

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

April 2017



**THE** **TABLE**  
Keeping Carmel Connected

April 2017

## Carmel Friends and Family:

April is a GREAT month.

### We're Praying!

We're in the midst of our 7 Weeks of Prayer - looking inward at ourselves as disciples of Jesus Christ. **What do you see?** Take an honest assessment. Listen well in the silence for the whisper of the Holy Spirit to both encourage and convict you. Charles Spurgeon says: "If a church does not pray, it is dead.... Everything will hinge on the power of prayer in the church." **At home and at Carmel, let's put prayer first.** And after these 7 weeks, let's not stop. May our homes and our church be called a "house of prayer for all nations" (Isaiah 56:7).

### We're Remembering and Celebrating!

Being in a focused season of prayer is a great way to prepare our hearts for Holy Week. We're remembering Christ's sacrifice and celebrating prophecy fulfilled, a dead man returning to life, redemption, grace and eternity! Join us as we journey through Holy Week together with Palm Sunday (April 9), Good Friday (April 14) and Resurrection Weekend celebration services (April 15 & 16). Details are on the opposite page.

### We're Hosting Joy Prom!

At the end of this month, we'll serve 850+ special needs guests and their caregivers with Joy Prom - an evening of celebration and fun for our guests as well as respite and encouragement for their caregivers. As this event evolves into a multi-church event presented by For Charlotte and Joni & Friends, we celebrate that more than 30 churches have volunteers who will be serving alongside the Carmel family. **If you're not yet signed up to serve, join us - [joyprom.org](http://joyprom.org)!** More details on Page 9.

This is a great month. We're praying. We're celebrating Resurrection. We're serving at Joy Prom. Spring is here!

Love you Carmel,  
**Pastor Alex**



# HOLY WEEK

## **Palm Sunday**

**Sunday, April 9 at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00am**

Children 3 years - Kindergarten will participate in the Palm Sunday processional during Worship.

Check your child into class early so they do not miss this special experience.

## **Good Friday Service**

**Friday, April 14 at 6:00pm**

Come remember Christ's suffering and death through music, scripture and the Lord's Supper.

Childcare is available for children 6 weeks - 5 years old with reservation.

















## **Resurrection Services**

**Saturday, April 15 at 5:00pm**

**Sunday, April 16 at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00am**

Peter described Jesus in Acts 3:15 as "the author of life, whom God raised from the dead." And as the AUTHOR and creator of life, He alone had the ability and authority to overcome death. Do you see it yet? He has AUTHOR-ity over life and death. Let's celebrate his resurrection together!

NOTE: Classes for children 6 weeks - 5 years old will be provided at ALL services. Discipleship Communities will not meet on Sunday, April 16.

APR. SUN, 2	MON, 3	TUE, 4	WED, 5	THU, 6	FRI, 7	SAT, 8
<p>Root 66 Lord's Supper Elder Prayer</p>  <p>Sunday Evening Prayer Gathering Compass Class</p> 	<p> 7 Weeks of Prayer</p> <p>MEN: More Than Conquerors</p>	<p><i>Tuesday Morning Prayer</i> WITH PASTOR ALEX</p> <p>WOMEN: Evening Prayer Gathering</p> <p>GriefShare</p>	<p><b>wednesday nights</b></p> <p>Dinner GROW Famjam FUEL Worship Prayer with Pastor Alex Choir</p>	<p>WOMEN: Morning Prayer Gathering</p>	<p>Preteen Blessing Retreat - 6th Grade Girls</p>	<p>Preteen Blessing Retreat - 6th Grade Girls</p>
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<p>Root 66</p> <p>Sunday Evening Prayer Gathering</p> <p>Compass Class</p> <p>Preteen Blessing Retreat - 6th Grade Girls</p>	<p> 7 Weeks of Prayer</p> <p>MEN: More Than Conquerors</p>	<p><i>Tuesday Morning Prayer</i> WITH PASTOR ALEX</p> <p>GriefShare</p>	<p>NO Wednesday Night Activities</p> <p>Choir</p>	<p> 55 SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY Living Abundantly &amp; Loving It!</p> <p>Lunch and Homebound Visits</p> <p>WOMEN: Morning Prayer Gathering</p>	<p>Church Office CLOSED</p> <p>Good Friday Service 6:00pm</p>	<p>Saturday Evening Resurrection Service 5:00pm</p>
<b>H O L Y W E E K</b>						
SUN, 16	MON, 17	TUE, 18	WED, 19	THU, 20	FRI, 21	SAT, 22
<p>Resurrection Sunday Services 8:00, 9:30 &amp; 11:00am</p>	<p> 7 Weeks of Prayer</p>	<p><i>Tuesday Morning Prayer</i> WITH PASTOR ALEX</p> <p>WOMEN: Evening Prayer Gathering</p> <p>GriefShare</p>	<p><b>wednesday nights</b></p> <p>Dinner GROW Kidjam FUEL Worship ReCharge Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>WOMEN: Morning Prayer Gathering</p>		
SUN, 23	MON, 24	TUE, 25	WED, 26	THU, 27	FRI, 28	SAT, 29
<p>Root 66</p>   <p>Sunday Evening Prayer Gathering</p> <p>Joy Prom Training</p> 	<p> 7 Weeks of Prayer</p> <p>Carmel Home Educators - Monthly Serve Project</p> <p>MEN: More Than Conquerors</p>	<p><i>Tuesday Morning Prayer</i> WITH PASTOR ALEX</p> <p>GriefShare</p>	<p><b>wednesday nights</b></p> <p>Dinner GROW Kidjam FUEL Worship ReCharge Adult Bible Study Joy Prom Training</p>	<p>WOMEN: Morning Prayer Gathering</p>		
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<p>Root 66 Baptism</p>  <p>Sunday Evening Prayer Gathering</p>	<p> 7 Weeks of Prayer</p> <p>MEN: More Than Conquerors</p>	<p><i>Tuesday Morning Prayer</i> WITH PASTOR ALEX</p> <p>WOMEN: Evening Prayer Gathering</p> <p>GriefShare</p>	<p><b>wednesday nights</b></p> <p>Dinner GROW Famjam FUEL Worship Prayer with Pastor Alex</p>	 <p>WOMEN: Morning Prayer Gathering</p>	 <p>Subscribe to Carmel's weekly emails by texting NEAREST to 22828</p>	

# Sunday Mornings @ Carmel



## Worship

Grab your Bible, your Root 66 journal (available for pick up in the Gathering Space) 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 66 books of the Bible continues with 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. This month, we'll also take a detour to celebrate the Resurrection! See Page 2 for details.

## Connect

**The Porch:** 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 will meet Sundays at 11:00am through May 7 in room A202. Class will not meet on April 9 & 16.

**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

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

## Sermon Series



Deeply Rooted for the Road Ahead

**April 2**

**HISTORY: 2 Kings**  
Lord's Supper  
Elder Prayer

**April 9**

**HISTORY: 1 Chronicles**  
Palm Sunday

**April 16**

**Resurrection Sunday**  
See Pg 2 for Holy Week Details

**April 23**

**HISTORY: 2 Chronicles**  
Milestone 5: Purity for Life

**APRIL 30**

**HISTORY: Ezra**  
Baptism

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. Complete details at [carmelbaptist.org](http://carmelbaptist.org).

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

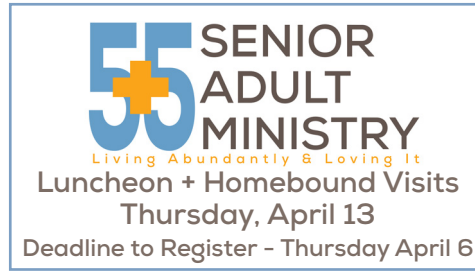
**Choir** - Choir meets at 6:15pm twice a month (April 5 & 12) in the Choir Room. No audition is necessary. If you have a love for singing and a passion for worship, visit [carmelbaptist.org/carmel-choir](http://carmelbaptist.org/carmel-choir) to learn more.

**ReCharge** - Catch the remaining TWO sessions of a Spring ReCharge class (April 19, 26). Full descriptions (including video promos) available online.

- **The "I AM" Statements of Christ** - by Mark Gott
- **Abandoned Faith** - by Jason Jimenez
- **The Truth Project** - by Dale Wood
- **Disciple-Making Relationships** - by Pastor Josh Fairbaugh
- **Teaching God's Word** - by Pastor Jeremy Amick



# Upcoming Happenings



For details on these and other upcoming April events, visit [carmelbaptist.org](http://carmelbaptist.org).

## Resources for Your Life in Christ

### Prayer Tools & Gatherings

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

**Tuesdays @ 7:00am** - 7 Weeks of Prayer with Pastor Alex in Worship Center

**Sundays @ 5:00pm** - In the Prayer Room

**Thursdays @ 11:45am** - Daughters of the King weekly prayer gathering in the Prayer Room.

**1st Sunday Morning of the Month** - Stop by the Prayer Room between services to be prayed with and for by the Elders and their wives.

**1st & 3rd Tuesday of the Month @ 7:00pm** - Daughters of the King evening prayer gathering in the Prayer Room.

### NEW Webpage for Sr. Adults (55+)

Check out [carmelbaptist.org/senior-adults/](http://carmelbaptist.org/senior-adults/) for details and registration links for these upcoming events.

Rhonda Pangle is also available to assist via phone at 704.847.8575 x3081.

**Thursday, April 13 @ 11:00am** - Luncheon with Guest Speaker Don Bouldin and then visit Carmel's Homebound

**Saturday, April 29 from 1:30 - 3:30pm** - Serve at Joy Prom's NEW matinee.

### Other Resources

**Carmel Media Center:** Books, audio books and DVDs for all ages to check out.  
Sunday mornings (9:00am - 12:45pm) and Wednesday Nights (5:30 - 7:45pm).

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

**Women - 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.

**Men - 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. Confidentially email [conquerors@carmelbaptist.org](mailto:conquerors@carmelbaptist.org) for 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.

**Carmel Counseling Center:** A safe place for individuals, couples, and families to find hope and meaning as they walk through difficult seasons of life. (704.849.0686)



# MILESTONE 1

## Celebrate Parent/Child Dedication in May

If your family would like to participate in Milestone 1: Parent/Child Dedication on Sunday, May 21 at 8:00, 9:30 or 11:00am, learn more and register online at [carmelbaptist.org/milestone1](http://carmelbaptist.org/milestone1). The deadline to register is Sunday, April 30.



## Notes for Mom & Dad

### Register NOW for Summer Fun

Registration is NOW OPEN for these summer offerings for Preschoolers:

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

For Preschoolers Completed 3's - Kindergarten, (register in person @ Preschool office)

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

Preschoolers Completed 3's - 2nd Grade (register @ [carmelbaptist.org](http://carmelbaptist.org))

**WEE School's Mom's Morning Out:** July 5 - August 3 Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday, 9:30am - 1:00pm.  
6 weeks - Completed Kindergarten (register @ [weeschool.org](http://weeschool.org))



### MOPs (Moms of Preschoolers) Tuesday, May 9 @ 7:00pm

Come enjoy an abundance of food, meet other mothers with young children, learn about the Fruits of the Spirit and do a reclaimed wood craft. This will be our final gathering before breaking for summer.

### SERVE at Amazing Journey Back to Bible Times

Parents and grandparents - come join the journey and serve Monday June 26 - Thursday, June 29! Younger children (6 weeks - 2 years old) may attend if mom, dad or a grandparent is serving. To learn more about serving, email [cindib@carmelbaptist.org](mailto:cindib@carmelbaptist.org).

## On Sunday Mornings

### Lower Level Preschoolers: Risen King

This month our youngest of preschoolers will begin to learn about the true meaning of God's sacrifice. We will spend the month focusing on the events leading up to Resurrection Sunday, following with the Good News of our Risen King, and ending with Jesus having breakfast on the beach!

### Upper Level Preschoolers: Adventure Awaits in the Greatest Story Kingdom

Preschoolers are invited to celebrate the Resurrection in the Greatest Story Kingdom! We'll spend all month exploring true stories of a King who was worshiped, praised, crucified, and buried. But this King was unlike any other because He didn't stay dead! Together, we'll discover more about King Jesus and His Story... the Greatest Story Ever Told!



## Discipleship in Action!



March Famjam Family Time



3rd grade DC



2nd grade DC



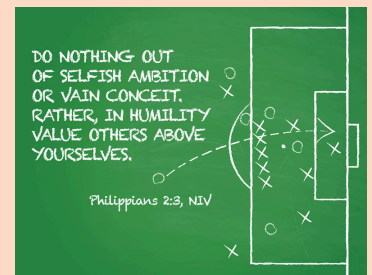
4th grade DC

## Is Your Child Ready for **firststep**??

If your child is asking questions, or already made a faith decision and is ready for baptism, sign up for First Step. This 4-week interactive new believer/new member class on Sundays at 11:00am in May is 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. Go to [carmelbaptist.org/firststep](http://carmelbaptist.org/firststep) for details and to register.

NOTE: The next First Step class will be offered in October.

### Wednesday Nights



#### Kidjam & Famjam

Wednesday's in April we will focus on **Humility: putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve**

## Reminders:

### Current 3rd - 6th Graders CarmelKidz Summer Camp

#### 2017 Boot Camp

Dates: July 16-21, 2017

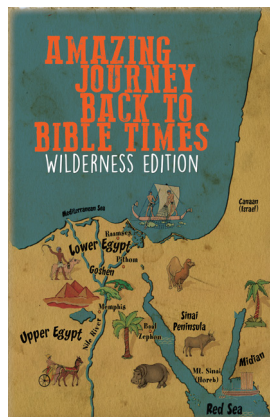
Camp is nearing capacity! Sign up at [carmelbaptist.org/carmelkidzcamp](http://carmelbaptist.org/carmelkidzcamp).



### Current 1st & 2nd Graders Register NOW! Amazing Journey Back to Bible Times: Wilderness Edition

Monday, June 26 - Thursday, June 29  
9:00am - 12:00pm

We'll follow the footsteps of the Hebrew people as they journey from the bondage of slavery to Mt. Sinai and discover how the story of Exodus gives us clues to God's ultimate plan to save us from the bondage of sin through Jesus. Register NOW at [carmelbaptist.org/amazingjourney](http://carmelbaptist.org/amazingjourney).



### Want to SERVE at Amazing Journey Back to Bible Times?

Contact [seanl@carmelbaptist.org](mailto:seanl@carmelbaptist.org) to help make God's story come alive for 1st & 2nd Graders! To serve Preschoolers, see Page 6.

## Key Dates:

#### Famjam

Wednesday, April 5

#### Preteen Girls and Parents Retreat

Friday, April 7 - April 9

#### No Wednesday night activities

April 12

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

Wednesday, April 19 & 26

#### Famjam

Wednesday, May 3

#### First Step class (registration required)

Sundays, May 7, 14, 21, 28





## Camp Carmel

There is still an opportunity for students to sign up for the best week of summer. Camp Carmel is a student camp with just our students at Crowder's Ridge **Tuesday, June 13 - Saturday, June 17**. Spots are available for 7th-12th graders and their friends. Get registered at [carmelstudents.org](http://carmelstudents.org).



**PURITY FOR LIFE**

## MILESTONE 4

Has your 8th-12th Grade student made a commitment for Purity for Life in the past year? We will recognize and pray blessing for students that have made a commitment on Sunday, April 23. Please let us know of your student's commitment by clicking on the Milestone 4 banner at [carmelstudents.org](http://carmelstudents.org)

## Charlotte Mission Trip: July 2 -7



When most people consider going on a mission trip they instantly think about leaving their own city and going somewhere else. However, **there is much work to be done right here in our own city that we love**. All 7th-8th Grade students are invited to be a part of the Charlotte Mission trip July 2-7, 2017. We will join together with Carmel Ministry Partner Project 658. Students will work with Project 658 to share Christ through their summer programs. We need a lot of hands and feet to make this mission trip as successful as possible. If you or your middle schooler is interested, please head to [carmelstudents.org](http://carmelstudents.org) for all the details.



This past month 61 students participated in the Survivor: 8th Grade Retreat. This retreat equipped students to thrive in the transition from middle school to high school. Students had a great time participating in challenges, worship, learning and hanging out with friends. This event is designed to be part of the church celebration of the Purity for Life Milestone.

## Key Dates

- April 5 - **Fuel Worship**
- April 12 - **No Wednesday Night Activities**
- April 19 - **Fuel Worship**
- April 23 - **C2**
- April 26 - **Charlotte, Mexico & Kenya Mission Trip Training**



# Neighbors

## JOY PROM

### It's Prom season - Are You Ready?

Carmel has partnered with For Charlotte and Joni & Friends to host it's **11th Joy Prom on April 28th & 29th.**

With over 1500 volunteers coming from over 30 churches in our city, this is truly a picture of the church loving + serving our neighbors together.

**Haven't signed up yet to help make Joy Prom a success?** Visit [joyprom.org](http://joyprom.org) to sign up to help make flowers, prepare food trays for the Caregiver Suite, or serve as a Host for a Special Needs guest. Can't wait to see you there!

## Discipleship Begins by Remembering a Name

This past Fall, we said that to fulfill our mission of making disciples of our neighbors, we have to start by remembering a name. One DC at Carmel took that message to heart when she served at the home of "Ms. Jones" (a Love Inc client). Ms. Jones lives by herself, is partially blind, and needed a lot of help at her home.



DC leaders, along with Carmel Helping Hands volunteers, joined forces to love + serve Ms. Jones. They not only helped her organize her home - a task nearly impossible on her own - but went above and beyond when they saw she needed a new bathroom sink.

Ms. Jones continues to get monthly visits from this DC and she shared with us last week that she gives thanks to her new friends from Carmel for their encouragement and for blessing her tremendously.

## Meeting Needs through Carmel's Helping Hands

*If you have experience with a paint brush, hammer, drill, or drywall, we need you!*



Right now we are organizing teams for:

- Hurricane Matthew Disaster Relief in Lumberton, NC, June 5 - 8. Help with ongoing clean-up & rebuilding for 1 day or all 4.
- Painting, flooring installation and other general home repairs for families living in Charlotte

If you are interested in serving, email [suer@carmelbaptist.org](mailto:suer@carmelbaptist.org) for more information.



# Nations

## DID YOU KNOW?

Carmel sends short term trips to *12 countries* every year

Carmel supports *20 missionaries* in 9 countries

The Lois Bumpus *Scholarship* is available to *anyone age 16-26* going on a Carmel Short Term Trips (application online!)

## IT'S NOT TO LATE!

It's not too late to sign up for a trip! Trips still accepting team members include:

*Bolivia* (July 14-23)

*Cuba* (July 14-21)

*East Asia* (July 27-Aug 6)

*Ukraine* (Fall 2017)

## INTERESTING FACTS FROM WHERE WE GO:



**Bolivia is one of two landlocked South American countries**



**Cuba is the largest of all islands in the Caribbean**



**China has the largest population in the world**



**India is home to over 200 million cows**



**Albania was the only officially atheist nation the world has known.**



**Ukraine is the second largest country in Europe after Russia.**

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!



After 7 Weeks of Prayer...

# Take Root Sunday, May 7

Our 7 weeks of praying through disciplines of a Christ follower will culminate with *Take Root Sunday* on May 7. Mark your calendars - you don't want to miss it!

Pastor Alex will teach from the book of Nehemiah and a church-wide engagement experience will help us each identify our next step as disciples of Jesus Christ. Every faith journey is different, but those who call themselves followers of Christ are called to make disciples (Matthew 28).

Ponder  
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And if Christ  
has not  
been raised, our  
preaching is useless  
and so is  
your faith.  
1 Corinthians 15:14

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