Corinth
REFORMED CHURCH

Worship with us on Sunday, August 9
Pastor Nick Perrin will Preach

8:15am Blended Worship
9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Traditional Worship
Preschool JAM (ages 4-TK)
11:00am Contemporary Worship
Join us online, corinthtoday.org/live
Sunday's Scripture: Isaiah 52:13—53:3

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Pastors' Prayer List

To add something to the prayer list, email Barbara Bell, bbell@corinthtoday.org.

Recent Deaths

- **Aeirwantia Hewat** (July 27) The Celebration of Life is Wednesday, August 5, 2pm in the Sanctuary; Receiving at 1:30pm. Harold Hewat's wife; Lisa Propst's mother, lisa@corinthtoday.org.

Health & Other Concerns

- **Elinor Lewis** (Morganton; healing from injury) elinortl3@gmail.com; 828-437-6831
- **Gary Goss** (home and doing very well) gdgoss@outlook.com
- **Bruce Ketcham** (home) Jan, jkgogirl02@gmail.com
- **Don Myers** (Youngstown, OH; PT at home) Barb Roithner's stepdad, broithner@gmail.com
- **Marty Simmons** (breast cancer surgery recovery) marty.simmons037@gmail.com
- **Ed & Joan Auten** (Trinity Ridge 208 for rehab) daughter Karen, karenauton@gmail.com
- **Marianne Oyler** (cervical fusion recovery) marianneoyler@juno.com
- **Jason Sharpe** (chemo regimen) jsharpe@tforcefreight.com; michellesharpe68@gmail.com
- **Kenny Mason** (home) Kenny, kenmason2@att.net; Angela, 11angela11@att.net
- **Cathy Berry** (Campbell, OH; cancer is terminal) Barb Roithner's sister, broithner@gmail.com
- **Diane Coleman** (healing; 2 more months in hard brace) Joe, joecoleman72@charter.net
- **Mearline Janssen** (Trinity Village, Rm. 113) mearline1970@gmail.com

Active Deployed Military

- **Davis Perkins** (USAF); deployed, taking part in Operation Epic Fury. Son of Russ and Katie Perkins.
- **Captain James Adams III** (USAF); pilot, prayers for safety. Son of Jay and Donna Adams.
- **James Lee** (USAF); stationed in Okinawa. Son-in-law of Deb and Todd Byrd.

Coming Up at Corinth

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

Wed 8/5 — Advance Directives and Funeral Planning Seminar, 5:30pm, Abernethy Student Center. Hosted by Corinth Adults Over 50.

Wed 8/5 — Corporate Prayer Time, 6pm, Althouse Room. Join us as we pray over our pastoral search for a Student Ministry Director and Formation Pastor. All are welcome.

Ways to Give:

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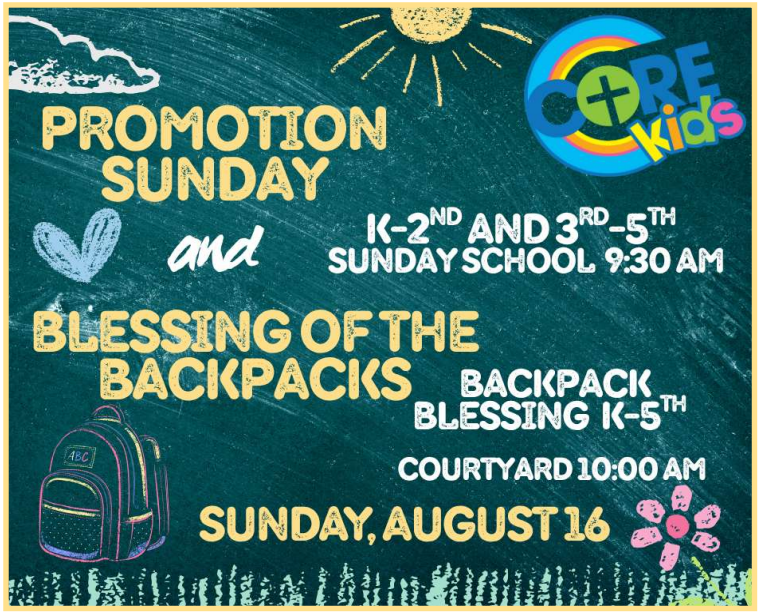
150 16th Ave NW
Hickory, NC 28601

Ways to Connect and Serve

CORE Kids Back to School Bash. All children through 5th grade and their families are invited to an evening of fun on Wednesday, Aug 12, 5:30-7:30pm in the Courtyard! We will have pizza, bounce houses, games, and Sunset Slush (bring card or cash).

Extending Hope. Save the date for Thursday, Aug 20 at 6:30pm. Dr. Read Mercer Schuchardt will share how technology shapes the way we think, learn, and communicate in: *Extending Hope to Parents in the Digital Age*. This event is free and open to the public. Childcare is provided. Learn more and register for childcare, corinthtoday.org/extending-hope.

Ladies Music Bingo. Join us on Friday, Aug 21, 6-8pm in the Abernethy Student Center for a Fall Kickoff Event! Join us for great music and prizes! Sign up and learn more, bit.ly/CWMmusicbingo.



PhilanthroCorp Mission Dinner. We are hosting an informative dinner on Wednesday, Aug 26, 6-8pm in Bost Memorial Hall. This is open to the whole church family! Join us for food, presentations from mission partners, and information about a free resource (PhilanthroCorp) that can help us extend our generosity beyond our lifetime, corinthtoday.org/philanthrocorp.

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August 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Office Hours Mon-Thurs 9:00am — 4:00pm; Fri 9:00am — 12:00pm						1 10am Anxiety Support Group 10:30am Craft 'n Connect
2 Worship* 6pm Boy Scouts	3 6pm Women's Yoga	4 6:30am Men's Study	5 8:30am Men's Study 5:30pm Advance Directives Seminar 6pm Corporate Prayer Time	6 6am Men's Study & Breakfast 8am Men's Study 9:15am Women's Yoga 6pm Women's Study 6:30pm Cardio Dance	7	8 10am Cultivate
9 Worship* 1pm Replanted 4:30pm Van Allsburg Wedding 6pm Boy Scouts	10 6pm Women's Yoga	11 6:30am Men's Study 1:15pm Women's Prayer Zoom	12 8:30am Men's Study 5:30pm CORE Kids Back to School Bash	13 6am Men's Study & Breakfast 8am Men's Study 9:15am Women's Yoga 6pm Women's Study	14	15 10am Anxiety Support Group
16 Promotion Sunday Worship* 12:30pm Lunch Buddy lunch 6pm Boy Scouts	17 6pm Women's Yoga	18 6:30am Men's Study	19 8:30am Men's Study	20 6am Men's Study & Breakfast 8am Men's Study 9:15am Women's Yoga 6pm Women's Study 6:30pm Extending Hope Event	21 6pm Women's Music Bingo	22
23 Worship* 12:15pm Leadership Lunch 4pm Scout Cookout	24 6pm Women's Yoga	25 6:30am Men's Study 9:30am Women's Bible Study 1:15pm Women's Prayer Zoom	26 8:30am Men's Study 6pm PhilanthroCorp Mission Dinner	27 6am Men's Study & Breakfast 8am Men's Study 9:15am Women's Yoga 6pm Women's Study 6:30pm Cardio Dance	28	29
30 Sign-Up Sunday New Member Sunday Worship* 6pm Boy Scouts	31 6pm Women's Yoga	***Worship Schedule** 8:15am Blended Worship (Sanctuary) 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) 11:00am Contemporary Worship (Bost Memorial Hall)				

WE ARE HIRING

HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR

Corinth's kitchen is seeking part-time help to support kitchen operations (meal preparation, set-up, serving, and clean-up) for food related church events, services, and outreach.
To apply, send a resume and cover letter to search@corinthtoday.org.

corinthtoday.org/search

Pastor's Pen — "Praying for the Search"

In this issue of Pastor's Pen, I want not only to share an update on behalf of our two pastoral search teams (looking for our next Formation Pastor and Student Ministry Pastor), but also to issue a call for action.

While each search committee has had its own story to tell – each with their near misses (including, somewhat recently, a Student Pastor candidate who after much prayer decided to withdraw prior to our announced scheduled visit), the two searches have a lot in common. Over the course of this spring and summer, both teams have sought referrals, prayerfully reviewed candidates, conducted interviews, and run reference checks. Unfortunately, despite our best efforts, as well as prayerful reliance on God's leading, both teams have yet to see success in securing the pastor we have been looking for. Though the Lord continues to give us potential leads, we do not yet have qualified candidates we feel ready to invite into these positions. (In case you made a personal referral to one of our teams and take exception to this last statement, please know that our committees' decisions are no reflection on the candidates' overall suitability for ministry. It has been challenging finding applicants who, among other things, bring big church experience and good cultural fit.)

For what it's worth, we are not alone in this challenge. In its most recent quarterly report on churches within Corinth's church-size cohort, one major research group (The Unstuck Group) said this: "For three years running, this report has told basically the same story. Staffing a healthy church right now is really hard… Good candidates for ministry positions seem really hard to find." Wondering what the hardest church position to fill last year? You guessed it: Youth Pastor. Moving forward, we need to incorporate intentional strategies that begin planning for tomorrow's leadership today.

But as for today, we recognize that this news may be disappointing. Please know that this outcome does not mean that God has abandoned us, or that the mission of our church has stalled. We will vigorously continue our searches even as we develop appropriate contingency plans going into the fall. I believe that when God doesn't provide what we've been asking for on our timing, it only means that he is about to present us with an unforeseen opportunity on his timing. Even now, leadership is shaping Corinth's game plan for the fall as we await the unfolding of that opportunity. If you are a parent of a middle-school or high-school student, keep your eye out for a meeting invite in the next few weeks – full-time pastor or no full-time pastor.

More immediately (here comes the call for action), we need to pray. That prayer will be happening this coming Wednesday, August 5 at 6pm in the Althouse Room. We will be praying for wisdom, unity, and discernment—for our search team, our pastoral staff, and the leaders God intends to bring to our church. If you can't make Wednesday, then take a few moments to pray – do that today, tomorrow, and the next day. He is faithful.

Thank you for your continuing patience, your support, and your prayers. Your willingness to keep trusting God means more than we – elders, search team members, and staff – can express. We will share further updates as we move forward, and we remain committed to finding those leaders who will help advance the mission God has for us.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Nick