



# Corinth

REFORMED CHURCH

*You Matter. You Belong. You Serve.*

## Worship With Us on Sunday, July 30

- 8:30am Sonrise Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship (Bost Memorial Hall)

*Sunday's Scripture: Acts 16:6-15*

Preaching This Week: Pastors Bob and Paul

"The Corinthian"

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### Pastors' Prayer List

#### Celebration

- **William Rhyne Beiland** (July 22) born to Meredith and Dylan. [dylanbeiland1994@gmail.com](mailto:dylanbeiland1994@gmail.com)
- **Isabelle Rose Perez** (July 18) born to Callie and Irving. [irvingp1992@gmail.com](mailto:irvingp1992@gmail.com)

#### Other Concerns

- **Gena Small** is serving as a chaplain with Samaritan's Purse in Tulsa, OK. Pray also for additional workers for this area (July 16-30).

#### Health Concerns

- **Jim Bolton** (surgery July 28, Duke University Hospital, Durham) [glidebolt@icloud.com](mailto:glidebolt@icloud.com)
- **Tiffany Martin** (Catawba) [lkelly007linda@gmail.com](mailto:lkelly007linda@gmail.com)
- **Susie Dale** (Trinity Ridge) [crockettdale@icloud.com](mailto:crockettdale@icloud.com)
- **Fonda Brittain** [fondabrittain@gmail.com](mailto:fondabrittain@gmail.com)
- **Sherri Isenhour** [drewisenhour@gmail.com](mailto:drewisenhour@gmail.com)

**Families of the Week:** Josh Starnes; Lexie Starnes; Benjamin Stephens; Brooke Stephens; Cooper Stephens; Kevin & Jennifer Stephens; Samuel Stephens; Scott & Kristi Stephenson (Olivia); Will Stephenson; Anna Stewart; Grace Stewart; Jeff & Lauri Stewart (Brady & Piper); Mike & Judy Stewart

**CORE Kids will not meet in the month of July. Bring your kids to worship with you!**

### 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).

**Fri 7/28 — Craft 'n Connect, 1pm, Mitchell House Room 106.** All women are invited for fellowship and crafting. Contact Patter Cross for more info, [patter@corinthtoday.org](mailto:patter@corinthtoday.org).

**Tue 8/1 — Church-wide Prayer Time, 6pm, Althouse Room.** Everyone is invited to join us in a time of prayer for our church, community, and world.



**Corinth Kids had a great week at the Centri-Kids Camp at Ridgecrest.**



### Sunday, July 23

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

**Offerings:** \$42,275 for General Fund  
\$51,523 needed by July 31

**Ways to Connect and Serve**

**Ladies' Game Night.** All women are invited to a night of fun on Friday, August 4, in the Mitchell House from 6-8pm. Bring a friend and help us kick-off the upcoming retreat with trivia, board games, puzzles, prizes, and more. We will provide snacks and drinks; bring your favorite popcorn mix to share.

**Confirmation.** Our school-year-long class for students in grade 6 & up begins soon. This class teaches kids about the Bible, the church, and what it means to be a Christian. In the spring, they will have the opportunity to make a profession of faith and join the church. For questions or to register your child for the 2023-2024 Confirmation class contact, Pastor Amy, [amy@corinthtoday.org](mailto:amy@corinthtoday.org).

**Preschool JAM.** We are looking for volunteers to help with our 4 and 5-year-olds during the 11am services on a rotating basis. Training and all materials will be provided. The program begins in the fall. Contact Hannah Anders, [hannah@corinthtoday.org](mailto:hannah@corinthtoday.org), for more info.

**Tech Volunteers.** No experience needed! We are always looking to add volunteers into the rotation to help with Sunday morning tech (lights, sound, video, etc.). Contact Reagan Lail for more info, [reagan@corinthtoday.org](mailto:reagan@corinthtoday.org).

**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).



**Aug 23** — Children's Ministry kick-off event

**Aug 30** — Youth Ministry kick-off event

**Sep 6** — Wednesday Night Programs resume

**Sep 17** — Pastor Bob's Retirement Celebration

**Oct 6-8** — Women's Retreat

Capturing Jesus in the Everyday  
Journaling • Photography • More

**SNAPSHOTS of Jesus**

When: Aug. 24, 2023 (Thursday)  
Time: 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.  
Where: Orange Classroom (Elementary Wing)  
Cost: \$5 to cover supplies  
To Register Contact: Patter Cross  
[patter@corinthtoday.org](mailto:patter@corinthtoday.org)/828.485.7442

*To ensure there are supplies for each participant, registration required. Thank you.*

**Ladies, join us on Aug 24 to explore ways to find Jesus in the everyday and capture those moments.**

**SATURDAY AUGUST 26**  
6-9 PM  
Althouse Room

**Prime Time Singles**

**FELLOWSHIP DINNER & MINISTRY NIGHT**

Join us for a potluck dinner and help make jump ropes for the Family Care Center.

Bring old t-shirts.  
No experience necessary.

RSVP TO BEVERLY BELL  
[bj2bell@aol.com](mailto:bj2bell@aol.com) or 910-620-2337

**All singles ages 50 and up are invited to a night of food and fellowship. We will make jump ropes for the FCC.**

**CORE KIDS MISSIONS**

CORE KIDS IS PARTNERING WITH THE CORNER TABLE FOR THE BACKPACK PROGRAM

ITEMS NEEDED

SMALL, INDIVIDUALLY PACKED SNACKS (GOLDFISH, GRANOLA BARS, POPCORN, CHEEZITS, PEANUTS, PB CRACKERS, POP TARTS, ETC.)  
COLLECTIONS WILL BE BY KID CHECK AND IN BOST.

MONETARY DONATIONS ARE WELCOME.  
(FOR KIDS WORSHIP THIS IS WHERE THE OFFERING THEY GIVE WILL GO)

BACKPACKS WILL BE PACKED BY THE KIDS ON  
OCTOBER 8 - 11:00 AM  
(DURING CORE KIDS WORSHIP)

**We are partnering with the Backpack Program to provide individually packed snacks to local children in need.**

**Thank You Corinth!**

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

**Arlinda Graham, Susan, Richard, Natalie, and Graham Armstrong** thank the church family for the love, prayers, and support after the loss of Kenneth Graham.

**Rachel Heck**, director of the Family Care Center, is grateful to Corinth for the ongoing generosity and support.



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# August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 6pm Elder-led Prayer 7pm Elders	<b>2</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study 6pm Middle School Girls Bible Study 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	<b>3</b> 8am Men's Bible Study 6pm Women's Bible Study	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 10am Anxiety Support Group
<b>6</b> Worship* with Communion	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Women's Bible Study 1:15pm Women's Prayer 7pm Boards **	<b>9</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study 6pm Middle School Girls Bible Study 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	<b>10</b> 8am Men's Bible Study 7pm Crosstalk	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Worship*	<b>14</b> 1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>15</b> 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Women's Bible Study 1:15pm Women's Prayer	<b>16</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	<b>17</b> 8am Men's Bible Study	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 10am Anxiety Support Group
<b>20</b> Worship*	<b>21</b> 7pm Deacons	<b>22</b> 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Women's Bible Study 1:15pm Women's Prayer 7pm Consistory	<b>23</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study 5:30pm Kids' Back to School Bash 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	<b>24</b> 8am Men's Bible Study 7pm Crosstalk	<b>25</b> 1pm Craft 'n Connect	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Worship* 12:15pm Corinth 101	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Women's Bible Study	<b>30</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study 5pm Confirmation Orientation 6pm Youth/Parent Kick-off 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	<b>31</b> 8am Men's Bible Study		

**\*Worship Schedule**

- 8:30am Sonrise Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11am Contemporary Worship (Bost Memorial Hall)
- 11am CORE Kids Worship - Grades K-5th (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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**Please deliver to:**

### **Office Hours**

Mon-Thurs 9:00am — 4:00pm

Fri 9:00am — 12:00pm



### **Pastor's Pen — "The Lasts"**

My last Nominating Committee meeting. My last chance to plan a sermon series. My last monthly "In Depth" report to the Pastoral and Program staff. And those are only the lasts in these past two days.

The Corinth "lasts" are filling my world like autumn leaves that will soon float from Hickory's deciduous trees. Before they cover the ground to be raked, blown, or gradually decayed into nutrients that will nourish the soil for new life, those same leaves will stage a color show that will reawaken wonder at the creativity of our Creator. As chlorophyll is destroyed, carotenoids and anthocyanin, present all along, will begin to show off – and then all of it will flutter to the ground.

Change is beautiful. It's not easy, but it's a God-thing as much as or more so than stability. We prefer the familiar, the mix of joy and challenge to which we've adapted. The future is scary, especially when it's unknown. But those of us who live in God's country here in western North Carolina know that the cycle of yellow pollen, summer hues of green, fall splendor, and winter barrenness lead only to

new growth and greater strength as God starts the cycle all over again.

You're beautiful. This church is a thing of beauty. Thirty springs have come and gone for Linda and me at Corinth, and the physical campus has only become more handsome. But it's *the church* – the people who have been and are being transformed by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the persistence of the Holy Spirit – who are the beauty that Linda and I will treasure and remember. You have loved us well, making it easy to love you back. This love has been initiated and enabled by the Father as a preview of eternity.

Maybe this is my last Pastor's Pen, and maybe not. But I can't miss this chance to express our gratitude for you, our people, and to remind you that the changes ahead at Corinth will only be a chance for God to do his thing once again, making all things new. The best is yet to come.

My last Sunday School class will be August 6, in the POTS House. We'll have a conversation about my satisfaction and regrets as I look back over these three decades. You're welcome to join us!

- Pastor Bob