includes a trip to App Ski Mountain to ski/snowboard (\$75), ice skate (\$50), or play games in the lodge (\$25). Register by Feb 15, [corinthtoday.org/youth](http://corinthtoday.org/youth).

**Dewey A. Houston Scholarship.** This college scholarship is available to anyone who is a member of any United Church of Christ church in Catawba County. For more info, email Barb, [barb@corinthtoday.org](mailto:barb@corinthtoday.org) or visit [trinitytoday.org](http://trinitytoday.org). Applications are due by April 7.

**The Whitener Scholarship.** This college scholarship is available to all UCC members in Catawba County. Email [barb@corinthtoday.org](mailto:barb@corinthtoday.org) or contact Bethel United 828.294.3866 for an application. The deadline to apply is April 30.



**Love Month  
Help us share the LOVE in February!**

Collection bins will be in the Rowe Welcome Center. Contact Pastor Amy, [amy@corinthtoday.org](mailto:amy@corinthtoday.org), with any questions.



**Sunday, Feb 5  
The Gathering House**  
[gatherlr.org](http://gatherlr.org)

The Gathering House exists to share the gospel with the students of Lenoir-Rhyne University. We can help the Gathering House host a Valentine's event for students where they'll enjoy a home-cooked meal as they learn about the love of Jesus.

**From Feb 5-11 please donate gift cards to Walmart or Food Lion.**



**Sunday, Feb 12  
Hickory Soup Kitchen**  
[hickorysoupkitchen.org](http://hickorysoupkitchen.org)

The Hickory Soup Kitchen serves the food-insecure and homeless

of our community by providing hot meals, showers, job networking and transportation services. The Souper Bowl of Caring is a nationwide effort to provide support for local soup kitchens on Super Bowl Sunday.

**Feb 12 we will collect cash donations.**



**Sunday, Feb 19  
Strong Life Ministries** [stronglifenc.org](http://stronglifenc.org)

Strong Life Ministries (Rescue Mission and Men's Program) exists to educate, coordinate resources, provide aid and

relief, and foster transformation in the lives of individuals who are in poverty or homelessness.

**From Feb 19-25 please donate \$25 gas cards, Men's pants (size 32-38), disposable razors, men's shoes/boots (size 9-12)**

Shop the Strong Life online wish lists: [bit.ly/StrongLife1](http://bit.ly/StrongLife1) or [bit.ly/StrongLife2](http://bit.ly/StrongLife2)

Join a group of Corinth volunteers on Saturday, Feb 25, 1:30pm: [bit.ly/StrongLife23](http://bit.ly/StrongLife23)



**Sunday, Feb 26  
The Corner Table** [thecornertable.org](http://thecornertable.org)

The Corner Table in Newton provides home-made meals with compassion, respect, and dignity to those in our community affected by hunger. They serve an average of 165 guests per hour.

**Feb 26-Mar 4 please bring single-serving packages of snacks (granola bars, cookies, popcorn, etc.)**

# February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:15am Women's Bible Study 9:30 Women's Bible Study Wednesday Night Programming**	<b>2</b> 8am Men's Bible Study 10am Women's Bible Study	<b>3</b> 6pm Tacos and Trivia	<b>4</b> 10am Anxiety Support Group
<b>5</b> Worship* with Communion 2pm Youth flag football 6pm Senior High Small Group	<b>6</b> 1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>7</b> 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Women's Bible Study 1:15pm Women's Prayer 6pm Elder-led Prayer 7pm Elders	<b>8</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Refresh for Moms 5:15pm Fellowship Meal 6:30pm Dr. Frank Turek	<b>9</b> 8am Men's Bible Study 10am Women's Bible Study 7pm Crosstalk	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 10am Women's Galentine's Day
<b>12</b> Worship * Donut Sunday 6pm Senior High Small Group	<b>13</b> 2pm GriefShare	<b>14</b> 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Women's Bible Study 1:15pm Women's Prayer 7pm Boards (check with chair)***	<b>15</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:15am Women's Bible Study 9:30 Women's Bible Study Wednesday Night Programming**	<b>16</b> 8am Men's Bible Study 10am Women's Bible Study 2:30pm Red Cross Blood Drive 6pm Date Night	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 10am Anxiety Support Group
<b>19</b> Worship* 6pm Senior High Small Group	<b>20</b> 2pm GriefShare 7pm Deacons	<b>21</b> 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Women's Bible Study 1:15pm Women's Prayer	<b>22</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:15am Women's Bible Study 9:30am Women's Bible Study 5:15pm Fellowship Meal 6:30pm Ash Wednesday Service	<b>23</b> 8am Men's Bible Study 10am Women's Bible Study 7pm Crosstalk	<b>24</b> Youth D-Now 1pm Craft 'n Connect	<b>25</b> Youth D-Now 10am Children's Movie Day
<b>26</b> Worship* Youth D-Now 6pm Senior High Small Group	<b>27</b> 2pm GriefShare	<b>28</b> 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Women's Bible Study 1:15pm Women's Prayer 7pm Consistory	<b>Office Hours</b> 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.			

**\*Worship Schedule**

8:30am Sonrise Worship (Sanctuary)  
 9:45am Sunday School  
 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 Divorce Care  
 6:30pm CORE Kids (age 4 - 5th grade)  
 Youth CREW (grades 6 -12)  
 Women's Bible Study  
 Men's Bible Study  
 Sermon Series Bible Study  
 Chancel Choir Practice

**\*\*\*Not all boards meet the same date and time; check with chair.**



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**Please deliver to:**

### **Office Hours**

Mon-Thurs 9:00am — 4:00pm

Fri 9:00am — 12:00pm



### **Pastor's Pen — "A Good Time"**

This is a good time to be a pastor. I might not have said that with the same degree of authenticity five weeks ago. But then Linda and I were able to get away in January. We needed it. While we were away, it looked like our Pastor Search Team had zeroed in on my successor. That was exciting, and it gave me fresh passion to finish well and pass the baton.

As it turned out, that candidate is not the Lord's choice for us. This was disappointing at first, but not disheartening. This is still a good time to be a pastor.

It's a good time to reimagine my role. I learned much from conversations with various candidates over the last few months. I received what I have frequently craved – an outsider's perspective on what we do well and what we can do better. This is a good time.

It's a good time to celebrate God's gifts. It's been humbling for Linda and me to have time together and with the Lord – time to think and time to thank. I don't know many pastors who have enjoyed the kind of stability, growth, and mission we have witnessed for three decades. Most recently, we're celebrating the generous

and faithful response of our church family to the "Thompson Mission Fund." Your gifts will immediately strengthen two mission partners – Valley Haven Camp in Mountain View and Doxa Deo Church in Chisinau, Moldova. They will also ensure and extend a legacy of perpetual mission dollars through the Bob and Linda Thompson Mission Fund. This is a good time.

It's a good time to anticipate what lies ahead. You might read all this and wonder if we would reconsider the retirement timeline. Short answer: No. The factors behind our timeline remain. On a personal level, even though I have no known issues that will shorten my life, the frequency of age-related physical issues is growing. I don't want to limp across the finish line. Also, the pull of our out-of-town children and grandchildren is strong. More importantly, I still believe Corinth needs a fresh restart under a new leader. This is a good time.

It's a good time to trust the Lord with the process, the choice, and the timing. This is a good time – not just for the two of us, for all of us.

-Bob Thompson, Pastor