

Making Disciples of those **Nearest**, our **Neighbors** and the **Nations**
JANUARY 2018



THE **TABLE**
Keeping Carmel Connected

January 2018

Carmel Family,

The Road Ahead

Welcome to the New Year! We are in the New Testament portion of Root 66 on Sunday mornings. It's been a great journey thus far and we have a really exciting portion of the road ahead of us in the "Explanation" part of A.M.P.E.C.* which will take us from Romans to Jude.

During the month of February, we'll take a 4-week Sunday morning detour that we're calling "Are We There Yet?" Carmel has a great mission taken from the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20: (read this out loud) "Carmel is committed to making disciples of those Nearest, our Neighbors, and the Nations." This statement describes WHAT we will do as we move forward in the vision God has given us as a church. But during the month of February, we'll unpack the WHY and the HOW. What is the compelling reason behind this mission? And HOW do we make disciples?

The "Are We There Yet?" detour will culminate with our Life in Christ Conference on Saturday, March 3 (8:30am - 12:30pm). Plan to bring your family and join me for important morning of practical equipping on HOW to make disciples.

2018 Resolutions

95% of what we do on a daily basis is driven by our habits and only 5% from conscious decisions**. I'm praying through that and asking the Lord to reveal to me what habits drive my life. Would you join me in that prayer? Let's commit in 2018 to make it a "habit" to pursue the Lord like never before.

Love you Carmel,

Pastor Alex

PS - Tim Wishon, our Church Administrator, will be taking a leave of absence to live in Murmansk, Russia for three months (Jan 15 - April 15). Tim and his wife, Gayle, are doing this as a major step in a long journey toward a more permanent presence in Murmansk. While away, Tim will stay involved in Carmel operations, but Pastor Jay Hancock, Executive Pastor, and others on the administrative team will assist with interim administrative responsibilities.

* AMPEC helps us remember the overarching outline of the Bible:

- A - Anticipation
- M - Manifestation
- P - Proclamation
- E - Explanation
- C - Consummation

** Timothy D. Wilson, Strangers to Ourselves



praise

Open-Handed Generosity!

Fall 2017 Carmel Serve Praise

The first week of November 2017, over **300 people of all ages Loved+Served** our local ministry partners! Why do we invest time in building relationships and caring for those outside the walls of Carmel? Because God tells us to do so throughout His Word!



Prepared snacks for after-school children at Project 658



Hosted Special Olympics dinner at Carmel for NC athletes



BINGO night with residents Carrington



Warehouse work + furniture deliveries at Beds for Kids



Fellowshipped with residents through crafts at Dove's Nest



Hosted dinner and game night at Charlotte Rescue Mission

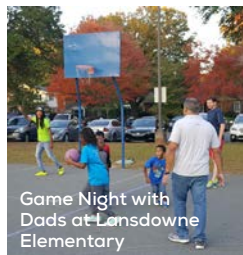
SAVE THE DATE: Spring Carmel Serve is April 26-29, 2018



Fall yard work for a Love Inc client



Assembled baby supplies for new moms served by the PRC



Game Night with Dads at Lansdowne Elementary



Wrote notes to incarcerated women served by Changed Choices



Gardening/Yard work with Jackson Park residents



Thank You!

Check out the results of **OVERFLOWING** Collection Bins in November & December:



150 men overcoming addiction through Charlotte Rescue Mission's Rebound program say THANK YOU! This Christmas, received NEW undergarments, socks and gloves collected by Carmel.



PLUS close to 500 items - including pantry staples, toiletries, gently-used work attire, coats, and hoodies - were also collected for the men and women served by Charlotte Rescue Mission.



Cold nights this winter were made extra warm and snuggly by the 150 sheet sets, blankets and comforters that filled the collection bins in December for families receiving furniture from Beds for Kids.

See Page 7 for details about this month's collection for Changed Choices and February's collection for Love Inc.

My Story



"I now have sisterhood, prayer warriors, a family and a place to call home. Thank you Carmel for your generous hospitality and authentic love for people, by God's grace you are changing legacies."

— Melissa Garcia

Melissa and her family moved to Charlotte from another state this past Fall and started attending Carmel. These words concluded reflections she recently shared of how she and her family have been impacted through relationships and ministries at Carmel. Read Melissa's FULL reflection at carmelbaptist.org/stories.

Details for these and other events are available at carmelbaptist.org/schedule.

JAN ^{SUN} 7 Root 66 - Acts Lord's Supper Elder Prayer	MON, 8	TUE, 9  2nd Tuesday Prayer (7:00am)	WED, 10 Midweek resumes <i>Famjam</i>	THUR, 11 WOMEN: Morning Prayer Gathering	FRI, 12	SAT, 13
SUN, 14 Root 66 - Romans	MON, 15	TUE, 16 WOMEN: Evening Prayer Gathering Winter Gathering	WED, 17 Midweek	THUR, 18 WOMEN: Morning Prayer Gathering	FRI, 19	SAT, 20
SUN, 21 Root 66 - 1 Corinthians	MON, 22	TUE, 23 Winter Gathering	WED, 24 Midweek	THUR, 25 WOMEN: Morning Prayer Gathering	FRI, 26	SAT, 27
SUN, 28 Root 66 - 2 Corinthians Baptism	MON, 29	TUE, 30 Winter Gathering	WED, 31 Midweek	FEB ^{THUR} 1	FRI, 2	SAT, 3
SUN, 4 <i>Are We There Yet?</i> Lord's Supper Elder Prayer	MON, 5	TUE, 6 Mom's Time Out WOMEN: Evening Prayer Gathering	WED, 7 Midweek: Famjam	THUR, 8 WOMEN: Morning Prayer Gathering	FRI, 9 Joy Prom 	SAT, 10
SUN, 11 <i>Are We There Yet?</i> Milestone 1	MON, 12	TUE, 13  2nd Tuesday Prayer (7:00am)	WED, 14 Midweek	THUR, 15 WOMEN: Morning Prayer Gathering	FRI, 16	SAT, 17
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SUN, 25 <i>Are We There Yet?</i> Baptism	MON, 26	TUE, 27	WED, 28 Midweek	MAR ^{THUR} 1 WOMEN: Morning Prayer Gathering	FRI, 2	SAT, 3 Life in Christ Conference 

Looking ahead...

MARCH 7 Night of Prayer 16-18 8th Grade Survivor Retreat (Milestone 4) 28 Seder Meal	APRIL 1 Resurrection Sunday 26-29 Carmel Serve 13-15 Boys Preteen Retreat (Milestone 3) 20-22 Girls Preteen Retreat (Milestone 3)	MAY 3 National Day of Prayer 5-14 Mission Trip: Bolivia 16 All Church Meeting 18-25 Mission Trip: Mexico 20 High School Graduation Recognition (Milestone 6) 20 Parent/Child Dedication (Milestone 1)	JUNE 13-17 Camp Carmel 15-23 Mission Trip: Albania 22-30 Mission Trip: Ukraine 25-28 Amazing Journey Back to Bible Times	JULY 15-29 Mission Trip: Guyana 15-20 CarmelKidz Camp	AUGUST 2-12 Mission Trip: Ethiopia
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Connect + Engage

JAN 9 FEB 13 MAR 13
COME FOR 15 MINUTES OR THE WHOLE HOUR

2ND TUESDAYS
MORNING PRAYER
LED BY PASTOR ALEX
7:00 - 8:00AM IN UPTOWN AUDITORIUM



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a big deal
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Wednesdays
Supper +
Hands-on,
How-to
Ministry
Training
for **ALL** ages.



**Volunteer
for Joy Prom**
Friday
February
9

sign up NOW at carmelbaptist.org




Register online by
Sunday, January 21. **page 6**



**NEW
member
CLASS**

STOP BY **THE PORCH** ON
SUNDAY MORNINGS TO LEARN MORE



**baptism 101
CLASS**

Explore biblical basics of baptism.
Sunday, January 28 **page 5**



Text **CARMELNEWS** to **22828**
to be in the know about
what is happening at Carmel!

Subscribe for weekly updates on ways to connect and engage.

SAVE THE DATE



Saturday, March 3
8:30am - 12:30pm

**See back page
for details**



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Connect on Sundays



Questions about a relationship with Christ? Stop by The Porch on Sundays or email Josh Fairbaugh at joshf@carmelbaptist.org.



New to Carmel? The Bridge is an opportunity for us to get to know each other! During this 8-week introduction to Carmel, meet members of our Pastoral team, connect with others new to Carmel, explore the campus and discover how we live out our mission. The Bridge - which is NOT a new member class - is the first place to go when you're ready to learn more about Carmel!



Need Prayer?

The first Sunday of each month, the Elders and their wives are available in the Prayer Room between services to pray with and for you. For other opportunities: carmelbaptist.org/prayer.



Interested in Baptism? If you're not sure what baptism is, or you've never been baptized and are interested in learning more, join us for Baptism 101 which covers the biblical basics of baptism and how we practice believer's baptism by immersion at Carmel.
Baptism 101 - January 28 @ 11:00am in Room A243
Baptism Dates - January 28 and February 25



Considering Membership?

Stop by The Porch to sign up for one of our upcoming New Member classes
January 7, 14 & 21 - 11:00am
February 4, 11 & 18 - 9:30am

Connect on Wednesdays

Hands-on, how-to ministry training to equip us to better live as disciples in our homes, at Carmel, on our streets, at the office or school and around the world! Come for Supper (4:45 - 6:30pm) followed by discipleship training for all ages. Details at carmelbaptist.org/midweek. No registration is required - come as many Wednesdays as you can!

January 10 - February 28: Adult Trainings

1-1 Financial Coaching: Biblical principles for managing your God-given resources. (Room A237)

While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks: Reflections on Biblical leadership. (A245)

Adult Bible Study: Explore God's Word and encourage one another through prayer. Begins at 6:00pm. (The Choir Room)

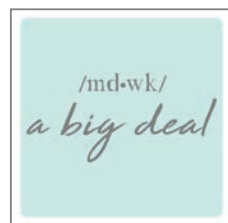
Connecting to Carmel: Explore what fosters community and advances our mission at Carmel. (A243)

Women on Wednesday: Fellowship while doing an on-campus service project for a local ministry partner. (The Carmel Room)

Parent Round Tables: See Page 9 (CarmelKidz)

March 7 - May 9: NEW Format + Events

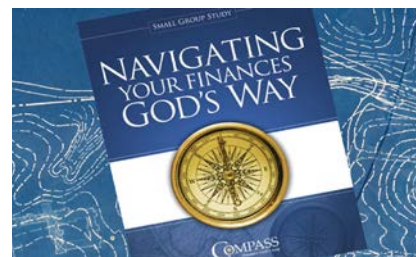
Beginning March 7, Midweek will offer a NEW format for Adult Training as a follow up to Pastor Alex's February detour. Also, mark your calendar NOW for a Midweek **Night of Prayer** (March 7) and a Midweek **Seder Meal** (March 28).





Through Care Ministry

Navigating Your Finances God's Way: From saving and spending to giving and investing, spend Sunday evenings learning Biblical principles to faithfully steward God's resources. This course was created by the founder of Crown Financial Ministries and includes updated content for today's financial challenges. **Begins January 28** with orientation followed by sessions February 11 - April 15. Childcare available for children up to age 12. Details at carmelbaptist.org.



GriefShare: 15-week healing Bible study for anyone who has lost a loved one. Don't grieve alone. Wednesdays beginning January 10 from 6:30 - 8:00pm. NOTE: Due to the nature and format of this study, participants must join in the first few weeks. To learn more, email griefshare@carmelbaptist.org.

For Men Battling Sexual Sin: More than Conquerors is a confidential, on-going Monday-evening support group for men pursuing purity in their lives. To learn more, confidentially contact conquerors@carmelbaptist.org.

For Women Engaged or Married to Men Battling Sex Addiction - Women Living Well is a confidential, Christ-centered caring community for women engaged or married to men battling sex addiction. Feel known, process grief, and receive tools for transformational recovery. Mondays at 7:00pm beginning January 22. To learn more, confidentially contact womenlivingwell@carmelbaptist.org.

Post-Abortion Healing Study: Surrendering the Secret is a powerful, redemptive study that helps women find healing, restoration and hope from a past abortion in a supportive and confidential environment. For information, confidentially contact stscarolinas@gmail.com.

Through Carmel Women

Complete details can be found at carmelbaptist.org/women.

Spring Bible Studies

Registration is open for these studies (which begin the week of February 5). Questions? Email carmelwomen@carmelbaptist.org.

- *Voice of God* - by Priscilla Shirer
- *Crossing the Waters* by Leslie Leyland Fields
- *Awaken - Ruth: Loss, Love & Legacy* by Kelly Minter & Esther
- *Precept: Acts (The Life of Paul) - Jesus' Witness to the Gentiles*
- *Precept: Ephesians & Phillipians*
- *Soul Care: An Introduction to the Season of Lent*
- *Power of a Praying Wife* by Stormie Omartian
- *The Battle Plan for Prayer Bible Study* by Stephen and Alex Kendrick
- *1 Peter: A Living Hope in Christ* by Jen Wilkin
- *Proven* by Jennie Allen



Prayer: Join Daughters of the King in the Prayer Room for prayer on Tuesday nights and Thursday mornings.

Preschool Moms: see Mom's Time Out on Page 8

Women on Wednesday: Experience fellowship in the Carmel Room while completing an on-campus service project for a local ministry partner during Midweek. All women are welcome!

Fitness Classes: Mondays through Thursdays from 8:15-9:15am.

Through Serving on Sundays

Front Door Greeter: (weekly)

Smile, hold open the door and make all who enter Carmel feel welcome!

Preschool Greeters: (1x month)

Extend hospitality and assist guest families on Sunday mornings. Serve between services on a once-a-month rotation. No need to miss worship or your Discipleship Community!

Preschool Volunteer: (2x monthly)

Several volunteers are needed for our 2 year old classes during the 9:30am service.

To explore all areas of service, visit carmelbaptist.org/serve/nearest.

challenge

Opportunities to Engage



Live Generously

The Carmel Collection Bins facilitate month-long collections of needed supplies for local ministry partners.



Changed Choices

Provides wraparound support services for incarcerated or recently released women in Charlotte.

Needed Items: **NEW** paper products, stamps, Walmart, Harris-Teeter or Food Lion gift cards (place gift cards in the lockbox on top of bins)



Love inc

Mobilizes believers in Christ to help meet the physical and spiritual needs of the poor, elderly and disabled in the Charlotte area.

Needed Items: **NEW** toiletries and fans

Ongoing - Food + Clothes

Needed items: Nonperishable food items for Loaves & Fishes and new or new-like clothes for men, women and children.

FEB 9



Be a Joy Prom Host

Help Carmel host 400 guests with special needs on Friday, February 9 from 6:45 - 9:30pm.

Online sign up AND training makes preparing easy!

Take the Nations Quiz (and go!)

Regardless of how many you get correct, the point is to prayerfully consider **GOING** on a short term trip in 2018. Answers below.

- In how many different countries is Carmel actively making disciples?
(A) 16 (B) 14 (C) 18
- What skills are most needed either on the missions field or on a short-term trip?
(A) HIS SKILLS (B) HER SKILLS (C) MY SKILLS
- How many people did Carmel send on short-term trips in 2017?
(A) 100 (B) 200 (C) 300
- Can you name 5 locations Carmel will go on short-term trips in 2018?
1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____
- The most important question: Will you be a part of a team that will go in 2018?
(A) YES (B) YES (C) YES

1 - (B) 14 countries between short-term trips and Carmel-supported missionaries.
2 - (C) Your unique gifts and abilities can be utilized in meaningful ways around the globe.
3 - 220 in 2017
4 - Teams will serve in Netherlands, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Bolivia, Peru, Mexico, Albania, Ukraine, Guyana, and Ethiopia. Plus more opportunities will be added later this year.
5 - (We hope it is) YES! To learn more and express your interest visit: carmelbaptist.org/missions.



"Adopt" a college-age student for the Spring semester!

Consistently PRAY for, ENCOURAGE, and SEND a care package.

Carmel has contact information for 132 college-age students (spread over 12 states and 31 campus) who call Carmel their home church. We prepare these students well to launch as missionaries wherever God leads them and it is our desire to continue encouraging them once they launch. Details in Gathering Space January 7 & 14. Know a college-age student not signed up? We want their information - send it to Kris Shields at kriss@carmelbaptist.org.

Hello Preschool Families:

Welcome 2018! I pray everyone had a great Christmas break and enjoyed the love of being with family and friends. It is easy to start a new year with resolutions that are truly unattainable. I would encourage you to start simple and make changes that promote a healthy spiritual rhythm within your family routine. Blessings to all of you as 2018 gets started.

-Rachel Bright

Preschool Minister & WEE School Head of School



Parent Child Dedication (Milestone 1) Sunday, February 11

If you are ready to publicly commit to being intentional about teaching and training your child in the ways of the Lord, you're ready for Milestone 1: Parent/Child Dedication. To learn more, visit carmelbaptist.org/milestones.

Sunday Mornings

For Kids



Live from Large Group . . . It's K.E.Y.E. NEWS! (We've got our **EYE on the **NEWS**!)**

Looking for the latest New Testament News? Tune in to the K.E.Y.E. NEWS crew as we uncover Breaking Bible News! Our reporters are in the studio and on the ground following stories such as an overnight escape to Egypt...the childhood of Jesus...and a tax-collector turned Jesus-follower?! We're tracking down the details on these stories and more each week, **LIVE** from Large Group!

For Parents - WEE Connect @ 11:00am



WEE Connect is a Sunday morning Discipleship Community for parents of preschoolers. Come make friends and learn more about God's plan for successful parenting from 11:00 a.m. to noon in room D101 (across from the Preschool Welcome Desk). Pastor Jay Hancock, Carmel's Executive Pastor, will lead the class along with a team of others, some who also have preschoolers and others who have older children, and will serve as mentors.

Midweek

For Preschoolers - Preschoolers will continue their study about the B.I.B.L.E. We will learn more about Jesus and his life, rotating through different learning centers.

Moms - Enjoy a Night Out!

Mom's Time Out is a first-Tuesday-of-the-month gathering designed to encourage and equip moms with preschoolers to thrive in this season. Enjoy dinner, fellowship, mentoring, guest speakers crafts and fun at Mom's Time Out each month

Feb 6 - Valetine cookie decorating instruction with Sarah Houser + card making + craft

Mar 6 - Easter message and craft

April 10 - Guest speaker Elizabeth Poplin

May 1 - Speaker and activity to be announced

Register online at carmelbaptist.org/moms-time-out.



2018 - 2019
Enrollment
weeschool.org

Carmel Members: Jan 28 - 30

Returning Families (non-church member): Jan 31 - Feb 2

Public Registration: Feb 6

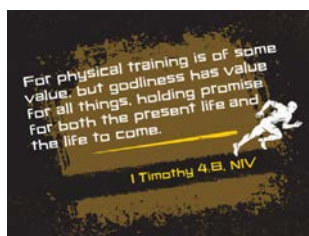
Register in-person at the WEE School between 8:00am - 3:00pm.
Doors open at 7:00am.

Hello CarmelKidz Families:

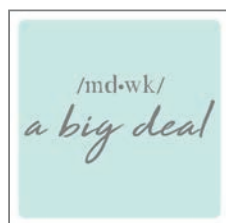
Giving our children more Bible information does not grow their faith, but practice does! And that practice takes commitment. Encourage - and model for your child - reading God's Word daily, praying to Him constantly, talking about God with friends, and living out your faith every day.

-Sean Lee

Children's Minister



Midweek



Kidz - Learn About Commitment

This month's Midweek focus is Commitment: making a plan and putting it into practice. Join us for Famjam (01/10) and Kidjam (01/17, 01/24, 1/31)

Parents - Invest 4 Wednesday Nights in Your Marriage

The best thing you can give your child is the marriage God intends you to have. Commit to attend CarmelKidz Midweek Round Table! Join us Wednesdays, January 17, 24, 31, and February 14 in Room U215/U216 from 6:30-7:20 pm.

What is FirstStep?



If you have a 1st - 6th grader who has expressed interest in salvation, becoming a Christ-Follower, or baptism, register now for FirstStep! This interactive, 4-week class offered in February on Sunday mornings is for both child and parent. Details and registration at carmelbaptist.org/firststep.

Save These SUMMER Dates

Before you schedule vacation, save these summer discipleship dates! Registration information will be emailed to parents in April.



Back to Bible Times - I Walk Where Jesus Walked

June 25-28, 9:00am - 12:00pm
For current Preschoolers Age 3 - 2nd Grade
Online registration begins Sunday, April 1 (or 8)

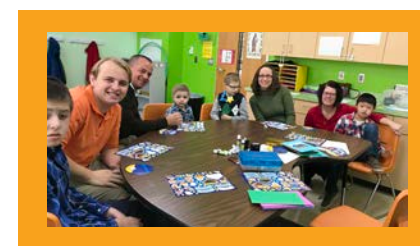
CarmelKidz Summer Camp - University of Genesis

Sunday, July 15 - Friday, July 20
For current 3rd-6th Graders
Online registration begins Sunday, March 4



Sunday, February 4

ALL CarmelKidz in attendance will receive a special gift that includes this NEW look!



The Joy Class (for CarmelKidz with special needs) are learning to love + serve others and made Christmas cards and ornaments for Carmel's homebound.



Not getting emails from CarmelKidz?

Let us know by emailing janicem@carmelbaptist.org.

Upcoming Events

February 4, 11, 18, 25: First Step (February)

February 7: Famjam (Kindness)

February 16: Preteen (6th grade) Night Out

March 4, 11, 18, 25: First step (March)

March 7: Famjam (Peace)



C A R M E L
STUDENTS



N A V

Register NOW + Campfire Celebration

Come dive into the book of Acts. Sign ups will be first come first serve like last semester so make sure you jump on as soon as you can. At the end of the semester, we'll gather around the campfire to celebrate all of the incredible things that have been happening in our Nav groups. See dates below!



"Nav has helped me to further know who I am as a disciple for Christ." - Adam H., 11th Grade

Survivor - 8th Grade Retreat (Milestone 4)

The shift from middle school to high school is tough with all the pressure, stress, and demands! Friends, teachers, coaches and parents have expectations and difficult questions. Survivor 8th Grade Retreat helps prepare students for this transition through physical challenges, worship, survival tips and time to hang out with friends. This event is designed to be part of the church celebration of the Purity for Life Milestone. Dates are March 16-18. Details and registration available at carmelstudents.org.



MILESTONE 4
PURITY FOR LIFE



Refresh - Renewed Strength for Body & Soul

On Saturday, February 17 from 9:00-11:00am in the Student Center, all girls grades 7th-12th are invited to spend the morning being refreshed in God's presence. Registration opens Sunday January 21 and will be FREE for the first 24 hours and \$10 for all who sign up after the first 24 hours.

The Pause - Praise

2017 wrapped up with strong with 130 High School students and 20 leaders escaping to Bonclarken Conference Center for The Pause retreat. Our theme of "We Being Many Are One" taught us about unity as a body of Christ and as a student ministry. We all left more encouraged and excited for what is to come in 2018 and beyond!



Important Dates

Midweek resumes January 10

Nav registration January 8 - 12

Refresh registration opens (and is FREE) on January 21

Survivor Retreat March 16-18

Middle School Nav Campfire April 28

High School Nav Campfire April 29

Carmel Serve April 26-29

ARE WE THERE YET?

Abide. Build. Live. Everything.



Don't miss Sundays in February

as Pastor Alex brings clarity to **HOW** we live out Christ's call to make disciples (which is also our mission as a church!).

Discipleship Communities (DC) will spend Sunday mornings in February diving deeper into Pastor Alex's morning message. If you're not connected to a DC, now is a great time to get started and not miss out on the conversation by plugging into The Bridge (details on Page 5).



Save the Date!

Life in Christ Conference

Saturday, March 3 • 8:30am - 12:30pm

God wants to use you!

Don't let the busyness of life prevent you from making an impact where life takes you.

This is a morning for the whole family! Students are encourage to attend. Childcare provided for children 6 weeks through 6th grade.

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