



Corinth

REFORMED CHURCH

You Matter. You Belong. You Serve.

Worship With Us on Sunday, April 2

- 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

Sunday's Scripture: Luke 20:1-19

Preaching This Week: Pastor Bob and Pastor Paul

"The Corinthian"

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Pastors' Prayer List

Recent Deaths

- **Dr. Thomas Long** (3/23, Roxboro, NC) Mike (Melanie) Long's father mtlong56@yahoo.com
- **Gordon Wallace** (3/21, Hackettstown, NJ) Karen Wallace's father karenewallace@yahoo.com

Health Concerns

- **Dave Walker** walks0512@gmail.com
- **Jerry Reese** jreese@jerryreese.com
- **Rob Collins** (3/28, Institute of Neurological Research, Boca Raton, FL) 1robcollins@gmail.com
- **Josie Hammer** (surgery 3/24, Levine, Charlotte) daughter of Dave and Rachel Hammer rachelviolam@hotmail.com
- **Mearline Janssen** m2janssen@charter.net
- **Phil Mumford** caringbridge.org/visit/philmumford
- **Sandi Reynolds** jrey1505@centurylink.net
- **Larita Shuler** (Charlottesville, VA) Christine Cofer's mom cchope2012@gmail.com
- **Jack Metzger** (Boardman, OH) Barb Roithner's uncle barb@corinthtoday.org

Families of the Week: Gayle O'Neal, Ann Oswald, Rick Oxford (Catherine), Margaret Pace, Greyson Page, Jordan Parille, Ken & Robin Parish, Bill & Rose Parker, Bill & Laura Parker, Christine Parker, Ronnie Parker, Seth & Alicia Parker, Graham & Heather Parks (McKenna & Jake), Jake & Melinda Parks, Trevor & Jessie Parris (Adeline & Tabor)

Coming Up at Corinth

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

Wed 3/29 — Community Lenten Service, 12pm, Friendship Baptist Church. Pastor Bob will preach at FBC (340 1st St SW) followed by lunch. Everyone is welcome.

Wed 3/29 — Wednesday Night Programs. Dinner (pizza) starts at 5:15pm followed by classes for adults, children, and youth. Learn more, corinthtoday.org/Wednesday.

Fri 3/31 — Lenten Lunch, 11:30am, Althouse Room. Free lunch. No RSVP needed.

Fri 3/31 — Lenten Organ Recital, 12:30pm, Sanctuary. Guest organist: Cory Westby.

Fri 3/31 — Tacos and Trivia, 6-8pm, Althouse Room. Young adults (20s & 30s) are invited to a night of Tacos and Trivia. We are looking for 4 volunteers to serve in the kitchen between 3:30-7pm. If you are available to help, contact Lisa, 828-455-4817.

Sat 4/1 — Prime Time Singles Trip, 8:30am-5pm. We will meet at Corinth and take the church bus to West Jefferson to visit the Cheese Factory, Tea Exchange, and Ben Long's famous frescoes. For more info and to RSVP, contact Beverly Bell, bj2bell@aol.com or 910-620-2337.

Sun 4/2 — Youth Workday, 12:30-3:30pm, Valley Haven Camp. All youth are invited to help with light tasks around the camp. Lunch is provided. Sign up and learn more, bit.ly/YouthWorkday.

Sunday, March 26

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

Offerings: \$31,025 for General Fund
\$57,222 needed for March

Save the Date



April 2 — Palm Sunday. We will have communion in all services.

April 6 — Maundy Thursday Service. Join us Thursday evening for a new and different experience to remember the Cross. We will have various opportunities and times available to honor the Savior. More details coming soon.

April 7 — Good Friday. Worship at Mt. Pisgah AME Church (618 1st St SW) from 12-3pm.

April 9 — Easter Sunday. We will follow our normal Sunday Morning Worship schedule except there will be no CORE Kids at 11am. We encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors!



Ways to Connect and Serve

Easter Lilies. Every Easter we use lilies provided by the congregation to decorate our worship spaces. They are \$9 each and must be ordered by April 3. Call the office, 828.328.6196 or email barb@corinthtoday.org and indicate how you wish for it to appear in the bulletin (in honor of / in memory of). You may pay online under General Fund with details in the memo line.

Women's Planter Party. Join us Saturday, April 22, 10am-noon for light refreshments and a lesson from Heather Hancock on how to create magazine-worthy planters for your home. We will also highlight Safe Harbor Ministry. Register now, bit.ly/CWMPlanterParty.

Service of Baptism. On Sunday, April 30, we will have a service of baptism in the courtyard after the 11am services. The baptisms will be by immersion in our new baptismal pool. All are invited to come offer their prayers and support to those being baptized. If you are interested in being baptized on Sunday, contact Pastor Paul, paul@corinthtoday.org, by April 24.

Debbie Hobart Memorial 5K. Young Life is hosting a 5K on May 13, 8pm on the Hickory Airport runway. This is a family friendly, sunset race and the proceeds help send local students to camp this summer. Learn more and register, cv.younglife.org.

2023 Annual Meeting. We received 273 votes at our annual meeting on March 26. The FY2023 budget, the nominees for Consistory and the nominee for the Foundation Board were all approved.



We did not let the rain stop us from having our Easter celebration on Sunday with bounce houses, face painting, egg hunts, balloons and delicious snacks.



Thank You Corinth!

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

Phil and Tammy Mumford appreciate all the prayers and support and want to thank the volunteers that helped with yardwork and mulching at their house.

Hannah Anders and the Children's Board thank all the volunteers who helped with the Easter Celebration and last minute changes. You guys rock!

Scott and Angela Hunter from Marriage on Fire Ministries were thankful for the opportunity to speak and love on the couples at the Corinth Marriage Retreat.

April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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.			*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)			1 10am Anxiety Support Group 8:30am Prime Time Singles Outing
2 Palm Sunday Worship* with Communion 6pm Senior High Small Group	3 2pm GriefShare	4 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Women's Bible Study 1:15pm Women's Prayer 6pm Elder-led Prayer 7pm Elders	5 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:15am Women's Bible Study 9:30am Women's Bible Study 6pm DivorceCare Wednesday Night Programming**	6 8am Men's Bible Study 10am Women's Bible Study 7pm Crosstalk Maundy Thursday (details coming soon)	7 11:30am Lenten Lunch 12:30pm Organ Recital (Joby Bell)	8
9 Easter Sunday Worship * No CORE Kids 6pm Senior High Small Group	10 Nicaragua Mission Trip (April 10-15) Church Office Closed 2pm GriefShare	11 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Women's Bible Study 1:15pm Women's Prayer 7pm Boards***	12 No Wednesday Night Programs	13 8am Men's Bible Study 10am Women's Bible Study 6pm Date Night	14 6pm Hope for the Journey Adoption Conference	15 8am Hope for the Journey Adoption Conference 10am Anxiety Support Group
16 Worship* 6pm Senior High Small Group	17 2pm GriefShare 1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 7pm Deacons	18 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Women's Bible Study 1:15pm Women's Prayer	19 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Refresh for Moms 9:30am Women's Bible Study Wednesday Night Programming**	20 8am Men's Bible Study 10am Women's Bible Studies 7pm Crosstalk	21 1pm Craft 'n Connect	22 10am Women's Planter Party
23 Worship* Scout Sunday 6pm Senior High Small Group	24 2pm GriefShare	25 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Women's Bible Study 1:15pm Women's Prayer 7pm Consistory	26 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:15am Women's Bible Study 9:30am Women's Bible Study Wednesday Night Programming**	27 8am Men's Bible Study 10am Women's Bible Studies	28 Youth Girls-Only Retreat	29 Youth Girls-Only Retreat
30 New Member Sunday No CORE Kids 8:30am Combined Service 9:45am Sunday School 11am Combined 6pm Senior High Small Group	** Wednesday Night Programming 5:00pm Confirmation 5:15pm Fellowship Dinner 6:15pm Nursery Care (birth thru age 3)					
			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. Contact info: corinthtoday.org/consistory



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Office Hours

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



Pastor's Pen — "The Cross and the Empty Tomb"

Easter's coming! You probably knew that. It's April 9, if you haven't been tracking the date. Every seat will be filled at Corinth. And at almost every church.

Everyone loves Easter. Even people who don't know Jesus love Easter. Retailers especially love Easter. After all, it would be tough to go from Valentine's Day to Mother's Day without a reason to market Reese's peanut butter cups.

We love Easter in churches because there's no Christianity without Easter. It's our chance to reclaim a holiday that we wish had never been secularized. But it was, and it is, so we seize the moment to tell why there ever was an Easter and why it matters. The Apostle Paul says without the resurrection of Jesus, we're all fools – not only for believing in Jesus but for believing in our own resurrection.

But this column is not about Easter. The New Testament places more emphasis, quantitatively speaking, on Good Friday than on Easter Sunday. The Church offers the cross, not the empty tomb, as its primary visual symbol.

We must never forget there's no Easter without the crucifixion. There's no reason for Sunday morning if it weren't for Friday afternoon.

Please deliver to:

The Gospel is not good news without the death of Jesus. It is the cross, not the empty tomb, that offends the world – ancient and modern. It's the cross that is foolishness to Greeks, a stumbling block to Jews, and an absurdity to any person or institution that seeks and values power above all.

And yet we cherish the old rugged cross! John R. W. Stott said, "Christian integrity consists in personal loyalty to Jesus, in whose mind the saving cross was central." Central. Focus. Primary.

My question for you is this: Will the next two weeks be for you what it is for the world – a focus on Easter eggs and family time and spring with maybe a passing nod to Jesus and a stopover at a Sunday church service? Or will you intentionally prioritize time for the cross? Perhaps private time. Maybe family time. Or join us on Maundy Thursday at Corinth or Good Friday with our sisters and brothers at Mt. Pisgah AME Church? (Details about these opportunities are elsewhere in the newsletter.)

If you attend to the cross throughout next week, Easter will burst with the wonder and joy like never before.

- Bob Thompson, Pastor