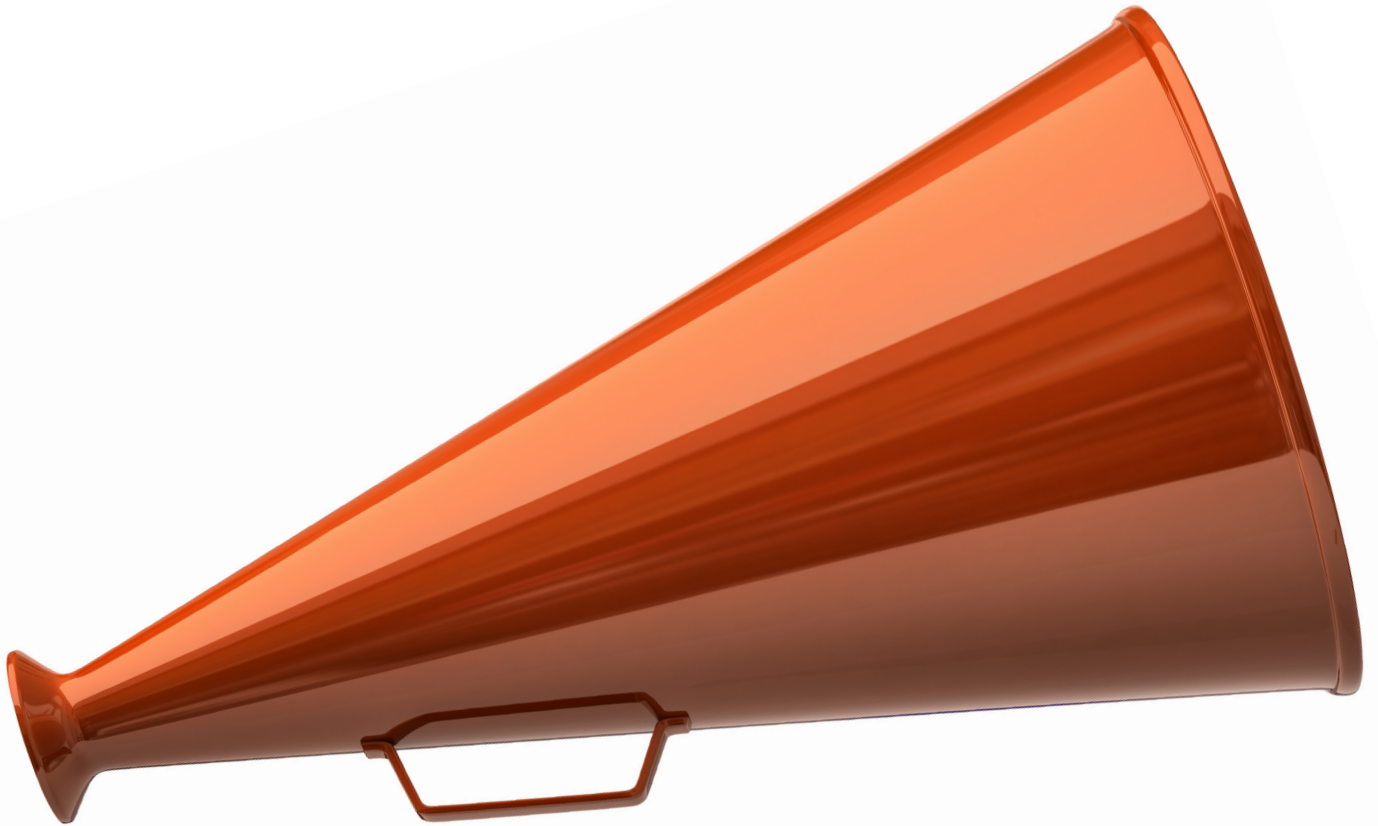


Making
Disciples
of those
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Nations

May 2017



THE **TABLE**

Keeping Carmel Connected

May 2017

Carmel Friends and Family:

Jesus tells us - his followers - to make disciples in Matthew 28.

So here at Carmel our mission is just that - to make disciples - of our Nearest, our Neighbors and the Nations.

This month, we have 3 REALLY BIG things that will help us advance His mission:

Sunday, May 7 - Take Root Sunday

We'll wrap up our 7 weeks of praying through disciplines of a Christ-follower with my Sunday teaching from the book of Nehemiah and a church-wide opportunity for each of us to recommit to the mission and respond with our next step as a disciple of Jesus Christ. I'm really excited about Take Root Sunday!

Wednesday, May 17 - Annual Church Meeting

This is our new meeting format formerly known as "business meeting." We are really excited about the new look. Come hear about 4 NEW strategic goals the Lord is guiding our body of believers to focus on to further advance His mission and kingdom.

Sunday, May 21 - Milestone Sunday

We'll celebrate Parent/Child Dedication AND High School Graduation and be reminded of the important role we each play in discipling the next generation. I love this Sunday each year!

Let's do all we can to make disciples. Let's go home, to our neighbors and to the nations and speak boldly the Good News of Christ (Ephesians 6:19). May is going to be a great month!

Love you Carmel,
Pastor Alex



SUNDAY
MAY 7

Take Root Sunday

Recommit to the mission.
Respond with your next step.













WEDNESDAY
MAY 17

Annual Church Meeting

4 - NEW Strategic Efforts
1 - Mission



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

<p>APR. SUN, 30 Root 66 Lord's Supper Baptism</p>  <p>Sunday Evening Prayer Gathering</p>	<p>MAY MON, 1</p>  <p>7 Weeks of Prayer</p> <p>Tuesday Morning Prayer WITH PASTOR ALEX</p> <p>WOMEN: Evening Prayer Gathering</p> <p>GriefShare</p> <p>MEN: More Than Conquerors</p>	<p>TUE, 2</p> <p>wednesday nights</p> <p>Dinner GROW Famjam FUEL Worship Prayer with Pastor Alex Choir</p>	<p>WED, 3</p>  <p>NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER</p> <p>WOMEN: Morning Prayer Gathering</p>			
<p>SUN, 7 Root 66</p>  <p>Lord's Supper Elder Prayer</p>  <p>Sunday Evening Prayer Gathering</p> 	<p>MON, 8</p> <p>MEN: More Than Conquerors</p>	<p>TUE, 9</p> <p>GriefShare</p> 	<p>WED, 10</p> <p>wednesday nights</p> <p>Dinner GROW Kidjam FUEL Worship Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>THU, 11</p> <p>WOMEN: Morning Prayer Gathering</p>		
<p>SUN, 14 Root 66</p> <p>Mother's Day</p> <p>Sunday Evening Prayer Gathering</p> 	<p>MON, 15</p> <p>MEN: More Than Conquerors</p>	<p>TUE, 16</p> <p>WOMEN: Evening Prayer Gathering</p> <p>GriefShare</p>	<p>WED, 17</p>  <p>ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING Join us for Discounted Dinner</p> <p>wednesday nights</p> <p>Dinner GROW Kidjam FUEL Worship</p>	<p>THU, 18</p> <p>WOMEN: Morning Prayer Gathering</p>		 <p>Senior Adults + Young Couples Dinner and Show</p>
<p>SUN, 21 Root 66</p> <p>MILESTONE 1 MILESTONE 6 Celebrations</p> <p>Sunday Evening Prayer Gathering</p> 	<p>MON, 22</p> <p>Carmel Home Educators - Monthly Serve Project</p> <p>MEN: More Than Conquerors</p>	<p>TUE, 23</p> <p>GriefShare</p>	<p>WED, 24</p> <p>wednesday nights</p> <p>Dinner Adult Bible Study</p> <p>Israel 2018 Trip Interest Meeting</p>	<p>THU, 25</p> <p>WOMEN: Morning Prayer Gathering</p>		
<p>SUN, 28 Root 66 Baptism</p> <p>Sunday Evening Prayer Gathering</p>	<p>MON, 29</p>  <p>memorial DAY</p> <p>Campus Closed</p>	<p>TUE, 30</p> <p>GriefShare</p>	<p>WED, 31</p> <p>wednesday nights</p> <p>Dinner Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>JUN. THU, 1</p> <p>WOMEN: Morning Prayer Gathering</p>		



Sermon Series



Deeply Rooted for the Road Ahead

May 7

HISTORY: Nehemiah
Take Root Sunday
Lord's Supper

May 14

HISTORY: Esther
Guest Worship Leader Jody McBrayer
Mother's Day

May 21

WISDOM: Job
Guest Message by: Jason Elam
Milestones 1: Parent/Child Dedication
Milestone 6: High School Graduation
NEW scripture memory verse available

May 28

WISDOM: Psalms
Baptism

June 4

WISDOM: Proverbs
Lord's Supper

Sunday Mornings @ Carmel

Worship

Grab your Bible, a pen, your Root 66 journal (limited quantities still available in the Media Center) and come ready **Sunday mornings at 8:00, 9:30 or 11:00am** to be encouraged and equipped for the road ahead! This month we wrap up our *Root 66* journey through History and enter into the books of Wisdom.

Connect

The Porch: Stop by with questions about a relationship with Jesus Christ, baptism or getting connected at Carmel.



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

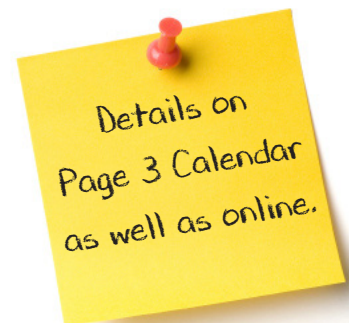


Reminders

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

Wednesday Nights @ Carmel

Get a mid-week dose of encouragement for your life in Christ with a chef-prepared meal (4:45 - 6:00pm) followed by equipping (6:15 - 7:30pm)! There is something for everyone!



WEDNESDAY
MAY 17

All adults who are not serving in GROW, KidJam or Fuel will gather for the Annual Church Meeting at 6:15pm in the Worship Center. In recognition of this important meeting, dinner is discounted to \$5 per person, \$10 total per family.



Adult Ministry

Men's Ministry

Visit carmelbaptist.org/connect/adults/mens-ministry for details.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

RESCHEDULED! To allow for maximum participation, we are rescheduling the May Men's Breakfast to a date that does not conflict with many college graduations and Mother's Day weekend. Stay tuned for the NEW date!



More Than Conquerors - Monday Evenings

Fight the addictive cycle of false intimacy and battle sexual sin from a Biblical perspective. Monday evenings. Confidentially email conquerors@carmelbaptist.org for location and details.

Women's Ministry

Visit carmelbaptist.org/women for details on these opportunities:


Summer Bible Study

Join us @Church for *Anything: The Prayer that Unlocked My God and My Soul* by Jennie Allen. Tuesdays, July 11- August 8 from 7-8:30pm (childcare not available). Online registration begins Sunday, June 4.

Want to get involved?

Do you have a heart for women and want to be involved in Carmel's Women's Ministry? We'd love to talk to you! Email womensministry@carmelbaptist.org.

Got a Preschooler?



Tuesday, May 9 at 7:00pm
details at carmelbaptist.org

Women's Prayer Gathering

Weekly: Thursday @ 11:45am
Monthly: 1st and 3rd Tuesday @ 7:00pm



55+ SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Living Abundantly & Loving It

Brunch at Trio + NarroWay Production with Young Couples

Saturday, May 20, 10:00am
Register by Thursday, May 11

Ice Cream Social with Residents of Carrington Place

Tuesday, June 6, 5:45-7:00pm
Register by Tuesday, May 30

Visit carmelbaptist.org/senior-adults for details and to register for these upcoming fellowship and ministry events.

Questions? Email or call Rhonda Pangle at rhondap@carmelbaptist.org or 704-847-8575.



Walk Thru the Bible Flashcards

Available for purchase in the Media Center. \$10 per set (both OT & NT) While supplies last.

Israel 2018 Trip Interest Meeting

Interested in traveling with the Carmel family to the Holy Land? Come learn more about this March 2 - 16, 2018 trip that will be led by Life in Christ conference speaker Brad Gray.

Wednesday, May 24 @ 6:15pm



Disciple-Makers: Fern & Shirley

For 10 years the team of Fern May (right) & Shirley Nix (left) have been serving together in Carmel's Preschool Ministry on Sunday mornings. At age 4, Erika (center) was a preschooler in their class. Since 7th Grade, Erika has served alongside this duo on Sunday mornings, with Shirley on Wednesday Nights and at Back to Bible Times! Full profile at carmelbaptist.org/stories.



How did you get involved?

Fern: I got involved more than 40 years ago when my daughter was a preschooler. I started teaching children a year younger than she was at the time, moving up each year. I tried school-age once, but decided I loved Preschool best!

Shirley: I moved to Charlotte in 2002 and began working at Carmel's WEE School. A fellow teacher asked me to serve in Preschool Ministry on Sunday mornings. I knew many years ago that the gift God gave me was with children so I always wanted to serve.

What do you love about serving?

Fern: Our Preschoolers are so loving, honest, energetic, creative – fun!

Favorite Bible Story to Teach?

Shirley: The Easter story of how much Jesus loves children.

What would you say to someone contemplating serving in Preschool?

Fern: Try it! If you come away blessed, you will know you have found your niche!

Shirley: It is very rewarding when you see the children understand the love God has for them.

Notes for Mom & Dad

Space Remains in these Summer Opportunities – Register Now!

June Summer Day Camps (going fast) 1-Day Adventures; 9:00am – 12:00pm

For current Three's class Preschoolers – completed Kindergarten (register in person @ Preschool office)

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

For 6 Weeks – Transitional Kindergarten (register @ weeschool.org)



MOPS on May 9 = Fun Night + BIG Announcement!

Join us for **our final gathering before summer**. We'll share a great meal, learn more about the Fruit of the Spirit, and enjoy a reclaimed wood craft. Plus, **we have a BIG announcement** about MOPS for the Fall you won't want to miss!

On Sunday Mornings

Lower Level Preschoolers: Good News

This month our youngest preschoolers will learn about **Jesus' final days on earth before He ascends to Heaven**. They will also learn that because of a few men who spread the good news, God's family grows and grows!

Upper Level Preschoolers: Parables

The fun continues this month with **Parables**--the special stories Jesus told. We'll hear about a shepherd who looked for one lost sheep, a wise man who built his house on a rock, a farmer who planted lots of seeds, and a woman who searched for one lost coin. These kingdom stories help us learn about the kingdom of heaven and the character of God!



Disciple Makers: The James Family

29 years of Collective Service - Read the full Profile at carmelbaptist.org/stories.

What do you love about Serving in CarmelKidz?

Hallie: I love that I have the opportunity to be to these kids what my CarmelKidz leaders were to me as a kid.

Connie: I love the youth and adult leaders we serve with on Sunday mornings. This is our community. We have served with these adults for many years and they are a part of our extended family.

Lanie: Watching the kids learn what it means to put your trust and faith in Jesus challenges and encourages me to dig deeper into my own faith and be more intentional about the way I live it out.

Favorite Bible story to teach?

Calvin: Jesus healing the blind man (John 9). It's fun...the whole spit and mud thing. But it also just shows simple faith. Jesus told him to go wash in the pool and he went. He obeyed and was healed. Great truth for all of us.

What would you say to someone contemplating serving in CarmelKidz?

Connie: It's a great place to plug in. You will receive far more than you give.

Isaac: Do it, because it is a blast.

Hallie: You will get to teach alongside some incredible leaders, watch precious kids fall in love with Jesus, laugh a lot, and learn far more than you ever thought you would. So really, why not?

Interesting Fact: Calvin has served as host of FamJam since it began 12 years ago (when it was called KidStuf!)



Lanie, Connie, Calvin, Isaac & Hallie

Praise: Preteen Retreats



MILESTONE 3
PREPARING FOR ADOLESCENCE

Discipleship in Action!



April FamJam - Fancy Grace & Peter



4th Grade DE Resurrection Lesson

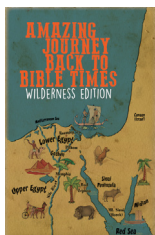


Wednesday Nights:

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help us have determination!

May 3 is the Season Finale of FamJam.

Rising 1st graders and their parents will join us!
Doors open at 6:10pm!



1st & 2nd Graders: Only a few spots remain!

Amazing Journey Back to Bible Times

Monday, June 26 - Thursday, June 29 from 9:00am - 12:00pm
Registration closes mid-May. Register NOW at carmelbaptist.org/amazingjourney.

Want to SERVE at Amazing Journey Back to Bible Times?

Contact seanl@carmelbaptist.org to help make God's story come alive for 1st & 2nd Graders!

Key Dates:

FamJam

Wednesday, May 3

Preteens preview a Student Ministry Wednesday Night Worship

Wednesday, May 10

Kidjam

Wednesday, May 10 & 17

First Step class (registration required)

Sundays, May 7, 14, 21, 28

CarmelKidz Summer Camp Parenting Meeting

Wednesday, May 31



Disciple-Maker: Dennis Kilcoin

7th Grade Boys

Why I serve:

Dennis: Since I didn't grow up in the church I can really understand the "worldly" struggles that teenagers experience. And they keep me young at heart!

What I enjoy most:

Dennis: It brings joy to my life is to see how these kids grow up, become young, mature, Christian adults. That's one of the benefits of serving in Youth Ministry for so long!

What is important to remember:

Dennis: It is great journey that you don't often see the fruits of your efforts until way down the road. If you want to watch kids (other than your own) grow up right before your eyes and become young adults than Student Ministry is the place to be.



View Dennis' full profile at carmelbaptist.org/stories.



This month we celebrate Milestone 6: High School Graduation. This celebration includes an evening where parents and family members speak a blessing over their graduate, a Sunday morning recognition in each worship service and a celebration with the volunteers who have disciplined these students.

THE FOLLOWING **PREVIEW** HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR
6TH GRADE STUDENTS
BY THE FUEL STUDENT MINISTRY OF CARMEL BAPTIST CHURCH

THE PREVIEW ADVERTISED HAS BEEN RATED

FW	FUEL WORSHIP
MAY 10, ICE CREAM IN CARMEL ROOM AT 5:30 AND FUEL AT 6:15	
EXCITING WORSHIP, MESSAGE & FUN THROUGHOUT	

www.carmelstudents.org www.carmelbaptist.org

6th Grade Preview

All current 6th grade students are invited to join us for **a special night of Fuel Worship May 10**. Come experience Wednesday nights in student ministry - we'll enjoy ice cream, play games, worship, and have a message. Ice cream will be served at 5:30pm in the Carmel Room, Fuel Worship starts at 6:15pm in the Gym, and we will end at 7:30pm.

Key Dates

- May 3
Fuel Worship
- May 7
C2
- May 10
Fuel Worship (including 6th Grade Preview)
- May 17
Fuel Worship
- May 20
Milestone 6: High School Graduation Dinner
- May 21
Milestone 6: High School Graduation Recognition

Milestone 4



Purity for Life

Last month we celebrated students that have made a decision for Purity for Life by recognizing and praying blessing over them at the end of each service. If you are a parent seeking information about how to lead your student to this important Milestone, please reach out to a member of the Student Ministry staff.



Neighbors

Making Disciples in Charlotte

Mecklenburg County

Dove's Nest: 2 Carmel DCs are serving the ladies and children at Dove's Nest every month. Dove's Nest is part of Charlotte Rescue Mission

Project 658: New volunteers from Carmel, including a mother and high school son, are partnering with the lunch program and the after school program for refugees living in East Charlotte

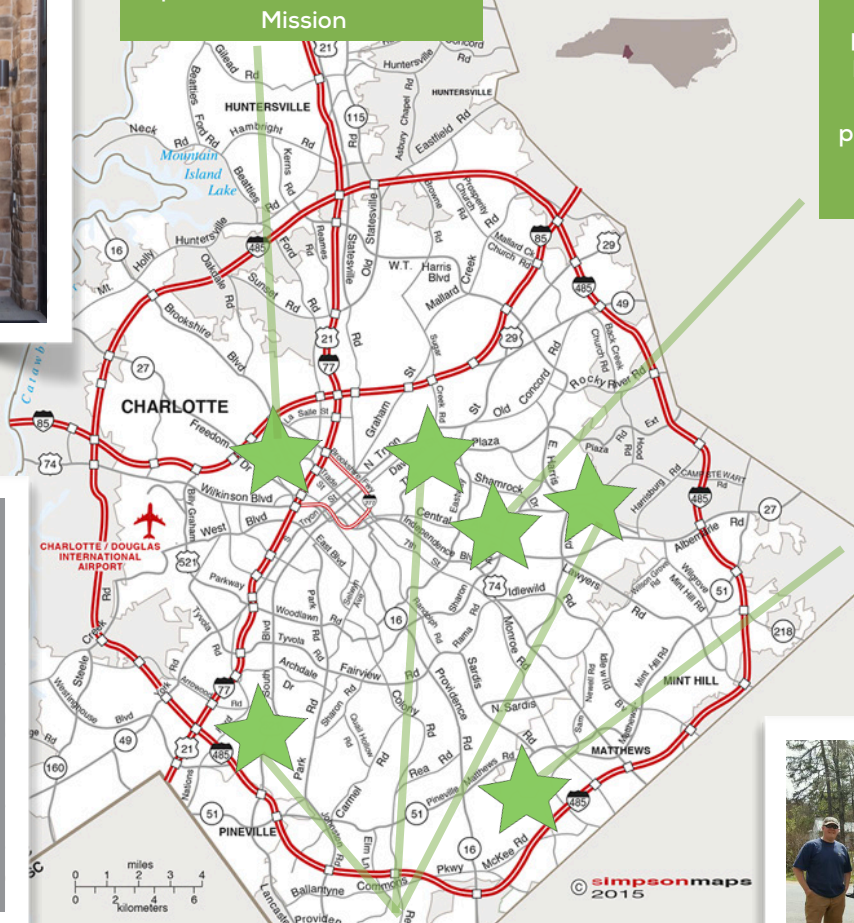
Carrington Place Nursing Home: Parents and children from Carmel Home Educators are serving monthly through arts, crafts, ice cream and visiting with residents

Love INC: Two Carmel DCs have been adopting Love INC clients throughout Charlotte. They have done yard work and cleaning, while showing Christ's love.

"I especially enjoyed that by going back we had the opportunity to see some of the ladies we met previously. Ms. S recognized me while we served the meal and she and I shared conversation over lunch. It was amazing to see her whole demeanor change from our first visit when she had just arrived to Doves Nest. Yesterday she had so much more joy and hopeful anticipation of what was coming as she nears graduation and plans to start the transitions program. Going regularly gives us the opportunity to learn a name, as Carmel encourages, but also to learn more of the story that goes with the name."



"I had a great conversation with a woman who shared the feeling that most of society writes off drug addicts as people who don't want help. I'm learning more about what these ladies face so I can be a better advocate for them."





Nations

Check out the exciting things happening in the Nations:

Alida Beatty: Reflections on South Asia

Markets, meals, monkeys, masala, many...hours in the air, much...traffic, more...people everywhere, but mostly... memories forever! We are so grateful to have had the opportunity to dive into South Asia and learn a little bit about the fascinating and colorful culture. The differences on some levels are devastatingly heart-wrenching...but the similarities are basic...We are grateful to know how we can help and pray for the special folks we encountered in India...thank you for your encouragement and prayers! To read Alida's complete trip reflections visit carmelbaptist.org/stories.

A few trip highlights included the all-female team:

- Hosting a Women's Evening Out to encourage the local body.
- Worshipping on Palm Sunday with local believers.
- Participating in a Christian prayer gathering in the slum.



Wendy Skenderi: Reflections on Albania



A team of 10 went to Tirana, Albania to serve alongside Bethany Social Services Albania and the local "Nxenesit e Jezusit" church. The team led a Bethany staff day retreat, a church marriage conference, staff training seminars, and events for low-income families and single mothers. In addition, the team offered evangelistic activities for the staff and children of Bethany orphanage. It was a packed trip with many ministry opportunities. Please pray for those in Albania who heard the gospel.



Check out
carmelbaptist.org/missions/
 to learn more about our
 2017 trips or contact
 Alesha Smith at
aleshas@carmelbaptist.org.
**We can help you
 respond to God's
 calling to go!**



A Tool for Generous Living

If we listened to the world's wisdom about morals or even about God, where would we be? Why then do so many Christians assume the world's values about money? It surprises many Christians to learn that **approximately two-thirds of the parables that Christ used in teaching deal specifically with finances.** He constantly warned us to guard our hearts against greed, covetousness, ego, and pride, because these are the tools that satan uses to control and manipulate this world. Christ warned us a great deal more about materialism than He did any other sin. "He said to them, '**Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions!**'" (Luke 12:15).

The Genius of



The Bible teaches that the wisest thing we can do with our resources is to learn to invest them in God's kingdom. This video series on RightNow Media (rightnow.org/Content/Series/927) will both challenge and encourage you to be wise in your giving and generous in your living.

Don't be satisfied with earthly stock options and interest rates - learn the genius of generosity.

(elements courtesy of crosswalk.com)

Let's be found faithful in telling the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord. (Psalm 78:4)

Ponder This

DISCIPLE-MAKING Opportunity

Average Attendance of Preschool - 12th Grade

**Sunday Mornings
1,655**

**Wednesday Nights
460**

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