

The Corinthian

"Good News is for Sharing"



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Congregational Meeting January 20

As previously announced, the members of Corinth Reformed Church will meet in a called business meeting Sunday, January 20, following the 11:00 services in the sanctuary to discuss the proposal of the Consistory to proceed with construction on a new multi-purpose facility. Members of the congregation should receive a separate mailing with details about that meeting this week. If you do not receive the mailing, please contact the church office at 328.6196 ext 201 or office@corinthatoday.org.

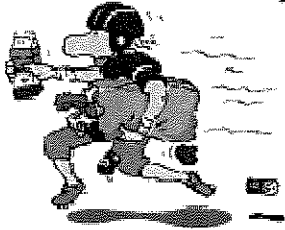


**CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING**

Souper Bowl Playoff February 3

For the past two years we have talked about the big Souper Bowl Playoff. No, not the Super Bowl Playoff but the Souper Bowl Playoff. The Super Bowl occurs once a year and is the highlight of the professional football season, providing a great source of entertainment for fans and spectators of football. The Souper Bowl Playoff is a more serious game whose outcome affects people around us. We

Souper Bowl Sunday



may not know these individuals personally and then again we may know them. People affected by the Souper Bowl Playoff deal with food insecurity and hunger on a daily basis. Hunger is open to all races, ethnicity, ages and religions. Single person or family, the results are the same.

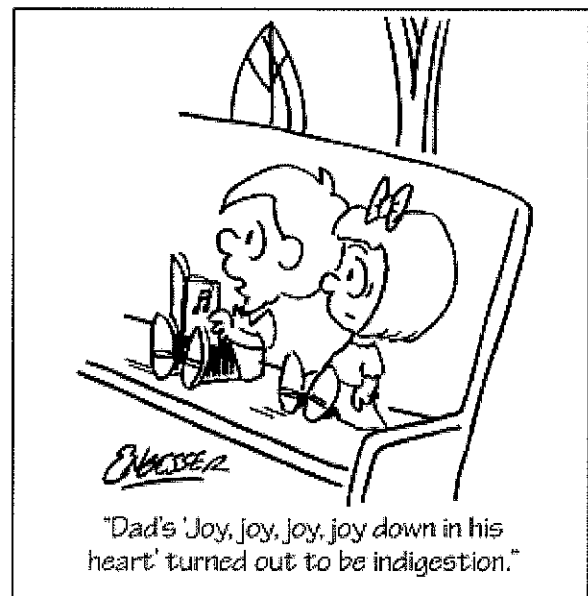
The Souper Bowl scheduled for February 3 is a nationwide opportunity for youth groups (and adults) in churches and schools to stand and work together to fight hunger. During the upcoming weeks you will hear more about the importance of this event. Get ready to play!!!

Isaiah 1:17... learn to do right. Seek justice, encourage the oppressed.

Support Groups Information

- Single Parenting - Last Wednesday of the month at 6:15 pm Beginning on January 30. Meets in the classroom before the Althouse Room on the left.
- DivorceCare - Beginning February 2, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon in the Moss Room.
- GriefShare - Beginning February 13.

Support Groups



"Dad's 'Joy, joy, joy, joy down in his heart' turned out to be indigestion."

GriefShare

GriefShare, a grief recovery video seminar and support group, will be held at here at Corinth starting on February 13. The meeting will be held on Wednesdays from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm in the Althouse Room.

The series is composed of 13 weekly sessions, each self-contained so participants may begin attending at any time. For more information call Betty McGee, R.N., Parish Nurse, at 828.328.6196, ext 204, or email at betty@corinthtoday.org.

Good Bye

After a short two years, it is with much regret that I say good-bye to Corinth. Even though I will miss the Corinth family, and the wonderful staff I was blessed to be a part of, I am looking forward to some extra time with my family.

You have all left a lifetime imprint on my heart and on my life.

Thank you and God bless,
Sandy Johns, Office Assistant



Attendance

January 6, 2008
Worship services - 587
Sunday School - 231

Looking Forward to Worship

John 3:16 is arguably the best-known and most-loved verse in the Bible. It is found in the context of the story of Nicodemus coming to Jesus at night.

Read John 3:1-21 to prepare for this Sunday's worship services on the theme, "God So Loved the World."



**Worship
with Us**

Rachel Church will be ordained as a Deacon in the 8:30 service this week, since she will be away for the ordination of Deacons January 27.

Financial Update

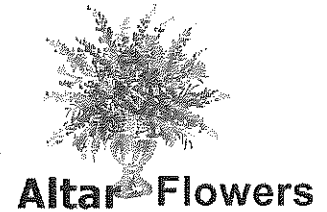
- Offering this week: \$37,688
- Budget needs YTD: \$19,506
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- Needed by 1/31/2008 to stay current: \$46,838
- Building Fund to date: \$934,659



Altar Flowers Open Dates

The following dates are still available for Altar Flowers. February 3, February 17, March 9, April 27, June 1, June 22, July 13, August 13, September 21, September 28, and October 19.

If you would like any of the above dates please contact Martha Karslake 322.7341 or email karslake@charter.net.



Week of January 13

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| <i>Sunday, Jan 13</i> | Traditional Worship, 8:30 am (Sanctuary)
Sunday School, 9:45 am
Traditional Worship, 11:00 am (Sanctuary)
Contemporary Service, 11:00 am (Fellowship Hall)
*Alcoholics Anonymous, 8:00 pm |
| <i>Monday, Jan 14</i> | Emma Ingold Bost Circle, 2:00 pm
Boys Scouts, 7:00 pm |
| <i>Tuesday, Jan 15</i> | Men's Bible Study, 6:30 am
Prayer Group, 2:00 pm
Boards, 7:00 pm |
| <i>Wednesday, Jan 16</i> | Men's Bible Study, 7:00 am
Spiritual Stretchers, 9:30 am
Jr. High Choir, 4:15 pm
Children's Choir, 5:00 pm
Confirmation Class, 5:00 pm
Fellowship Meal, 5:30 pm
Women's Bible Study, 6:15 pm
Men's Bible Study, 6:15 pm
Kids' Club, Handbell Choir, 6:15 pm
Characters of the Bible, 6:15 pm
Jr. & Sr. High Youth CREW, 6:30 pm
Stephen Ministry, 6:30 pm
Chancel Choir, 7:00 pm
College Girls Bible Study, 9:00 pm |
| <i>Thursday, Jan 17</i> | Men's Bible Study, 8:00 am
Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am
Hearts of Lydia Circle, 11:30 am |
| <i>Friday, Jan 18</i> | Brownies, 4:00 pm |

*Non-Corinth - sponsored events.

Pastors' Prayer List

Current Items for Praise and Prayer

- Trisha and Don Harris ask your prayers as Trisha's health continues to decline from cancer.
- Joe Rowe is recovering at home after rotator cuff surgery on Thursday, January 3, 2008.
- Jeff and Dea Long continue to ask your prayers as Dea recovers from surgery and a stroke in July 2007. Dea remains in bed most of the time and is still recovering her balance and mobility.
- Steven Dulin, 18, will be hospitalized beginning today at Carolinas Medical Center for his next round of chemotherapy.
- Tammy Mumford requests prayer for her father, Floyd Nickerson, who begins chemotherapy January 9. He will have treatments every three weeks.
- Nancy Killian asks for prayer for her friend, Paula Carr, Hickory, NC, who will have hip surgery on Tuesday, January 8, at Frye Regional Medical Center.



Special Ministries Person of the Week: Helen Tate, 1265 21st St. NE, Hickory, NC 28601

Military Person of the Week: RTC Noah J. Davidson 2281, Marine Plt 3009, Box 13009, 3rd Battalion, Parris Island, SC, 29905-3009

Student of the Week: Laura Abernethy, Sophomore, UNC-Chapel Hill, NC 27514 e-mail lkabern@email.unc.edu

Benevolence of the Week: John's River Camp, 1055 Niley Cook Road, Blowing Rock, NC 28606, Contact Person: Rev. C.L. "Curly" Stumb, e-mail: stumb@boone.net

Share the Joy

Bob and Linda Thompson announce the engagement of their son, Philip Thompson to Mary Catherine James, of Raleigh, NC. An October wedding is planned.

What blessings have come to you or a member of the Corinth family? If you have something to share for this column please contact the church office 328.6196, ext 201 or 203 or email office@corinthtoday.org.



Ash Wednesday Service

The penitential season of Lent is just around the corner. Wednesday, February 6, 6:30 pm, we will gather as a church family in the sanctuary for our Ash Wednesday service to begin Lent. "Lent" comes from the same root as "lengthen," and literally refers to springtime, when the days get longer. For many centuries, however, the season of Lent has represented the forty days (not including Sundays) leading up to Easter. It is a time of sorrow for sin, of intensified spiritual disciplines, and of preparation to remember our Lord's death and resurrection.

Please join us for the Ash Wednesday service. We will include the imposition of ashes, for those who choose to receive them on the forehead as a symbol of our mortality and repentance. We will also share in the sacrament of Holy Communion.



Family/Youth Ski Day

This Saturday, January 12 will be Family/Youth Ski Day. Any youth/student attending must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Each youth/parent is responsible for transportation, equipment, lift ticket and meals for the entire trip (we will not take the church bus.). Costs for lift and rentals can be found at www.appskimtn.com.

Meet at Corinth at 8:00 am Saturday, January 12 and we will caravan to Appalachian Ski Mountain.

For more information please contact Pastor Paul Cummings, 328.6196 ext 209 or email paul@corinthtoday.org.

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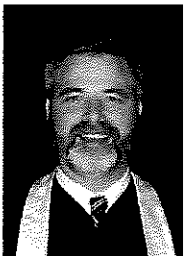
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Pastor's Pen **"Loving Others"**

Corinth's Leadership Retreat last Saturday was a wonderful event. Church leaders with "official" responsibilities for 2008 joined with other leaders who accepted our open invitation and, among other things, cast a vision for the year ahead.

We decided that our focus in 2008 will be on "loving others," one of five phrases in our mission statement. That sounds great – but what does "loving others" look like?

Here are some action steps brainstormed by the group on Saturday. (Some of these items have been turned into action steps from a more general statement named at the retreat. I also included who is responsible for that action step.)

- Review our membership list and seek to recover inactive members (Spiritual Council).
- Increase the number of Sunday School classes and small groups for adults (Board of Adult Education).

- Ask each board, committee, class, and small group to identify one action step related to "loving others" as a priority for 2008 (Consistory, Board of Adult Education).
- Mention specific opportunities to serve others in and through the church in sermons (Pastors).
- Teach and preach the need to "never stop loving" in sacrificial service to others (Pastors and Sunday School teachers).
- Display and distribute specific opportunities for connections and service (Volunteer Coordinator).
- Provide opportunities to "cross-pollinate" ideas for loving others within the church family (Consistory).
- Teach, model, and preach the biblical mandate for loving others (Pastors, small group leaders, and Sunday School teachers).

Where do you see yourself in that list? What additional action steps can you suggest, own, or commit to? Where will YOU help 2008 be a year of "loving others" at Corinth?

- Bob Thompson, Pastor