

Making
Disciples
of those
Nearest, our
Neighbors
and the
Nations

January 2017



THE TABLE

Keeping Carmel Connected

January 2017

Carmel Friends and Family:

A short walk from my daughter's place in Oxford, England is the Eagle and Child Pub. This is the pub CS Lewis and JRR Tolkien gathered weekly at with a group of literary enthusiasts. Can you imagine the conversation between these two? As our family sat in the booth where they gathered, I could not help but be moved by the giftedness of these storytellers and the powerful lessons from their stories. Narnia and Middle Earth. Aslan and the ring. For many of us, we know these stories so very well.



But how well do you know the greatest story - God's story - that He has given to us through the Bible?

This year and beyond, we'll focus on looking at God's story through the Bible. We'll start with Genesis and work our way through to Revelation (with a few detours along the way). I've titled this series **Root 66: Deeply Rooted for the Road Ahead**. In unsteady days, we as believers can and must stand firm on the Word of God.

I can't wait to see how God works in each of our lives through this series. As DL Moody reminds us "The Bible was not given for our information but for our transformation."

My prayer for 2017 is that God will be glorified as we are transformed by His Word!

Love you Carmel,

Pastor Alex

New Evening Equipping

wednesday nights

winter **Recharge** classes

**ReCharge your Life in Christ by
investing 5 Wednesday Nights!**

Wednesdays (6:15 - 7:15pm)

Jan 18, Jan 25, Feb 8, Feb 15 & Feb 22.

No registration required - just come!

Context

Mark Gott

Look at Bible verses routinely taken out of their natural context.

What to Say When

Jason Jimenez

Tools to talk to people about Christ and create conversations that share the Gospel.

Parenting on Purpose

Pastor Jay & Jody Hancock

Parents - gain wisdom and tools for your role as primary disciple maker.

5 Greats & the Life Lessons They Leave Us

Dr. Alison Littauer

Explore lessons learned from St. Augustine, Luther, Calvin, Jonathan Edwards and the Wesleys.

Teaching God's Word

Pastor Jeremy Amick

Explore the basics of the Inductive Bible Study method and how it can apply to your weekly preparation.

Disciple-Making Relationships at Carmel

Pastor Josh Fairbaugh

Learn how leadership and mentoring can help create a disciple-making environment in your Discipleship Community.

The Truth Project

Dale Wood (CCS High School Principal)

Look at life from a biblical perspective and discuss the relevance and importance of living the Christian worldview in daily life.

What If I'm Not Called?

Pastor Jon Freeman

Learn our understanding of God and eternity will impact how we live out His mission everyday even if we don't feel called. Details on Page 9.

Destination: **TRUE Financial Freedom**



Spend Sunday evenings learning how to navigate your finances God's way. From saving and spending, to giving and investing, learn Biblical principles to faithfully steward God's resources. This course is 10 sessions and was created by the founder of Crown Financial Ministries and includes updated content for today's financial challenges.

Destination: TRUE Financial Freedom














Begins January 29 @ 5:00pm
with Session 1/Orientation

Course continues Feb 12, Feb 19, Feb 26,
Mar 5, Mar 12, Mar 19, Mar 26,
Apr 2 & Apr 9.

**Visit carmelbaptist.org/compass to
learn more and register.**

Childcare is available
for children up to 12 years old.
Sign up for childcare when you register.



JAN. SUN, 8 <i>Root 66</i> Baptism FirstStep Class	MON, 9 MEN: Pursuing Purity	TUE, 10	WED, 11 Wednesday Nights @ Carmel Prayer Gathering in Worship Center Famjam GriefShare	THU, 12 WOMEN: Morning Prayer Gathering	FRI, 13	SAT, 14
SUN, 15 <i>Root 66</i> FirstStep Class Baptism Elder Prayer 	MON, 16 MEN: Pursuing Purity	TUE, 17 WOMEN: Evening Prayer Gathering	WED, 18 Wednesday Nights @ Carmel  GriefShare Choir Carmel Home Educators	THU, 19 WOMEN: Morning Prayer Gathering	FRI, 20	SAT, 21
SUN, 22 <i>Root 66</i> First Step Class  	MON, 23 MEN: Pursuing Purity	TUE, 24	WED, 25 Wednesday Nights @ Carmel  GriefShare Choir	THU, 26	FRI, 27	SAT, 28
SUN, 29 <i>Root 66</i> Baptism Choir Leads Worship First Step Class Compass Course Session 1/ Orientation 	MON, 30 MEN: Pursuing Purity	TUE, 31	FEB. WED, 1 Wednesday Nights @ Carmel Prayer with Pastor Alex Famjam GriefShare	THU, 2 WOMEN: Morning Prayer Gathering	FRI, 3	SAT, 4 
SUN, 5 <i>Root 66</i> Lord Supper Elder Prayer  	MON, 6 MEN: Pursuing Purity	TUE, 7  WOMEN: Evening Prayer Gathering	WED, 8 Wednesday Nights @ Carmel  GriefShare 	THU, 9 WOMEN: Morning Prayer Gathering	FRI, 10	SAT, 11 

Inclement weather information regarding delays or closures can be found on our website, our Facebook page, local TV stations or by calling the main church phone at 704.847.8575.



Sunday Mornings @ Carmel

This month, we begin a journey through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation (with a few detours along the way). In unsteady days, we as believers can (OR must) stand firm on the Word of God. Grab your Bible and a pen and come ready to be encouraged and equipped for the road ahead!

Other Sunday morning considerations:



Stop by The Porch

Questions about a relationship with Jesus Christ, baptism or getting connected at Carmel? Stop by The Porch (formerly the NextStep area) and visit with a team member.



Consider The Bridge if New to Carmel

Want to learn more about the church, the Bible and how to get connected at Carmel? *The Bridge* consists of six sessions beginning February 5, join us Sundays at 9:30am in room A202. Join in any Sunday. Learn more at The Porch or Welcome Desk.

Plug into a Discipleship Community

Adult DCs, as we call them, meet Sunday mornings at 9:30 and 11:00am. Stop by the Welcome Desk or visit carmelbaptist.org/connect to learn more.

Ride the Shuttle

Free up a parking space for a family with young children or a first-time guest by parking at Elizabeth Lane Elementary and catching the shuttle (7:15am-12:45pm).

Consider Serving

Greeting, rocking babies, teaching and tech team, are just a few of the opportunities to lend your time and talent on Sunday mornings. Email kris@carmelbaptist.org to express an interest.

Sermon Series



Deeply Rooted for the Road Ahead

JAN. 08

Root 66 - Intro

JAN. 15

Genesis

JAN. 22

Exodus

JAN. 29

Leviticus

FEB. 05

Numbers

FEB. 12

Deuteronomy

Make Time for Wednesday Nights

wednesday nights @carmel

Our weeks are packed. Our to-do lists never end. That is precisely why we need a mid-week reminder of what matters!

Come for a chef-prepared meal (4:45 - 6:00pm) and stay for equipping (6:15 - 7:30pm)!

From preschoolers to adults, there is something for everyone - including a **NEW batch of Adult ReCharge Classes** (see details on page 2).

Visit carmelbaptist.org/wednesdaynights for more information.

Note: **Grief Share will not meet in January.**



Men's Ministry

Men Pursing Purity - Monday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30pm.

Fight the addictive cycle of false intimacy and battle sexual sin from a Biblical perspective with the help of this open and on-going support group. For location information and details, contact David Dixon at davidd@carmelbaptist.org.

Men's Breakfast - Saturday, February 11 (7:00 - 9:00am)

Come enjoy a hearty breakfast and learn how God has shaped your heart to be the man He has designed you to be. RSVP by February 8 online.

Women's Ministry

Carmel Women's Ministry is all about praying, studying God's Word together and encouraging one another (Colossians 2:2, 3).

Prayer Gatherings

All women of Carmel are welcome to join a weekly prayer gathering. No need to sign up! Just come with an expectant heart and open hands! Daughters of the King meets:

Tuesday evenings 7:00 - 8:00pm (1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month)

Thursday mornings 11:45am - 12:45pm

NEW Bible Studies

Visit carmebaptist.org/women to explore upcoming @Church and @Home Bible Study options.



A recent gathering some of the new Women's Ministry Leaders.

Carmel Family Reminders

We're Hiring!

We're still in the search process for the following positions:

Preschool Minister/WEE School Head of School

Young Adult Pastor

Japanese Pastor

Director of Missions

Check out the Employment tab under Resources at carmelbaptist.org.

Nominate a Deacon by February 15

The men of Carmel's Deacon Fellowship provide service and spiritual leadership within our church body. From January 11 - February 15, you can nominate men for this service for the August 1, 2017 to July 31, 2018 term. Prayerfully consider who you will nominate and fill out a Deacon Nomination form available at the Welcome Center or online at carmelleader.org. Qualifications can be found on the forms and online. New nominees will be presented to the church at the Quarterly Business Meeting in May for service starting August 1.

Save These Dates!

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, February 11
(7:00 - 9:00am)

Life in Christ Conference

See back page for details
Saturday, March 4
(8:00am - 2:00pm)

Joy Prom

April 28 & 29



On Sunday Mornings

Lower Level Preschoolers: **Jesus Can Help Me!**

This month our youngest Preschoolers will learn about the **miracles performed by Jesus**. They will learn that Jesus is always here to help, no matter where or when we need Him.

Threes - Kindergarten: **Seeking Jesus**

This month, Preschoolers on the Main Level will hear stories from Jesus' childhood and early ministry and discover some of the people who looked for (and saw) Jesus! The wise men searched for Him, Anna and Simeon got to meet Him, and even the priests at the temple sat in awe of the child Jesus. **Everyone who met Him was amazed...because seeing Jesus changes everything!** Each story this month will remind us that we too need to seek Jesus every day!

Opportunities for Mom & Dad



Want a GREAT Date Night?

Wednesday Nights @ Carmel are for you and your spouse! Enjoy a chef prepared family dinner (and dessert!), check your children into a quality learning experience then invest in yourself and your marriage! Check out the schedule for Wednesday Night ReCharge classes, prayer gatherings and Bible study at carmelbaptist.org.



MOPs (Moms of Preschoolers) Tuesday, February 7 @ 7:00pm

Come enjoy an abundance of food, get to meet other mothers with young children and create a craft together.



MILESTONE 1

Celebrate Milestone 1: Parent/Child Dedication

If your family would like to participate in Milestone 1: Parent/Child Dedication on Sunday, **February 12 @ 8:00, 9:30 or 11:00am**, contact Cindi Baker at cindib@carmelbaptist.org. Deadline to sign up is January 29.



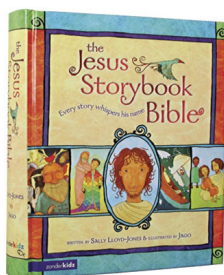
Help Celebrate Ms. Debbie!

Ms. Debbie's 25 years of ministry leadership at Carmel are impressive. We seek to celebrate her service well. Visit carmelbaptist.org and tell us the impact Debbie has made on your family.

SEEK JESUS together each day!

Helpful steps to get you started:

- Start the new year with a new children's Bible (*The Big Picture Story Bible* and *The Jesus Storybook Bible* are great for families)
- Pray all throughout the day (not just at mealtimes)
- Read God's Word as a family during dinner or bedtime
- Memorize a Bible verse, like the Root 66 verse, as a family each week (kids love to learn alongside their parents!)
- Look for ways to serve others together (it can be as simple as letting someone go before you in line at the grocery store)
- Talk about Jesus every single day of the week!





Know More, Do More!

God designed us uniquely different from the rest of creation to discover, wonder, explore, innovate, improve and solve problems. The Elementary and Preteen phases are two of the most opportune times to provoke the DISCOVERY OF God. Invite your child into a lifetime of the spiritual discipline of DISCOVERING who God is and how He loves them. We're here to help!

- Look for a **special email this month** with parenting tips on HOW TO ANSWER YOUR CHILD'S QUESTIONS.
- Visit **carmelbaptist.org/carmelkidz-parents** for easy and simple ways to reinforce what your child is learning at Carmel through a daily routine (morning time, meal time, bed time, drive time).
- Look for **grade-specific e-mails** designed to "CUE" you as the parent to know what your child is learning at Carmel.



On Sunday Mornings:

Grade level DCs will explore the following:

- 1st Grade: Extraordinary Jesus Grew
- 2nd Grade: Learning God's Attributes
- 3rd Grade: Show you know, Jesus - God Man and The Lamb of God
- 4th Grade: Discovering God's Design for Community
- 5th Grade: Kingdom Divided and God's Warning through Prophets
- Preteens: David and Daniel - Contrast in Character
- Special Needs: The Attributes of God

firststep >>> FEBRUARY

First Step is a 4-week interactive class designed for CarmelKidz to discover God's plan of salvation from Genesis to Jesus and how they can be a part of God's family. If your child is asking questions, or already made a faith decision and is ready for baptism, sign up for February First Step. As your child's primary disciple maker, we do ask that a parent also attend. Go to carmelbaptist.org/firststep for more information and to register.

Key Dates:

First Step class (registration required)
Sundays, Jan 8, 15, 22, 29

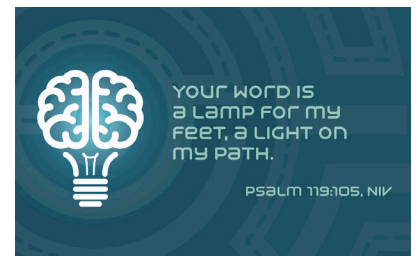
Famjam (Knowledge)
Wednesday, Jan 11

Kidjam & Preteen Junction (6th grade)
Wednesday, Jan 18, 25

First Step class (registration required)
Sundays, Feb 5, 12, 19, 26

Wednesday Nights @ CarmelKidz

Wednesday's in January will focus on **Knowledge**: learning something new so you can be better at whatever you do.





Sunday Nights - 6:30 - 8:00pm

After you have dinner with your family, come hang-out, play games, kick a soccer ball, build friendships and have meaningful conversations at C2 - our Sunday evening grade-level home fellowships!

Every grade meets in a different home near Carmel from **6:30-8:00pm**. We have a great team of adult leaders in each home ready to invest into students and lead a large group discussion based on the Sunday morning message from our pastor.

The fun begins Sunday, January 15.



We thank the following families for hosting this semester!

7th Grade - Brock and Debbie Dixon

8th Grade - Ben and Julianne Bash

9th Grade - Mike and Deb Seelig

10th Grade - Scott and Mary Margaret Johnstone

11th Grade - Brian and Lisa McCulloch

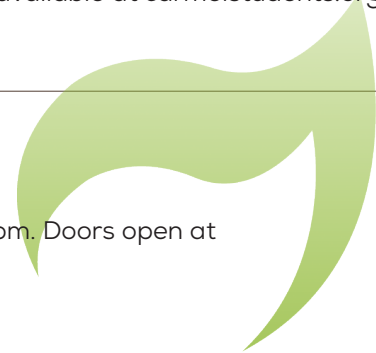
12th Grade - Dave and Donna Pollack



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 many 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 17-19**. Details and registration available at carmelstudents.org.

Wednesday Nights @ Fuel Worship

Don't miss out on Fuel Worship in the gym each Wednesday from 6:15-7:30pm. Doors open at 6:00pm, so feel free to come early and hang out with your friends.



H/S STUDENTS & PARENTS

9TH-12TH PANCAKES/DODGEBALL

All 9th-12th Grade students and parents are invited to join us for a morning of pancakes and dodgeball on **February 4 from 9:00 - 11:00am** in the Gym. You can eat pancakes, play dodgeball, or both! It's going to be a lot of fun.

Sign up at carmelstudents.org.

Key Dates

Jan 11 - Fuel Worship Begins

Jan 15 - C2 Begins

Feb 4 - HS Students/Parents Pancakes/Dodgeball

Mar 17 - 19 **SURVIVOR retreat**



Neighbors

Join Us Wednesday Nights for ReCharge

Have you ever thought that the Great Commission is for other people, but not you? Have you ever wondered how you can be on mission even if you are not in full-time ministry?

Join us for *What if I'm Not Called? Finding Your Role in the Great Commission* - a 5-part series where we'll walk through how our understanding of God and eternity impacts how we live out this mission every day, even if we don't feel called.

What if I'm Not Called? Finding Your Role in the Great Commission
ReCharge Class - Wednesday @ 6:15pm

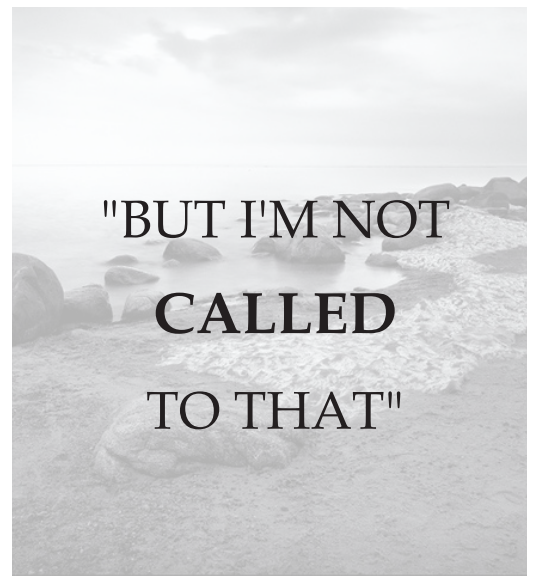
JAN 18 Shaping Our Worldview *What should we believe about God? Explore our common misconceptions about who God is and what His purposes are in the world.*

JAN 25 Cultivating an Eternal Perspective *How does what we believe about eternity impact how we live now? Understand how your life investments can pay eternal dividends.*

FEB 8 Living On Mission and On Message *What should we be doing? Learn what it means to "Follow Jesus" regardless of occupation or calling.*

FEB 15 Understanding My Role in the Story of God *Who am I created to be? Discover your identity as a child of God.*

FEB 22 Looking For God in Real Time *How can I be ready? Discuss practical ways to live the life God created you to live everyday.*



Upcoming SERVE Opportunities

CARMEL SERVE

Carmel Serve returns February 23 - 26. Opportunities to serve our local ministry partners will be promoted online and through eNews in early February.

JOY PROM

Joy Prom is April 28 and 29. Volunteer registration begins late February.



Nations Mission Minded

FEAR? MONEY? TIME?

What's **Stopping** YOU?

What's stopping you from taking a short term mission trip?
Come for lunch and hear from participants of recent short term trips as well as learn about the tools and resources Carmel offers to help you overcome whatever is stopping you from finding your role in the Great Commission!

Finding Your Role Luncheon
Sunday, January 22 at 12:45pm
Uptown Auditorium
RSVP at carmelbaptist.org

To learn more visit our mission trips webpage or email Alesha Smith at aleshas@carmelbaptist.org.



Ready
Your
Passport:
2017
Trips

Trip details - including goals, age requirements and cost - are located at carmelbaptist.org under the SERVE tab.



Life In Christ Conference 2017

Walking in the Dust of The Rabbi

Saturday, March 4

8:00am - 2:00pm



Why Attend?

Our Life in Christ Conference is an important day of disciple-making. You will be equipped, challenged, and encouraged on your journey of being a follower of Christ in learning and living. This fun day will be packed with great resources, classes, and two general sessions that will help you continue to move forward in knowing how to follow in the footsteps of Rabbi Jesus.

Guest Speaker - Brad Gray

Two years ago, seven pastors from the Carmel Generations Team went to Israel to study the biblical and historical context of the Scriptures. Our leader on that trip was Brad Gray. Brad is a Teaching Pastor and a gifted communicator. He is also an author, teacher and Biblical trip guide through Israel and Turkey - the land attributed to drastically changing the landscape of his life once he began to understand the Bible in its historical, cultural, and geographical contexts. Brad has since dedicated his life to the pursuit of seeking to understand the Bible and communicating his studies through a variety of mediums. His understanding and insight of the Bible is incredible. His teachings have already had a profound impact on our church, and now you can hear from him directly!

Got kids?

Bring them (infant - 6th Grade) for complimentary childcare - or what we call the Super Saturday Track (fun activities, crafts, and entertainment)!

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