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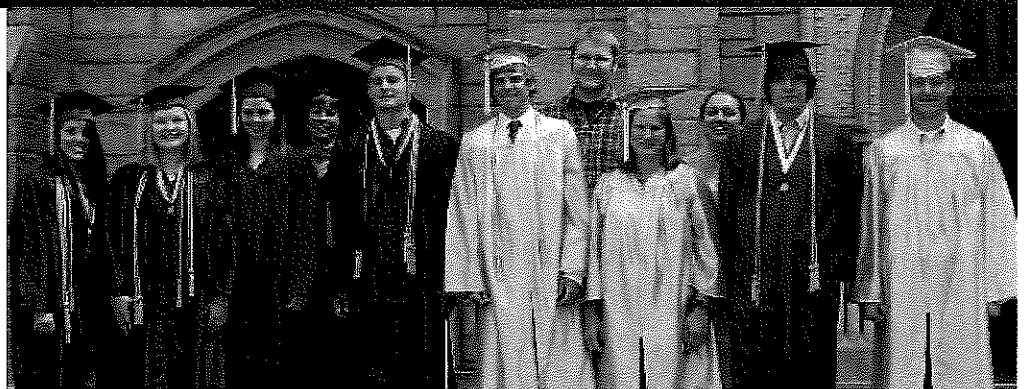
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Graduation Sunday, June 1

Corinth honored graduates on Sunday, June 1, 2008.

The graduates pictured: Lindsey Bradshaw, Annie Burnham, Caroline Cease, Laura Parker, Steven Dulin, William Logan, Chase Smith, Lindsey Shankles, Amy Stickler, Weston Straka, Stephen Tillery.

Graduates that were not present can pick up their gift in the church office.



Happy Birthday, Alice Ruth Pierce

Pastor Bob (the photographer), Jeni Thompson, Linda Thompson, and intern Michael Stewart visited Alice Ruth Pierce Monday, June 2, on her 99th birthday, bringing flowers and a cake from her church family. Alice Ruth is the oldest member of Corinth and currently resides at Sterling House on 29th Avenue.

Jr. High & Sr. High Sunday School Teachers Needed

The Student Ministries is looking for a team of teachers for the Jr. & Sr. Sunday School classes. If you are interested in helping, please contact Paul Cummings, 328.6196 or email paul@corinthtoday.org.

Vacation Bible School July 14-18

Vacation Bible School is going to travel in outer space to a place called "Cosmic City." The dates are July 14-18, 9:00 am-12:00 pm.

Sign up by the Fellowship Hall in the hallway or online at www.corinthtoday.org.



The 2008 All-Church Retreat: The Eleventh Commandment

All of Corinth's members and visitors are invited to attend the All-Church Retreat at Blowing Rock Conference Center on September 19-21, 2008. Beyond the chit-chat on Sunday mornings, we have the opportunity to get to know so many others on a deeper level (those who attend other worship services, young, old, married and single). For more information, see the All-Church Retreat Brochure.

Registration is open and is first come-first serve and ends on June 30. Come and find out what the "eleventh commandment" is all about and how it relates to our church family. Don't miss this wonderful time to draw closer to God and each other as a church family.

The rooms in popular South Lodge are starting to fill up. Sign up as soon as possible.



Summer Women's Bible Studies

All women are invited to join us for one of our summer Bible studies. We will be offering "The Power of a Praying Woman" by Stormie Omartian at two different times:

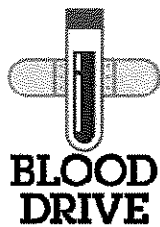
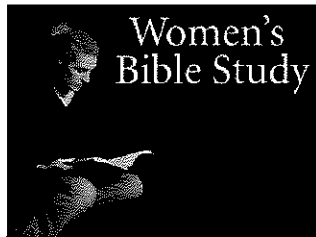
- Wednesdays - 6:30 - 8:00 pm - in the Althouse Room - Beginning on June 11
- Thursdays - 10:00 - 12:00 noon - in the Althouse Room - Beginning on June 12

This 10 week series includes a workbook with 5 days of brief homework studying related Bible passages. Workbooks are \$15 for those who are able to pay.

Call the office, 328.6196, ext. 201, or Linda Thompson, 328. 6196, ext. 206, or email linda@corinthtoday.org to sign up. Childcare will be provided by reservation only.

Jesus the One and Only

In addition to the above studies, a Beth Moore's Bible study, "Jesus the One and Only", will be held at the home of Mary Barnhart. This 11-week study will begin on Thursday, June 12, at 6:00 pm. Please contact Mary Barnhart, 324.5618, or email sweetscentsnc@aol.com.



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Give the gift of life Tuesday,
June 17, 3:00 pm-7:30 pm in the
Fellowship Hall.

Looking Forward to Worship

Kim Gilliland and Dr. Roger Baker from Cooperative Christian Ministry will be our guest benevolence speakers in all three worship services Sunday, June 15.

Join us as we continue our study in 1 John, the Apostle's response to a popular, charismatic heretic named Cerinthus. Read 1 John 4:1-6 to prepare.



Financial Update

- Offering this week: \$16,238
- Budget needs YTD: \$425,403 (41.9%)
- Offering YTD: \$383,296 (37.8%)
- Needed by 6/30/2008 to stay current: \$123,854

Capital Campaign

- Building Fund this week: \$2,124
- Building Fund to date: \$1,096,326
- Total Projected Cost: \$6.48 million
- Total Pledges: \$5.65 million



Young at Heart - Picnic

The Young at Heart will have a picnic at Lake Hickory RV & Resort on June 17. Picnic starts at 12:30 pm.

Please RSVP to Nancy Killian, 324.7784 if you would like to attend, and if you need a ride to the park on the church bus.

Join in the fun, bring your fishing pole, swim suit and or walking shoes. Enjoy the grillmanship of Pastor Bill and the hospitality of the parks' openness and view of the lake.

The church bus will leave from Corinth at 11:00 am.

Attendance

June 1, 2008

Worship services - 594
Sunday School - 220

Week of June 8

Sunday, June 8

Sonrise Worship, 8:30 am/communion
(Sanctuary)

Sunday School, 9:45 am

Pastor's Class, 9:45 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

CPR/AED, 6:00 pm

Boy Scouts, 7:00 pm

Monday, June 9

Men's Bible Study, 6:30 am

Prayer Group, 2:00 pm

Boards, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, June 10

Wednesday, June 11

Men's Bible Study, 7:00 am

Spiritual Stretchers, 9:45 am

Women's Bible Study, 6:30 pm

Thursday, June 12

Men's Bible Study, 8:00 am

Women's Bible Study, 10:00 am

Women's Bible Study, 6:00 pm

VBS Planning, 6:30 pm

Saturday, June 13

DivorceCare, 10:00 am

*Non-Corinth - sponsored events.

Pastors' Prayer List

Current Items for Praise and Prayer

- Trey and Karma Harkey are the proud parents of a baby girl, Ellie Alexandra, born Saturday, May 31, at Frye Regional Medical Center. Proud grandparents are Bob and Linda Armfield.
- Willie Mae Ingold remains a patient at Frye Regional Medical Center for tests and treatment related to her fluctuating blood pressure.
- D. G. Rowe is back in Frye Regional Medical Center. He had moved last week to Brian Center West to receive physical therapy after a fall, but he fell again early Sunday morning and broke his hip. After recovery from hip replacement surgery he will go to Lutheran Home West for rehab.
- Tripp Mattox and his Mom were able to come home Monday, May 26, earlier than expected, from Durham. Tripp will continue surgery rehab from his own home. Welcome home, Tripp!
- Jason Bostian's grandfather, Vance Hollar, died last week.
- Pastor Thompson requests prayer for the family of Doug Crites, a teacher and coach at Fred T. Foard High School, who died at the Lenoir Hospice Wednesday, May 28. The funeral was Sunday afternoon at Corinth.

Special Ministries Person of the Week: Alice Ruth Pierce, Alterra Sterling House, 910 29th Avenue NE, Room #801, Hickory, NC 28601

Military Person of the Week: Sgt. Lis Brown (Christine Cofer's 1st cousin in Iraq), 302 TC Co. #91716, LSA Anaconda APO-AE 09391-1716

Benevolence of the Week: Camp Joy (Parson of the Hills Foundation), PO Box 41, Hickory, NC 28603-0041, 328.1541, Contact person: David A. & Karen Keyes, 267.1537

Families of the Week: Kimberly Kilchenmann, Bob & Nancy Killian, Jimmy & Holly Killian, Kristin King, Linda King, Sarah King, Larry & Karan Kirby (Jason, Susan), Willi & Jeanne Klappert, Ken & Janice Kleva (Mary, Abigail), Dan & Kelley Koch (Zach, Morgan), Gene Kresge & Nancy Cowan, Ursula Kurth, Mike & Misty Lane, Barbara Laney, Marie Larkin, Brad & Lisa Lasecki (Dylan, Jacob)

Share the Joy

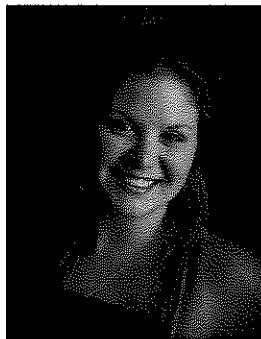
- Allison Bradshaw, daughter of Charles and Donna Bradshaw, has been named to the "President's Honor List" for maintaining a GPA of 3.9 or greater, through her sophomore year at Lenoir Rhyne.
- Lindsey Bradshaw, daughter of Charles and Donna Bradshaw, has received the North Carolina Teaching Fellow Scholarship to UNC Chapel Hill. Lindsey has also received Student of the year at Hickory High.
- Amy Washco has been hired as Account Executive for the marketing firm Gotham, LLC.
- Luke Garrison, son of Snyder and Gail Garrison, was introduced into the Cum Laude Society at Woodberry Forest School.
- Cyndi Burns was recently appointed to the Board of the North Carolina Disability Action Network, an advocacy group, to represent persons with unseen disabilities.

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.

All-Church Retreat

The all church retreat was very special for me as a teenager. It allowed me the opportunity to go and not only get to know my friends better, but also gave me a chance to get to know their families as well. It offers a wide variety of bonding activities and puts emphasis on growing as a whole church body. I loved the new fellowships that arose and the deepened relationships that resulted from the all church retreat. This weekend is one of the most fun you and your family will have all year. Teens are welcomed by the older members of the church and I've learned a lot about faith through the examples of those who are older and wiser than I am. I definitely recommend going on this retreat.

Annie Burnham



Guest Speaker and Instructor for Spiritual Stretchers

Dr Jason M Boehme, from the Hickory Chiropractic Clinic, will be joining the Spiritual Stretchers on Wednesday, June 11.

Dr. Boehme will talk about nutrition and demonstrate hands on exercises to help lead us towards better health in the months to come. He attends weekend seminars to stay on the cutting edge of developments within chiropractic and other healthcare professions.

Everyone is welcome to attend. The sessions are free. Resistance bands are available for \$3 at the sessions, or bring one with you, if you already have one.

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Pastor's Pen In My Opinion

Clichés you can't trust. That's been a theme for the last few weeks in this space, in my weekly e-mail devotional (e-mail barb@corinthtoday.org if you don't get it), and even in my sermons.

Here's another cliché you can't trust: "Opinions can't be wrong."

My daughter and I went round and round about this when she heard that cliché back in middle school. This morning I wrote "Opinions can't be wrong" into my Google search engine, and sure enough, up popped the picture of a young woman about my daughter's age who had written an op-ed piece a few years ago in her state university newspaper with the title, "Opinions can't be wrong."

Here's what she said:

My opinion is my opinion. I never said my opinion was the ultimate, final answer. My opinion is simply the stance I choose to take on issues after carefully weighing all sides and looking at all the relevant information. Opinion. View. Belief. It is the ultimate irony to make the statement "Your opinion is wrong," because an opinion can't be wrong. It can be disagreed with, but it can't be incorrect because it is simply one's personal view.

In my opinion, she's wrong.

Apparently she has no basis on which to say I'm wrong about that.

What if my opinion is that Hillary Clinton still has a chance to win the Democratic presidential nomination?

What if my view is that gas prices are going back to a dollar a gallon?

What if my belief is that all religions are equal and lead to the same result?

What if my opinions are wrong?

The university student newspaper editor was defending her publication's right to opine whatever they wished and bristled when letters to the editor said their opinions were mistaken. She was confusing the right to free expression (a fundamental right in our society) with a distorted view of tolerance.

She correctly quoted the dictionary definition of opinion as "'a view, judgment, or appraisal formed in the mind about a particular matter" or "a belief stronger than impression and less strong than positive knowledge."

It's true that disagreements are too often handled disagreeably. We should all be careful in forcing our opinions, views, and even beliefs on others. God doesn't force truth on us as well. We can all use a little more humility in how we say what we say – if for no other reason than that humility makes us more persuasive in the long run.

But I for one am not buying into the idea that my opinion or yours – just because I call it "opinion" – cannot therefore be challenged.

That's my opinion.

- Bob Thompson, Pastor