

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

March 2017



**THE**TABLE  
Keeping Carmel Connected

March 2017

### Carmel Friends and Family:

Much work and time goes into constructing a building. We see it here on campus. Crews in hard hats are turning metal, brick and sheetrock into what will be dedicated space for Student discipleship.

Although our building will be completed this fall, construction at Carmel will remain. As believers, we are always wearing a spiritual hard hat.

We are called to be disciples. People who root themselves in scripture and prayer. People with an authentic faith who seek to be obedient followers of Christ. People who live in transformational community. Who live generously. Who exist to make disciples - in our families, here at Carmel, in our city and among every nation and people group of the world. There are no spectators. This is a *Life in Christ*.

On Sunday, March 19, we'll kick off 7 weeks of prayer - a time of self-reflection as we examine our lives as disciples of Christ. So, pick up a Root 66 journal in the Gathering Space, open the weekly prayer email on Mondays, join me for prayer early on Tuesday mornings in the Worship Center, and spend time alone in the word and in prayer during the week. Construction is never complete until our journey on earth ends and we are united with Christ in heaven.

Much work and time goes into making disciples.

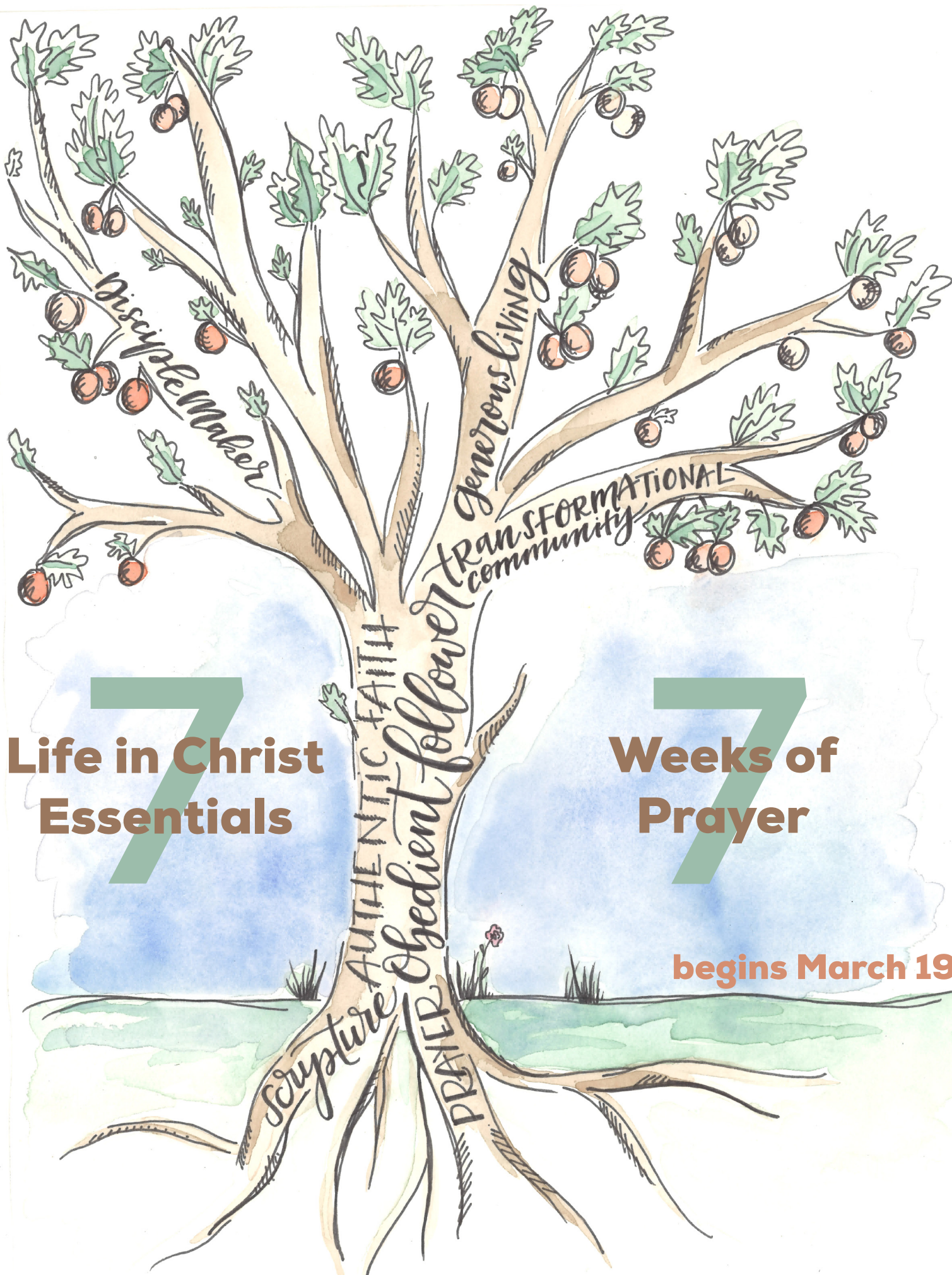
We see it here on campus.

Crews in spiritual hard hats are turning the lost toward Christ.

Love you Carmel,

*Pastor Alex*
















**7**  
**Life in Christ  
Essentials**

**7**  
**Weeks of  
Prayer**

**begins March 19**

<b>MAR.</b> <b>SUN, 5</b> <i>Root 66</i> Lord's Supper Elder Prayer FirstStep Class  Compass Class 	<b>MON, 6</b> MEN: More Than Conquerors	<b>TUE, 7</b>  WOMEN: Evening Prayer Gathering GriefShare	<b>WED, 8</b> Carmel Home Educators Fellowship <div>wednesday nights</div> Dinner GROW Kidjam FUEL Worship ReCharge Adult Bible Study	<b>THU, 9</b> WOMEN: Morning Prayer Gathering	<b>FRI, 10</b>	<b>SAT, 11</b>
<b>SUN, 12</b> <i>Root 66</i> FirstStep Class  Compass Class 	<b>MON, 13</b> MEN: More Than Conquerors	<b>TUE, 14</b> GriefShare	<b>WED, 15</b> <div>wednesday nights</div> Dinner GROW Kidjam FUEL Worship ReCharge Adult Bible Study Choir	<b>THU, 16</b> WOMEN: Morning Prayer Gathering	<b>FRI, 17</b> FUEL - Survivor 8th Grade Retreat	<b>SAT, 18</b> FUEL - Survivor 8th Grade Retreat
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<b>SUN, 26</b> <i>Root 66</i> Baptism Choir Leads Worship FirstStep Class  Compass Class 	<b>MON, 27</b> MEN: More Than Conquerors	<b>TUE, 28</b> Morning Prayer with Pastor Alex GriefShare	<b>WED, 29</b> <div>wednesday nights</div> Dinner 	<b>THU, 30</b> WOMEN: Morning Prayer Gathering	<b>FRI, 31</b> Preteen Blessing Retreat - 6th Grade Boys	<b>APR.</b> <b>SAT, 1</b> Preteen Blessing Retreat - 6th Grade Boys
<b>SUN, 2</b> <i>Root 66</i> Elder Prayer Lord's Supper  Compass Class  Preteen Blessing Retreat - 6th Grade Boys	<b>MON, 3</b> MEN: More Than Conquerors	<b>TUE, 4</b> Morning Prayer with Pastor Alex WOMEN: Evening Prayer Gathering GriefShare	<b>WED, 5</b> <div>wednesday nights</div> Dinner GROW Famjam FUEL Worship Prayer with Pastor Alex Choir	<b>THU, 6</b> WOMEN: Morning Prayer Gathering	<b>FRI, 7</b> Preteen Blessing Retreat - 6th Grade Girls	<b>SAT, 8</b> Preteen Blessing Retreat - 6th Grade Girls



## Sermon Series



**MARCH 05**

HISTORY: Ruth  
Lord's Supper

**MARCH 12**

HISTORY: 1 Samuel

**MARCH 19**

HISTORY: 2 Samuel  
Call to Prayer  
Pick up a Root 66 Journal

**MARCH 26**

HISTORY: 1 Kings  
Baptism

**APRIL 2**

HISTORY: 2 Kings  
Lord's Supper

# Sunday Mornings @ Carmel



## Worship

Grab your Bible and a pen and come ready **Sunday mornings at 8:00, 9:30 or 11:00am** to be encouraged and equipped for the road ahead! Our journey through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation continues as we explore History - the twelve books from Joshua to Esther that tell the history of the nation of Israel and prepare us for the coming of Christ.

## Connect

**The Porch:** Do you have questions about a relationship with Jesus Christ, baptism or getting connected at Carmel? Stop by *The Porch* and visit with a team member.

**The Bridge:** Learn more about the church, the Bible and how to get connected at Carmel during this six-session class. The current class meets Sundays at 9:30am through March 12. A new class will meet Sundays at 11:00am beginning March 19 in room A202.

**Discipleship Communities (DCs):** Do life in transformational community by plugging into a Carmel DC on Sunday mornings at 9:30 or 11:00am. Visit the Welcome Desk or [carmelbaptist.org/connect](http://carmelbaptist.org/connect) to learn more.

## Reminders

- The **Lord's Supper** is celebrated the 1st Sunday of every month.
- **Parking** is available at Elizabeth Lane Elementary with continuous shuttle service from 7:15am-12:45pm.

## wednesday nights @ carmel

Come for a mid-week dose of encouragement for your Life in Christ! Enjoy 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.

### Adult Bible Study

Charles Cranford & Bill Smith lead this study currently focused on *The Crucified Life* by AW Tozer, based on Galatians 2:20.

### Choir

Choir meets at 6:15pm twice a month (March 15 & 22) in the Choir Room. No audition is necessary. If you have a love for singing and a passion for worship, visit [carmelbaptist.org/carmel-choir](http://carmelbaptist.org/carmel-choir) to learn more.

**ReCharge** - Pop into one of the NEW Spring ReCharge classes (March 8, 15, 22 and April 19, 26). More details (including video promos) available online.

### ***The "I AM" Statements of Christ* - with Mark Gott**

Many skeptics say that Jesus never claimed to be the Messiah and argue he was just a great teacher. Come examine the claims Jesus made about Himself in the Book of John and get equipped to engage a culture in desperate need of truth.

### ***Abandoned Faith* - with Jason Jimenez**

Millennials and teens are walking away from their faith. Parents - come be encouraged and equipped with insight, hope and answers to the challenges facing the next generation.

### ***Moving Beyond the Headlines* - with Carmel Mission Staff & Special Guests**

Our media is saturated with many issues hardly ever mentioned by the church. Come learn from local experts on topics ranging from refugees & immigrants to a divided city and persecution.

### ***The Truth Project* - with Dale Wood**

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

### ***Disciple-Making Relationships* - with Pastor Josh Fairbaugh**

Explore the keys to creating a disciple-making environment within a Discipleship Community. We will talk about leadership and mentoring that encourages and equips people for Life in Christ. (recommended for DC leaders)

### ***Teaching God's Word* - with Pastor Jeremy Amick**

Those who teach have a great opportunity and responsibility. In this class, current teachers, DC leaders, and anyone who wants to explore teaching options will learn the basics of the Inductive Bible Study method and form a plan for weekly preparation. (recommended for DC leaders)



6:15pm in Worship Center



# Resources for Your Life in Christ

## Men's Group – More Than Conquerors

An on-going support group open to all men who seek to fight the addictive cycle of false intimacy and battle sexual sin from a Biblical perspective. **Monday evenings @ 7:00pm.** Confidentially email [conquerors@carmelbaptist.org](mailto:conquerors@carmelbaptist.org) for location and details.

## GriefShare

A caring group that walks alongside those who have lost a loved one. **Tuesdays from 7:00 – 8:30pm.** Contact [griefshare@carmelbaptist.org](mailto:griefshare@carmelbaptist.org) for details.

## Surrendering the Secret

An 8-week post abortion Bible study beginning **Wednesday, April 19 @ 10:00am.** Confidentially email [voiceforlife@carmelbaptist.org](mailto:voiceforlife@carmelbaptist.org) for details.

## Sr. Adults (55+)

Register for these events online or by calling Rhonda Pangle at 704.847.8575.

- **Thursday, March 30 @ 6:00pm** – Enjoy dinner and the Carmel Christian's musical *Big Fish*.
- **Thursday, April 13 @ 11:00am** – Luncheon with Guest Speaker and visits with Carmel's Homebound
- **Saturday, April 29 from 1:00 – 4:00pm** – Serve at Joy Prom's NEW matinee.

## Prayer Resources

Visit [carmelbaptist.org/prayer](http://carmelbaptist.org/prayer) for information about intercessory prayer, healing prayer, the prayer room, and ongoing prayer gatherings.

## Carmel Media Center

Books, audio books and DVDs available for all ages to check out.

Open **Sunday mornings, 9:00am – 12:45pm** and **Wednesday Nights, 5:30 – 7:45pm.**

## RightNow Media

Instant access to thousands of Bible studies and kid's videos – free to all who attend Carmel. Email [kriss@carmelbaptist.org](mailto:kriss@carmelbaptist.org) to get access!

## Carmel Counseling Center

A safe place for individuals, couples, and families to find hope and meaning as they walk through difficult seasons of life. To schedule an appointment, call 704.849.0686.

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## From the Church Office

### New Home or Email Address?

We want to keep in touch (sometimes even by snail mail). Update your contact information by visiting Carmel Community online or contacting the church office.

### Nominations for Elders Due March 26

Please submit your nominations of men to serve as part of the **Elder Leadership Team** by **Sunday, March 26.** The Elder Leadership Team leads and shepherds the church body in all decision-making matters. A full description of responsibilities and qualifications can be found in the church Bylaws available on [CarmelLeader.org](http://CarmelLeader.org). Ballots are available at the main Welcome Desk or online at [CarmelLeader.org](http://CarmelLeader.org).

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## From Carmel Christian School

Enjoy Dinner AND Theatre with the CCS Upper School production of *Big Fish* on **Friday, March 31 and Saturday, April 1.** Times, ticket and dinner information is available at [carmelchristian.org](http://carmelchristian.org).

## On Sunday Mornings

### Lower Level Preschoolers: Jesus Loves the Little Children

This month the children will hear about how Jesus loves us and takes care of us and how He wants us to love and take care of others too!

### Upper Level Preschoolers: Filled with Wonder

This month, Preschoolers will experience the awe and wonder of Jesus as they learn about His amazing miracles and healing ministry. We'll learn that a miracle is, "Something amazing that only God can do!" And when we visit the large group "Room of Wonder" each week, we'll discover that Jesus could do these "WONDER-full" things because He was more than just a man...He was God, too!

## Notes for Mom & Dad

### Plan Ahead for Summer Camps & July Mom's Morning Out

Registration will begin soon for these Preschoolers. Summer Events:

**June Summer Day Camps:** 1-Day Adventures, 9:00am - 12:00pm

For Preschoolers Completed 3's - Kindergarten, In-person registration begins Sunday morning, April 2.

**Wilderness Journey:** Back to Bible Times: June 26-29, 9:00am - 12:00pm

Preschoolers Completed 3's - 2nd Grade, Online registration begins Sunday, April 2

**WEE School's Mom's Morning Out:** July 5 - Aug 3 Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday, 9:30am - 1:00pm.

6 weeks - Completed Kindergarten, Online registration begins Sunday, April 2



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

Come enjoy an abundance of food, meet other mothers with young children and create a craft together. Mark your calendar for next month - we'll meet on April 4.

### SERVE this SUMMER at Back to Bible Times

Volunteer to help Carmel's Preschool and CarmelKidz ministries host Back to Bible Times Monday, June 26 - Thursday, June 29 (8:45am - 12:15pm daily). Help create and carry out a Biblical environment that provokes discovery. Preschoolers will follow the footsteps of Joseph and 1st-2nd Graders will follow the footsteps of the Israelites from Egypt to the Promised Land. Interested? Let us know!

**To serve Preschoolers (3yrs - Kindergarten)** contact Cindi Baker (cindib@carmelbaptist.org).

**To serve CarmelKidz (1st & 2nd Grade)** contact Sean Lee (seanl@carmelbaptist.org)

**NOTE:** Younger children (Birth - 2 years old) may attend if mom or dad are serving.



### 25 Years Celebrated

On Sunday, February 12, Debbie Vanhoy's 25 years of service and discipleship as WEE School Director/Preschool Minister were celebrated. Special thanks to all who submitted Blessing Notes for Debbie and to Allison Blaylock - who grew up at Carmel - for creating a beautiful piece of word art about Debbie based on the blessings.

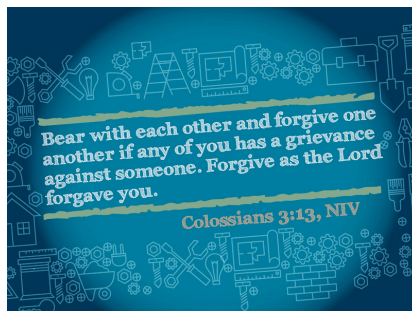
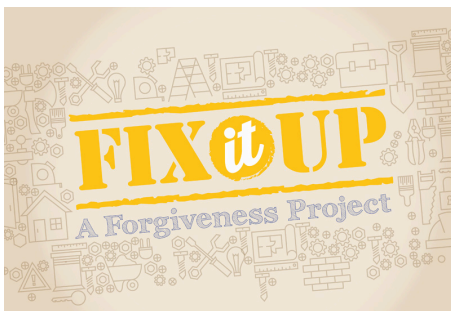




## Fix it Up

When our relationship with God was broken beyond repair, God offered His only Son as the way to forgive us and restore the broken relationship. Since we are created in God's image, we have the ability to offer forgiveness when people in our lives hurt us. It is God's love in us that makes it possible for us to forgive others.

**Wednesday Nights** in March will focus on **Forgiveness**: deciding that someone who has wronged you doesn't have to pay



## On Sunday Mornings:

**Grade level DCs will explore the following:**

- 1st Grade: Miracles and Preparing for the Resurrection
- 2nd Grade: Show Me the Shepherd (Psalm 23)
- 3rd Grade: That's Incredible (Change, Compassion, Giving, Power)
- 4th Grade: The Armor of God
- 5th Grade: The Life and Ministry of Jesus
- Preteens: A study of Jesus' Last Week
- Special Needs: Show Me the Shepherd (Psalm 23)



### **Kidjam: Love Project:**

CarmelKidz prepared more than 150 snack bags for Lansdowne Elementary School

## Reminders:

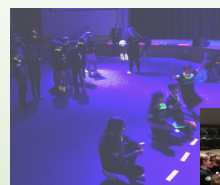
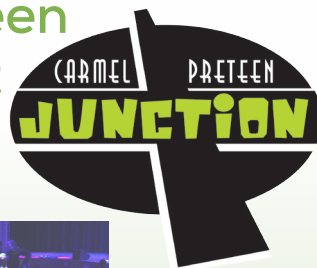
**5th Grade Fun on March 12** 5th Graders - don't miss a fun afternoon with your peers and Sunday DC leaders. Sunday, March 12 from 12:15-2:00 p.m.

**CarmelKidz Summer Camp for current 3rd - 6th Graders is on the way.**

Space is filling up quickly so sign up now for 2017 Boot Camp  
Dates: July 16-21, 2017



## Preteen Night Out



## Key Dates:

### **5th Grade Fun Day after DC**

Sunday, March 12 (registration required)

### **Kidjam & Preteen Junction** (6th grade)

Wednesday, March 8, 15, 22

### **Family Night of Worship**

Wednesday, March 29

### **Preteen Boys and Parents Retreat**

Friday, March 31 - April 2

### **First Step class** (registration required)

Sundays, April 5, 12, 19, 26

### **Famjam**

Wednesday, April 5

### **Preteen Girls and Parents Retreat**

Friday, April 7 - April 9

### **No Wednesday night activities**

April 12





## NEW Camp Carmel

We're kicking off the summer by going to **Camp Carmel June 13-17, 2017**. All students, grades 7-12, will unite together for an incredible summer camp experience as we take over Crowder's Ridge. **Registration is OPEN!**

Camp will be a fun and unique experience with a strong emphasis on relational and spiritual growth. From incredible nightly worship and teaching times, to exhilarating activities, including a lake with water slides, it will be a week students won't forget!

Register at [carmelstudents.org](http://carmelstudents.org) by **Friday, March 31** and save \$40!



## MILESTONE 6 High School Graduation Celebration

Each year, Carmel celebrates **Milestone 6: High School Graduation** with an event intended to honor our graduates and launch them into the next phase of life. We want the culmination of **Milestone 6** to be a special moment in the life of your family, and we are going to do some exciting things that weekend. Make sure you save May 20 and 21 to celebrate with your student here at Carmel. A letter is going out to parents of graduates with all the details. Registration and details can also be found at [carmelstudents.org](http://carmelstudents.org) under the events (Milestone 6 links).



### Registration closes March 5

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 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](http://carmelstudents.org).

### Key Dates

March 5 - **C2**  
 March 8 - **Fuel Worship**  
 March 12 - **C2**  
 March 15 - **Fuel Worship**  
 March 17-19 - **Survivor: 8th Grade Retreat**  
 March 22 - **Fuel Worship**  
 March 26 - **C2**  
 March 29 - **Family Night of Worship**

April 1 - Deadline for **Graduating Seniors** to register for **Milestone 6 Celebration** and submit requested pictures.



# Neighbors

## MOVING BEYOND THE HEADLINES

Overwhelmed and exhausted by all of the chaos, turmoil and division in the headlines these days?  
Want real information from a trusted source that is also from a biblical worldview?

Join us for a new 3-part series that will start Wednesday, March 8, Moving Beyond the Headlines.  
Local leaders will talk about the refugee situation locally & globally, racial mistrust and upward mobility in Charlotte, and other critical topics impacting our city and world.

### March 8:

#### Refuge for Refugees

With guest speaker Dustin Swineheart, Executive Director Project 658, a Charlotte ministry with a focus on loving and serving our neighbors escaping religious, political and cultural persecution.

### March 15:

#### Charlotte - A City Still Broken

With guest speaker Dr. Nicole Martin, a recognized leader in Charlotte and a Gordon Conwell graduate with a focus on African American redemptive leadership.

### March 22:

#### The Untold Story about Christian Persecution and Access to the Gospel

With guest speaker Dr. John Sittema, Reformed Theological Seminary professor and Lead Missiologist at Rivers of the World.

## JOY PROM

### We Want YOU to SERVE at Joy Prom

1,000 special needs prom guests will soon enjoy dancing, dessert and fun - and YOU are needed to help make this it the best prom ever!

### SERVE April 28 and 29

Host/ hostess

Servers

Specialty Roles (medical team, shoe shine, etc.)

### DONATE

Provide a **food tray** for the hundreds of people that flood the Caregiver Hospitality Suite.

### PRAY

Pray for each guest and caregiver attending the event, that they may feel loved, cared for and have an opportunity to witness the love of Christ through His people.

**For more info and to sign up  
visit [joyprom.org](http://joyprom.org).**



## Thank You Carmel



Thank you to everyone who participated in Carmel Serve this month!  
Over 300 people of all ages served  
at over 18 sites in our City!



# Nations

## Destination: Outside My Comfort Zone

**A Q&A with Michelle Teague** – an occupational therapist, wife, mom, Carmel member, and a reluctant trip goer.

### Here is her story:

**Why were you reluctant to go on a mission trip?** I had never been on a mission trip before, I didn't even have a passport! I used the excuses of **money, time** and not being able to get off from **work**, and honestly there was **fear** of just going.

**What was different about this year to make you go?** I had been asked for 3 years to go on a trip to Albania. This year the trip leader contacted me and said we really need **YOU**... Me, an occupational therapist. I had felt a tugging to go for years, **this was just me finally obeying God**.



**How did you overcome the issue of money for the trip?** My trip leader encouraged me to fundraise. At first, I was embarrassed by that – I don't know why. But I put it out there and **it's incredible to see how many people want to be a part of your trip!** It also provides an opportunity to talk about Jesus to your friends, Christian or not, when they ask why you are going. **God provides.**

**What would you say to anyone who feels a tugging but has fear to go?** I didn't feel qualified, but **God will equip you with all you need** – He did that and more for me. Don't let money stand in your way, **God will provide.** I encourage you just to be obedient and go – **you will not be the same. We are blessed when we obey.**

**Does your story sound similar to Michelle's?**  
**Trying to figure out where to start with Missions?**

**YOU ARE NEEDED!** From a banker, manager or entrepreneur to a nurse, doctor, or stay-at-home mom – whatever your career is, **we have a place for you on our trips!**

Check out [carmelbaptist.org/missions/](http://carmelbaptist.org/missions/) to learn more about our 2017 trips or contact Alesha Smith at [aleshas@carmelbaptist.org](mailto:aleshas@carmelbaptist.org).  
We can help you obey God's calling to go!



# God Loved. God Gave.

(Elements courtesy of GodLife)

God's indescribable generosity is vivid in John 3:16. God gave His Son so that all who believe in Him will not perish but have everlasting life. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to live generously with **skills, gifts, money, time, connections or physical resources**. Generosity is about giving freely without expecting anything in return.

## Where do you stand?

Are you practicing generosity? Do you believe you can grow in the area of generous living?

## Here's an Opportunity!

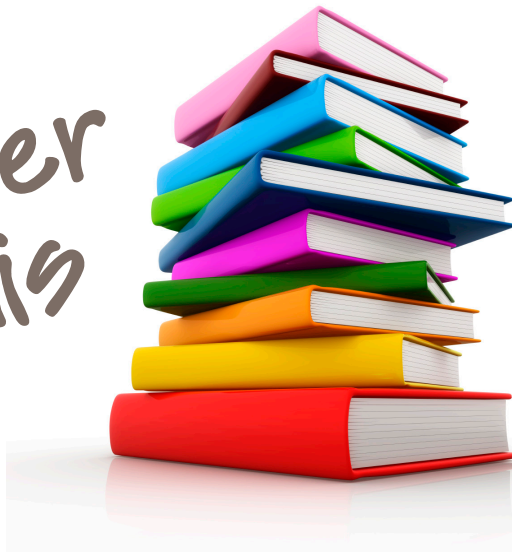
We are in need of workers to shepherd our youngest disciples. **Will you consider being generous with your time and volunteering to serve in our Pre-School ministry?** Please contact Patrick McCrory [patrickm@carmelbaptist.org](mailto:patrickm@carmelbaptist.org) or 704.847.8575 to find out more about this need.

*We are most like Him when we live generously and sacrificially.*

## Generous Living Helps Carmel Go Green

Thanks to a generous donation, lights and fixtures around campus are being upgraded from florescent to LED (which requires 50% less power and virtually no maintenance).

Ponder  
This



### 2,250 hours

Time the average American spends on social media (608 hours) and watching television (1,642) per year.

### 555 hours

Time it takes the average American to read 200 typical non-fiction books.

### 42 hours

Time it would take to read the entire ESV Bible with 757,439 words.

Elements courtesy of Quartz, January 2017  
(The average American reads 300 words per minute. 44% of American adults don't read a book in a year. The number of non-book-readers has nearly tripled since 1978.)

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