



# Corinth

REFORMED CHURCH

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## Worship With Us on Sunday, June 4

- 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: Acts 6:1-7*

Preaching This Week: Pastor Bob and Pastor Paul

"The Corinthian"

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### Pastors' Prayer List

#### Health Concerns

- **Peter Corneliussen** [pbcmusicman@icloud.com](mailto:pbcmusicman@icloud.com)
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- **Ruth Harris** (Enterprise Medical Center, Enterprise, AL) Jenny Summers' mother [kateochip@charter.net](mailto:kateochip@charter.net)

**Families of the Week:** Tos & Jen Rostan (Matt & Drew), Dan Rowe , Joe & Sharon Rowe, Brad & Michelle Rowland (Brett), Brayden Rowland, Brooke Rowland, Jim Rubel, Ellie Rumbaugh, Ross & Marissa Rumbaugh (Britt), Alex Rundquist, Dan & Melany Rundquist, Erik Rundquist, Max Rundquist, Brynn Runyon, Braden Runyon, Scott & Tasha Runyon, Zakary Runyon

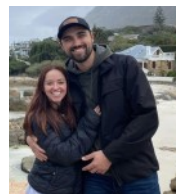
### Coming Up at Corinth

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

**Tue 5/30 — Summer Confirmation Orientation, 7pm, Althouse Room.** Teens age 12-17 who have not yet completed confirmation have the opportunity this summer. Join us for a brief meeting to learn more. For questions, email Pastor Amy, [amy@corinthtoday.org](mailto:amy@corinthtoday.org).

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

**Sun 6/4 — Morning Worship.** We will celebrate Communion in all services and welcome missionaries Konner and Richelle Roithner-Soderberg from Youth with a Mission. YWAM is a global movement of Christians dedicated to serving Jesus around the world.



**Thank you to all our  
Preschool teachers for  
another wonderful year!  
We loved seeing all the  
families and kids at the  
preschool graduation on  
Thursday, May 25.**



### Sunday, May 28

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

**Offerings:** No data to report due to the holiday weekend.

**Ways to Connect and Serve**

*Discover ways to connect, serve, and grow in your faith, [corinthtoday.org/connect](https://corinthtoday.org/connect).*

**Choir Party.** All choir and hand bell members are invited to an End of the Year party on Wednesday, June 7, 6pm, at Sharon Abernethy's house (2025 12th St NE). RSVP and sign up to bring something, [bit.ly/ChoirParty23](https://bit.ly/ChoirParty23). For questions, contact Sharon, [sabern@charter.net](mailto:sabern@charter.net).

**Singing in the Summer.** If you would like to join the choir or a small singing ensemble one Sunday this summer in the 11am Traditional Service, let us know your availability, [bit.ly/SummerSinging](https://bit.ly/SummerSinging).

**Date Night.** Join us Thursday, June 15, 6pm in the Alhouse Room for a conversation with Wayne and Gigi Miller, "In-laws and Out-laws" and then enjoy a date out on your own. Sign up for free childcare, [bit.ly/junedatenight23](https://bit.ly/junedatenight23).

**VBS.** Sign up now for a "Stellar" week of fun, June 26-29. Pre-K spots are full and there are only 26 Elementary spots available. Register your child or sign up to volunteer, [bit.ly/corevbs23](https://bit.ly/corevbs23).

**HOPE Garden.** Volunteer in the garden on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, 8:30-10:30am. For more info, email Christine Cofer, [cchope2012@gmail.com](mailto:cchope2012@gmail.com).

**On Sunday, May 28 during the 8:30am Service we welcomed 27 Confirmands into our church family.**

**Front Row (L to R):** Skylar Van Allsburg, Arianna Black, Isla Black, Jensen Rinehardt, Cam Black, Walker Cox, Keaton Gentry, Weston Black, Charlie George, Harper Young

**Second Row:** Evan Elder, Caroline Davis, Avery Drum, Josiah Wimbish, David Holtzman, Jacob Cochran, Caroline Phillips, Amariah Ussery

**Back Row:** Emilee Williams, Hallie Everley, Ava Alexander, Pastor Amy, Hallie Holcomb, Gabe Gnida, Amos Hardy, Pastor Bob, Preston Pope, Mitchell Gross, Tyler Hardy



**On Sunday, May 28 during the 11am Service we recognized and celebrated our 2023 graduates. We are so proud of you!**

**Thank You Corinth!**

*If you would like to thank Corinth members for anything, please email [barb@corinthtoday.org](mailto:barb@corinthtoday.org).*

**PORCH** thanks the church family for collecting food for members in the community in need.

**Rob and Jennifer Collins** express their gratitude for the support during Rob's treatments. The continued prayers, encouragement, and care for the family is such a blessing.

**Teddie Walker, Marketing Director at Safe Harbor,** appreciates the generous support from Corinth. We are helping to make a difference in the community and transform lives.



**Welcome! Sara Heath will be interning at Corinth this summer as she pursues a career in Chaplaincy.**



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# June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 8am Men's Bible Study 10am Women's Bible Study	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 10am Anxiety Support Group
<b>4</b> Worship* with Communion	<b>5</b> 1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6pm VBS Volunteer Meeting	<b>6</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>7</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	<b>8</b> 8am Men's Bible Study 6pm Women's Bible Study 7pm Crosstalk	<b>19</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> Worship * 12:15pm VBS Training	<b>12</b> Youth BigStuf (12-16) 1:30pm Prayer Shawl	<b>13</b> 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Women's Bible Study 1:15pm Women's Prayer 7pm Boards**	<b>14</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	<b>15</b> 8am Men's Bible Study 6pm Women's Bible Study 6pm Date Night	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10am Anxiety Support Group
<b>18</b> Father's Day Worship*	<b>19</b> 7pm Deacons	<b>20</b> 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Women's Bible Study 1:15pm Women's Prayer	<b>21</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	<b>22</b> 8am Men's Bible Study 6pm Women's Bible Study 7pm Crosstalk	<b>23</b> 1pm Craft 'n Connect	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> Worship* Combined Services— Children's Sunday	<b>26</b> 9am VBS	<b>27</b> 9am VBS 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Women's Bible Study 1:15pm Women's Prayer 7pm Consistory	<b>28</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9am VBS 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	<b>29</b> 8am Men's Bible Study 9am VBS 6pm Women's Bible Study	<b>30</b>	

### \*Worship Schedule

- 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)

### 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.

\*\*\*Not all boards meet the same date and time; check with chair. Contact info: [corinthtoday.org/consistory](http://corinthtoday.org/consistory)





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### Office Hours

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



### Pastor's Pen — "ChatPBT"

Have you heard of ChatGPT? It's an AI (Artificial Intelligence) program that tries to imitate human language interaction. ChatGPT can (almost) instantly search the Internet to answer a question in full sentences that sound like a human wrote them.

For example, Joey Osborne, a member of my spring Sunday School class, asked ChatGPT to write a letter from the Apostle Paul to me as I retire. Here are some excerpts –

I write to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your steadfastness in shepherding the flock at Corinth Church in Hickory, North Carolina. In my days, the city of Corinth was one filled with many challenges for the church. Yet, it was there that I saw the power of the Gospel at work, transforming lives and igniting hearts with the love of Jesus Christ. Your work, dear Brother Bob, is a continuation of that mission, a link in the unbroken chain of believers that stretches back to those very days.

And now, Brother Bob, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. Finally, to the congregation of Corinth Church in Hickory, North Carolina, I say: Honour this man who

**Please deliver to:**

has served you faithfully. Cherish the teachings he has given you and carry on the work of the Gospel with enthusiasm and love.

What do you think about the possibilities and risks of AI? What does Pastor Bob think about AI, especially in relation to the Gospel and pastoring? If you're not otherwise committed, join me for Sunday School (9:45am) June 4 for the first in a series of summer conversations I'm calling "ChatPBT" (Pastor Bob Thompson).

The timeline for my retirement is still uncertain, but I have decided this summer will be my final quarter teaching Sunday School. ChatPBT will be a series of informal chats on topics the class will choose. Some of the possibilities: the future of the Church, satisfaction and regrets for the last 30 years, politics, the Bible and gender identity. We'll choose topics week by week, and it's OK if you come and go. Zoom will be an option if you can't join in person.

If you would like to be on the email distribution list to learn the next Sunday's topic and join the class if you are able, email me, [bob@corinthtoday.org](mailto:bob@corinthtoday.org), by Friday, June 2.

- Pastor Bob