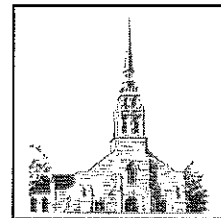


# The Corinthian

"Good News is for Sharing"



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## From John to 1 John

Corinth's priority in 2008 is "loving others." Toward that end, we are centering our attention Sunday mornings – and in several Bible study groups – on the writings of the "Apostle of Love," John.

Having just completed a study of John's gospel, we turn our attention now to his first and longest letter, commonly known as 1 John. 44 times in 1 John, the author uses the word "love" in its various forms. The genuineness of our love, he says, is one of three tests for genuine faith.

Join us on Sunday as we start our journey through John's love letter. He offers us some great angles for asking the question, "Is my faith real?"

As the Father has loved me,  
so I have loved you ...  
John 15:9



## Fellowship Coffee April 13



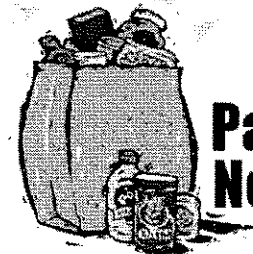
### Coffee Fellowship

Please join the Board of Congregational Life for fellowship coffee on Sunday, April 13, 10:30 am. If you have children in Kindergarten through 5th grade, please pick them up from Sunday School, and join the rest of us on the front lawn at 10:30 am for coffee and donuts.

## April is Food Pantry Month

Corinth will be taking food donations to the CCM Food Pantry for April. Please help by bringing non perishable food items.

Please bring your donations to the big red can outside the fellowship hall or the basket in the narthex.



### Pantry Needs

## Spiritual Gifts Committee- Who We Are and What We Do

The Spiritual Gifts Committee is made up of a small group of your Corinth Brothers and Sisters, Tammy Mumford, Charissa Loftin, Sherrie Cerrito, Heather Hancock, David Washco, Brad Olson, Jennie McNeil, Marissa Rumbaugh, and our newest member, Lynn Beckom.

It is our mission to make sure new and active members are able to find where to plug in and participate in church life at Corinth. We are not hunting volunteers!

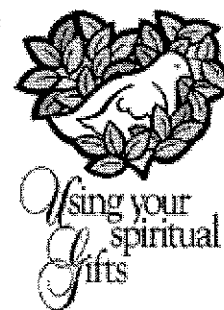
Before members can join Corinth, they attend the Pastor's Class where Pastor Bob hands out the *Opportunities to Serve and Spiritual Gifts Assessment*. The information collected on this form is given to Charissa Loftin, Volunteer Coordinator, who stores all the information in a church data base. After New Members Sunday, the Spiritual Gifts Committee meets and divides up the new members according to the spiritual assessment. They get on the phone calling and making sure that the new members know who to contact, and where to find the area of church life they indicated as an interest. For example, if you said that you'd like to join a women's bible study– they make sure you know all about the different studies available, who leads and where and when they meet.

So if you should get a call from one of them or they leave a message on your answering machine, no need to worry, they are only calling to see if you need any help getting plugged in at Corinth.

We love our Corinth family and how it's growing. We know that the more active our Brothers and Sisters in Christ are with their church community- the closer their walk with the Lord can be.

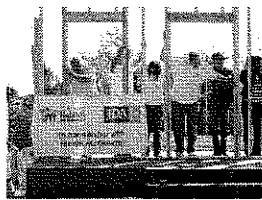
Tammy Jo Mumford

Spiritual Gifts Committee Chairperson



## Hurricane Katrina Recovery Effort

Corinth's Board of Community Outreach is behind a plan that would mobilize a group of church volunteers to head for New Orleans. Individuals who would be interested need to contact Pastor Bill Howell by April 14 328.6196 ext 207, or email him at [bill@corinthtoday.org](mailto:bill@corinthtoday.org). The dates are June 15 – 22.



## Financial Update

- Offering this week: \$17,396
- Budget needs YTD: \$273,081 (26.9%)
- Offering YTD: \$ 252,905 (24.9%)
- Needed by 4/30/2008 to stay current: \$85,195

## Capital Campaign

- Beard: \$10,285
- No Beard: \$11,024
- Not Indicated: \$5,313
- Total this month: \$26,622

## Attendance

April 6, 2008

Worship services - 716

Sunday School - 231

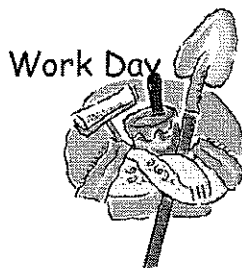
## Soup Kitchen Opportunities

The Soup Kitchen has opening for a part time Development/Public Relations Consultant to implement/manage funds, write grants, develop donor support, maintain website. Four year degree preferred with a minimum of two years experience in a non-profit environment. Please contact: Board President, Hickory Soup Kitchen, PO Box 1431, Hickory, NC 28603.

## Work Day

Plan to join us for Work Day on Saturday April 19 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

The Brownies and Da-ises will be serving refreshments.



Sunday, April 13

Monday, April 14

Tuesday, April 15

Wednesday, April 16

Thursday, April 17

Friday, April 18

Saturday, April 19

## Week of April 13

Sonrise Worship (Sanctuary), 8:30 am  
 Sunday School, 9:45 am  
 Fellowship Coffee, 10:30 am  
 Heritage Worship, 11:00 am (Sanctuary)  
 Celebration Worship, 11:00 am (Fellowship Hall)  
 Twenties N Thirties Bible Study, 7:00 pm  
 \*Alcoholics Anonymous, 8:00 pm

Boy Scouts, 7:00 pm

Men's Bible Study, 6:30 am  
 Prayer Group, 2:00 pm  
 Spiritual Council, 7:00 pm

Men's Bible Study, 7:00 am  
 Spiritual Stretchers, 9:45 am  
 GriefShare, 2:00 pm  
 Youth Chorus, 4:15 pm  
 Children's Choir, 5:00 pm  
 Confirmation, 5:00 pm  
 Fellowship Meal, 5:30 pm  
 Handbell Choir, 6:15 pm  
 Kids' Club, 6:15 pm  
 Women's Bible Study, 6:15 pm  
 Men's Bible Study, 6:15 pm  
 Characters of the Bible, 6:15 pm  
 Pastor's Class, 6:30 pm  
 Stephen Ministry, 6:30 pm  
 Jr & Sr High Youth CREW, 6:30 pm  
 Chancel Choir, 7:00 pm  
 College Girls' Bible Study, 9:00 pm

Men's Bible Study, 8:00 am  
 Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am  
 Beloved Disciple, 6:00 pm

Young at Heart Trip

DivorceCare, 10:00 am

## Pictorial Directory

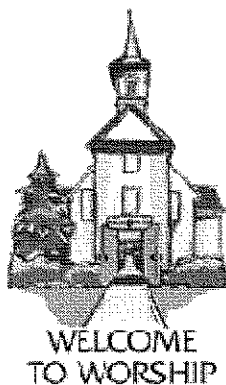
If you have not scheduled your appointment for the pictorial directory you must schedule it online at [www.corinthtoday.org](http://www.corinthtoday.org). Please look online for dates available.



## Looking Forward to Worship

We begin our studies in 1 John this week – see front page for details. Read 1 John 1:1-4 to prepare for the sermon.

Cole Preston Heavner, son of Chuck and Kelly, will be baptized in the 11:00 Heritage worship service. We also look forward to a Benevolence Report in all three services.



April 18-19 Workday - 8:00 am - 12:00 noon

April 18- 20 DiscipleNow

April 16-19 - Pictorial Directory

\*Non-Corinth – sponsored events.

## Pastors' Prayer List

### Current Items for Praise and Prayer

- Bill and Abbey Pulley are the proud parents of James "Baker" Pulley, born March 31. Proud grandparents are Hoppy and Shirley Huffman.
- Stephen Tillery was involved in a single car accident April 4, but was not injured. His mother, Colleen, was able to return home April 1 from Baptist Hospital following surgery.
- Wayne Cofer's U.S. Marines unit was recently deployed to Iraq. Write to him at CPL COFER, JOSEPH, 3/10 MPA DET3, UNIT 73380, FPO AE 09509-3380 or send a message online at: <https://www.motomail.us>
- Sharon Abernethy's father, Claude Bumgarner of Wilkesboro, NC, died Tuesday, April 1.
- Tracy Cerrito asks prayers for her parents, Arthur and Georgia Paquette of Naples FL. Arthur had heart surgery April 2, and Georgia had a minor heart attack April 5.
- Marion Sperry, wife of former pastor Gordon Sperry, died this morning, April 7, at Abernethy Laurels.



**Special Ministries Person of the Week:** Mamie Reese, 3521 6<sup>th</sup> Street Drive NW, Hickory, NC 28601

**Military Person of the Week:** Daniel J. Boynton/CSSN, US Navy, CS3 DIV, USS NITZE (DDG 94), FPO AE 09579-1200

**Student of the Week:** Cadet Benjamin A. Gibbs, P.O. Box 1485, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York 10997, email: Benjamin.gibbs@usma.edu

**Benevolence of the Week:** Corinth Reformed Mission Project

**Families of the Week:** Larry Estes, David & Tamela Everett (Dave, Alexis), Matt & Lauren Everley (Harper, Hayden), Ed & Marilyn Farmer, David & Charissa Ferrese (Alyssa), Jim & Ruth Fisher, Peggy Fleming, John & Carolyn Forshee (Eric), Leslie Foster, Paul & Martha Fox, Catherine Fuller, Don & Sue Nell Fuller (Carson), Elizabeth Fuller (Cesi), John & Bess Fuller (Jack, Robert), Manley Fuller, Louise Gadd

## Share the Joy

• Jack Davidson has been awarded an Overseas Research Student Award Scheme (ORSAS) grant from the United Kingdom that will enable him to continue his Ph.D. studies at the University of Wales on schedule. He is planning to finish in 2009.

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](mailto:office@corinthtoday.org).

## Race for the Rock

The Abernethy Warlick ladies circle at Corinth is hosting the 1st Annual Race for the Rock 5K, 1-Mile Fun Run and Tot-Trot scheduled for Saturday, June 7, 2008.

The schedule of events includes a 5K timed and untimed beginning at 8:00am, a 1-Mile Fun Run beginning at 8:45am, a Tot-Trot beginning at 9:00am and a 5K Awards Ceremony which will be held at 9:15am. Awards will be presented to the top 3 in each age division (male and female), to the top 3 overall finishers (male and female) and to the top 3 overall Masters finishers (male and female ages 40+).

Entry fee for the 5K timed and untimed is \$15 per person through May 16, 2008. The cost will be \$20 May 17 through Race Day. The 1-Mile Fun Run is \$10 per person now through Race Day. The Tot-Trot (pre-school) is FREE for children and all participants will receive a goody bag. Short sleeved T-shirts for the Race for the Rock are also available. Children's Small and Large are \$10. Adult Small, Medium and Large are \$15 and Adult X-Large is \$20.

If you/and or your business are interested in being a sponsor for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Race for the Rock, please contact Sherrie Cerrito at [s1c@precisionelectronics.net](mailto:s1c@precisionelectronics.net) or 612.9583.

Proceeds from this event will benefit Safe Harbor Women's Rescue Mission of Catawba County and Corinth Reformed Church scholarships for persons needing financial assistance to church events such as the All Church Retreat, the Women's Retreat.

Entry forms are available in Corinth's church office, at Fleet Feet or online at [www.corinthtoday.org](http://www.corinthtoday.org). Simply click the 5K link, print off a form and mail it in with your entry fee.

For more information contact Amy Washco at 234.9111 or [dlwashco@charter.net](mailto:dlwashco@charter.net).



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## *Pastor's Pen Just for Fun*

Number one comment on the “no beard” look – “You look ten years younger.” (I even got a few 15s and a 20 or two.)

Number two comment – “Are you going to keep it off?”

As for the first comment, maybe that’s why I’ve had a beard all these years. I started out in pastoral ministry at age 30. Looking older than 30 was an asset. I was only 36 when I came to Corinth, still quite young for a pastor.

Now I’m 51, and, I suppose, looking every bit of it. I’m not sure whether the comment about “ten years younger” means I used to look 60 and now I look my age, or I used to look my age, and now I look 40. My parents, by contrast, said I look more “distinguished” (is that another way of saying “older”? or just “wiser”?) with the beard.

As for the second comment, “Are you going to keep it off?” that’s up to you.

The beard came off, as most of you know, for Holy Humor Sunday. My daughters wanted me to do it, and I said I would agree on two conditions. “First, your mother has to be OK with it.” (She has never seen me without a mustache, and I’ve had the beard for 26 of our almost-30 years together.) “Second, it has to have a purpose related to Holy

Humor Sunday.”

Linda was a good sport and said it was up to me. I came up with a good Holy Humor Sunday purpose, and the face was shaven.

On Holy Humor Sunday (March 30), if you asked me, I told you I was starting that day to grow it back. But it turns out that both Linda and I liked the new look better than we thought – though neither of us is going to admit that the bearded look I wore for a quarter-century was a bad idea. So, we’re officially neutral – beard or no beard is OK with both of us.

That led to another Thompson brainstorm. Why not use the beard question to reinvigorate a little interest in the Capital Campaign? Due to a slowing economy, funds have not exactly been pouring in to the Building Fund since January.

So it’s up to you. Just for fun, you can “vote” with your dollars this month. When you make your gift to the Building Fund, designate it “beard” or “no beard.” Most money by April 30 wins – but this is only for money contributing DURING the month of April. I’ll grow it back or keep it shaved for a year – until Easter of 2009. You decide.

Meanwhile, the beard trimmer is on ice and I’m supporting the razor industry.

**- Bob Thompson, Pastor**