Making Disciples of those **Nearest**, our **Neighbors** and the **Nations SEPTEMBER 2017**





Carmel Family,

This month we cross the halfway point of our journey through the scriptures called Root 66. On the real Route 66, that puts us in Adrian, Texas. That's just outside Amarillo, Texas (if you happen to know where that is) and at it's peak had a population of 250. On OUR Root 66 halfway point is the minor prophet called Micah. Our remaining time in the Old Testament is in the Minor Prophets. Each one in their own way shows our need for Messiah. We now enjoy what they so desperately longed for - Jesus Christ. Good is faithful to His promises.

Later next month (Oct 29 - Nov 26) we will pause our Root 66 journey to FALL DETOUR celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. We will study the "5 Solas" - five Latin phrases that emerged during the Reformation to summarize the Reformers' theological convictions about the essentials of Christianity - that mark this significant landmark in church history and started when Martin Luther wrote his 95 theses in Wittenberg, Germany. As we enter December, we'll return to Root 66 with the gospel of Matthew.

OCTOBER MARRIAGE SUMMIT We are so excited to host our Marriage Summit on Saturday, October 7 with Jim and Suzi Kallam as guest speakers. Jim is the Sr. Pastor at Church at Charlotte where he has served for 41 years. He and Suzi are our dear friends. If you are married, please make every effort to be here for that strategic Saturday morning. It is important to invest and refuel your marriage. Glot Kids? No need to book a sitter! We've got a super saturday morning planned for kids 6 weeks - 6th Grade!

PRAYER FOR THIS NEW MINISTRY SEASON This past year has been a great demonstration of Good's faithfulness to us at Carmel. It was a year of waiting and watching as the Student Discipleship Center was built. How wonderful to see it now open and filled with students! Now it's time to roll. To accelerate our mission of making disciples. Let's pray for a fresh wind of the Holy Spirit to blow this year. Let's grow this fall. Let's dive into Good's Word everyday. Let's connect with people at Carmel and in our community. Let us never stop seeking to better know our Heavenly Father.

Love you Carmel, Pastor Alex

Reserve Wednesday Nights for Midweek!



Visit carmelbaptist.org/midweek for details, registration and dinner menu.

Dinner: 4:45-6:30pm New Pricing: \$5/person or \$20 max/family

*Discover & Invest Your Spiritual Gifts

God designed you to play a unique role in His family. Discover your gifts and find specific ways to use them at Carmel.

*Intergenerational Discipleship Community-Living Outside the Box:

how to cultivate intentional transformational communities that glorify Jesus, disciple one another and participate in the mission of God

*Breaking Through the Barriers:

how to live a life on Mission, on Message and on Purpose

*Navigating Your Finances God's Way:

biblical principles for managing your God-given resources

*REQUIRES REGISTRATION CARMELBAPTIST.ORG/MIDWEEK

Adult Bible Study:

explore God's Word and encourage one another through prayer NOTE: This study begins at 6:15pm

Parenting a Preschooler,

CarmelKid or Student: age-specific phase training and encouragement

Discipleship Community Leaders:

pray together, encourage one another, and receive ministry-specific training

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Women on Wednesday: fellowship over an on-campus service project for a local ministry partner

Griefshare: 15-week experience of encouragement and equipping for those who've lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend; register by emailing griefshare@carmelbaptist.org

Preschool

build faith, friendships and character through prayer, praise and "journaling" (NOTE: kids 6 weeks -2 years will have fun in a caring environment)

CarmelKidz

monthly "Life Apps" taught through a dynamic family exerience (Famjam) the first Wednesday of the month and large group worship, teaching, and grade level small groups (Kidjam) the remainder of each month

Carmel Students

make friends, recharge and unite in student-led worship in an environment where you belong 6:15 - 7:00pm Fellowship 7:00 - 7:45pm Worship

6:15 - 7:30pm

FOR KIDS

Details for these and other events is available at carmelbaptist.org/schedule						
AUG SUN Root66: Obadiah Baptism	MON, 28	TUE, 29	WED, 30	THUR, 31	SEPT ^{FRI}	SAT, 2
SUN, 3 Root 66: Jonah Lord's Supper Elder Prayer	MON, 4 Labor Day (church offices closed)	TUE, 5	WED, 6	THUR, 7	FRI, 8 Student Center & Gym Open House	SAT, 9
SUN, 10 Root 66: Micah Meet the Neighbors Luncheon	MON, 11	TUE, 12 2nd Tuesday Prayer (7:00am)	WED, 13 Midweek Famjam	THUR, 14	FRI, 15 Behold the Lamb tickets go on sale!	SAT, 16
SUN, 17 Root 66: Nahum Milestone 1:Parent/ Child Dedication	MON, 18	TUE, 19	WED, 20 Midweek	THUR, 21	FRI, 22	SAT, 23 Joy Ministry Fall Festival
SUN, 24 Root 66: Habakkuk Baptism	MON, 25	TUE, 26 CCS Golf Classic	WED, 27 Midweek	THUR, 28	FRI, 29	SAT, 30
OCT SUN 1 Root 66: Zephaniah Lord's Supper Elder Prayer	MON, 2	TUE,3	WED, 4 Midweek Famjam	THUR, 5	FRI, 6	SAT, 7 Marriage Summit
SUN, 8 Root 66: Haggai	MON, 9	TUE, 10 2nd Tuesday Prayer (7:00am)	WED, 11 Midweek Family Night of Worship	THUR, 12	FRI, 13	SAT, 14
SUN, 15 Root 66: Zechariah	MON, 16	TUE, 17	WED, 18 Midweek Student Family Night Choir	THUR, 19	FRI, 20	SAT, 21
SUN, 22 Root 66: Malachi Choir Leads Worship	MON, 23	TUE, 24	WED, 25 Midweek	THUR, 26	FRI, 27	SAT, 28 Nonprofit Leadership Summit
SUN, 29 The Solas Baptism Short Term Trip	MON, 30	TUE, 31	NOV 1 Midweek Famjam	THUR, 2	FRI, 3	SAT, 4
Luncheon				Carmel Serve Nov 2 - 5		



Questions about a relationship with Christ, baptism or membership?

Stop by The Porch on Sundays or email Josh Fairbaugh at joshf@carmelbaptist.org.



Connected to Carmel?

Come to *The Bridge* on Sundays at 11:00am in Room A235. This eight-week experience invites people who are new to Carmel (or not yet engaged in a Discipleship Community) to participate in conversations about life in Christ.

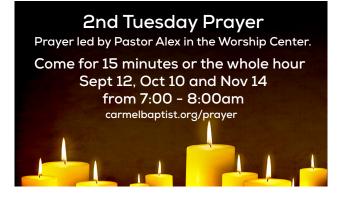


Want to know what is happening at Carmel?

Visit us online at carmelbaptist.org or on social media for the latest news. Subscribe to our weekly Tuesday Enews under the About Us tab at carmelbaptist.org or text NEAREST to 22828.

Special events to help you grow as a disciple of Christ in learning and living.





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WEDNESDAYS beginning Sept 13 Dinner and Fellowship Discipleship training (and encouragement) for all ages. carmelbaptist.org/midweek or Page 2



Saturday, December 16 @ 7:00pm Tickets go on sale Sept 15 at carmelbaptist.org



Short Term Mission Trip Luncheon

Get a sneak peek at upcoming mission trips, ask questions, and get connected to trip leaders.

Sunday, Oct 29, 12:30 - 2:00pm

A weekend when all ages from Carmel Love + Serve our neighbors. November 2-5 Stay tuned for details.

2nd Annual Evening . Women's **Evening of** Empowerment Save the Date! Thursday, Nov 9

An evening for women, by women, to support the empowerment of women overcoming poverty and human trafficking. Stay tuned for details.





as a disciple of Christ in learning and living

Complete details are available at carmelbaptist.org or web address noted below.

Grow through Community

Connect with other believers who can encourage your spiritual growth. Learn more at carmelbaptist.org/connect

Sunday Morning Resources for those NEW to Carmel

The Porch: Sunday Mornings

Questions about getting connected at Carmel, a relationship with Jesus Christ or baptism? Stop by The Porch in the Gathering Space (right outside the Worship Center) on Sunday mornings. A member of The Porch team looks forward to assisting you!

The Bridge: August 27 - October 15

Connect with others who are new to Carmel and learn about the essentials of life in Christ during this 8-week interactive experience. Led by Adult Pastor Jeremy Amick. Room A235.

Baptism 101: October 29 @ 11:00am

Not sure what baptism is? Never been baptized and interested in learning more? This class covers the biblical basics of baptism and how we practice baptism at Carmel. For Adults and Students. Room A243.

New Member Class: offered monthly

A three-session class that familiarizes new members with the mission and vision of Carmel, and provides opportunities to connect to various ministries of the church. The class is designed for those who want to commit to membership at Carmel. Visit the Porch to learn more and to register for an upcoming class.

NEW Discipleship Community Offerings Sundays at 11:00am

Hills and Valleys DC: Open to all adults interested in exploring deeper the parables of Jesus. Led by Sean & Shannon Mitchell and Todd & Jenny Neal. Room S310 - Student Center

High View DC: Open to all adults interested in a discussion on Jerry Bridge's Fearing God. Led by Alison Littauer Brown, Bryan and Robin Woodell. Room S301 - Student Center

WEE Connect DC: Parents of preschool-aged children who seek to make connections, build relationships, and walk alongside one another. Led by Jay Hancock and a team of others who want to encourage parents. Room D101 (across from the Preschool Welcome Desk)

NEW Weekday Discipleship Community

Better Together DC: Gather off-campus Thursday evenings at 7:30pm beginning September 7. Led by Brittian & Allison Blaylock. Off Sardis Rd near Hwy 51. For details, email allisonb@carmelbaptist.org.

Wednesday Nights @ Carmel are now Midweek!

See Page 2 and visit carmelbaptist.org/midweek for details.



Carmel Men

Details at carmelbaptist.org/men

Sign Up for Man Mail - Encouragement delivered to your inbox every Friday morning.

Battle Sexual Sin - On-going support group for men pursuing purity in their lives.

Strengthen Your Marriage - Make a date with your wife to attend Marriage Summit on Saturday, October 7. We have child care covered! Details on Page 15.

Carmel Women

Details at carmelbaptist.org/women

Bible Study - Space remains in a few of our @Home Fall studies. Join us!

Daughters of the King - Gather for prayer with other women on Thursdays @ 11:45am and monthly on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays @ 7:00pm. Questions? Contact Denise Goldman at rushingwind91@bellsouth.net.

NEW Mom's Time Out (formerly MOPs) - Preschool moms gather the first Tuesday of the month for dinner, fellowship, mentoring and fun. Register online. MTO kicks off September 5 at 7:00pm. Questions? Contact Katie Menard at carmelmto@gmail.com.

NEW Women on Wednesday - Fellowship over an on-campus service project that benefits a local ministry partner. Come when you can. No registration needed.

Surrendering the Secret - A powerful, redemptive study that helps women find healing, restoration and hope from a past abortion in a supportive and confidential environment. Begins Tuesday, September 19. Confidentially email stscarolinas@gmail.com for information.

Fitness - Classes offered Monday - Thursday (8:15 - 9:15am). Questions? Contact Jenny Mullowney at jmullowney2@gmail.com.

NEW Women Living Well - 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. Meets Mondays at 7:00pm beginning September 25. To learn more confidentially email womenlivingwell@carmelbaptist.org.

Adults 55+ (but all ages welcome!)

Details and register at carmelbaptist.org/senior-adults/

Thursday, September 14: Lunch + Fellowship + Prayer with Local Ministry Partners

Thursday, November 9: Lunch + Christmas Card Writing for Missionaries

Thursday, December 14: Brunch + a Christmas Performance

Wednesday, December 20: Christmas Caroling to Carmel's Homebound



Grow through Prayer

Gather with others for prover at one of our recurring prayer gatherings on Sunday mornings, Sunday nights, Tuesday evenings, Wednesday nights and Thursday mornings. For details on these gatherings as well as our Prayer Room, Prayer Walks and the Carmel Family Prayer list, visit **carmelbaptist.org/prayer**

Grow through Service

Use your God-given gifts, talents, and abilities to glorify Christ and strengthen His Church.

Nearest

Find your place to serve at Carmel on Sunday mornings or at Midweek. carmelbaptist.org/serve/nearest/

Current opportunities include:

Carmel Preschool: Help disciple our Nearest while mom and dad attend Worship and their Discipleship Community! We currently have serving slots available at 11:00am in all preschool levels - Babies, Toddlers & 2's, 3's, 4's and Kindergarten. If you are interested in serving, please email rachelb@carmelbaptist.org.

CarmelKidz: Male Adult Leaders for Midweek (three Wednesday nights a month)

CarmelKidz Joy (Special Needs): Adult Leaders at 11:00am

Neighbors

Find your place to serve in our community. carmelbaptist.org/neighbors

Meet the Neighbors Luncheon: Sunday, September 10

Come hear about how Carmel is serving in Charlotte, connect to people already serving, and learn about Carmel ministry partners.

Breaking through the Barriers: Wednesdays beginning September 13

A Midweek six-part series for both new and seasoned disciplemakers in the city and among the nations. Covering critical topics relevant in a variety of ministry settings to equip participants to live a life on Mission, on Message and on Purpose.

Nonprofit Leadership Summit: Saturday, October 28

Nonprofits vary in size, budget and focus, but all benefit from great leadership. If you serve on a nonprofit board or have an interest in doing so, join us for this half-day workshop.

Fall Carmel Serve: Thursday-Sunday, November 2-5

As a church body we will come together to serve our ministry partners! Save the Date!

Women's Evening of Empowerment: Thursday, November 9

Join us for our second (now annual) evening for women, by women, to support the empowerment of women overcoming poverty and human trafficking.

Nations

Find your place to serve outside our country. carmelbaptist.org/missions/

Short-Term Missions Preview Lunch: Sunday, October 29

Come get a sneak peek at upcoming mission trips, ask questions, and connect with trip leaders.

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Student Center Dedicated and now OPEN!

On Sunday, August 20 close to 1,000 people gathered for a time of prayer and dedication of the new Student Center and Gym. Pastor Alex, alongside former Carmel pastors Dr. Don Bouldin and Dr. Wayne Poplin, led the crowd in prayers of thanksgiving for the generations that laid the foundation for what Carmel is today and commitment to disciple future generations in this space. The dedication culminated with the baptism of 7 students and distribution of prayer tags with first names of all Carmel 6th-12th graders.



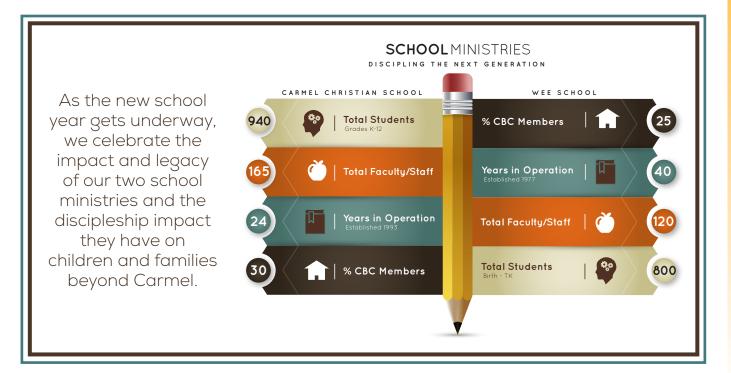




Carmel Counseling Center

This past year, the Carmel Counseling Center provided **more than 6,000 hours of counseling to clients** (both Carmel members and neighbors in the community). For most clients, coming to the Counseling Center is the first time they are encountering Carmel Baptist Church.

Desire to explore issues that distract you from the fullness of your life in Christ? Looking for hope and meaning as you walk through difficult seasons of life? Contact the Carmel Counseling Center at 704.849.0686.







Hello Families: I am looking forward to a new ministry year getting started! Thank you so much to those parents who came to the much to those parents who came to the carnival. I had such a fun time meeting preschool families. -MS Rachel Preschool Director & WEE School Head of School

Help disciple our Nearest (& youngest & cutest)

We currently have serving slots available in all preschool levels -



Babies, Toddlers & 2's, 3's, 4's and Kindergarten.

If you are interested in serving, please email rachelb@carmelbaptist.org.

Sunday Mornings

Infants & Toddlers

Our youngest friends will learn that God made them special as teachers care for them while away from mom and dad.

Threes - Kindergarten: God is Our Creator...Y-O-U Are His Masterpiece!

This month, Preschoolers learn that God made the world and everything in it. Each week we'll visit the Large Group Art Studio and find out that God made it all-- light and land, sky and sea, fish and birds, even you and me! We'll also discover that right from the beginning, God had a special plan to send Jesus. Kids will grab their (pretend!) smock and join us in the Art Studio each week as we explore God's creation together!

Parents - Come Connect at 11:00am on Sundays

WEE Connect is a Sunday morning Discipleship Communityfor parents of preschoolers. Come make friends and learn more about God's plan for successful parenting beginning September 10 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.



Moms - Enjoy a Monthly Time Out!

Mom's Time Out is a first-Tuesday-of-the-month gathering that will encourage and equip you to thrive in this season. Come for dinner, fellowship, mentoring and fun! Things kick off Tuesday, **September 5**. Learn more and sign up at carmelbaptist.org/ moms-time-out/



As your family transitions to a new school year, pause for a moment to **consider the future**. Remember what you are doing with your child this year is a building block and a practice-round for their future. Each year provides a unique opportunity to shape your child's faith, values and character.

-Sean Children's Minister

CarmelKidz partners with parents for a BIGGER and BETTER impact:

Make SUNDAY a priority - set a spiritual rhythm in your home

Make MIDWEEK a time to grow - see why below

Make YOUR INBOX a resource - read our emails!

- **Bi-Monthly Parenting Cue:** Encouragement to keep the end in mind (First/Third Monday each month)
- Grade Parenting Cue: An overview of Sunday's lessons + grade specific parenting tips (Thursday/Friday monthly or whenever a new unit is introduced; weekly on Fridays for Preteens)

Imagine THE END

Not getting email from CarmelKidz or Carmel? Please email: janicem@carmelbaptist.org



Midweek For Parents

On the first Wednesday of the month, join us for Famjam - a dynamic family experience. The remaining Wednesdays in the month, join the Midweek CarmelKidz Parent Round Table in the Worship Center to sharpen your parenting skills and connect with other parents.

Midweek - FRIENDSHIP

This month's Midweek focus is **Friendship**: Using your words and actions to show others you care. Midweek kicks off Wednesday, September 13 with Famjam.



Is Your Child Interested in Baptism? Come to FirstStep!

If you have a child in grades 1-6 who has expressed an interest in baptism, register now for FirstStep! This interactive, 4-week class offered in October on Sunday mornings is for both the child and parent. Details and registration at carmelbaptist.org/firststep.

SERVE in CarmelKidz (and see it in action!)

To learn more about these current volunteer needs, contact seanl@ carmelbaptist.org.

Adult leaders for Midweek Kidjam (Male Adult Leader) (Three Wednesday nights a month) Adult leaders for CarmelKidz Joy Class (Special Needs) (Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00am)

CarmelKidz had a GREAT summer! Check out the fun on page 12.





We Are Now Carmel Students.

We have been Fuel Student Ministry for a long time, however, as we move into the new discipleship space it's a perfect time to change it up with the newness of everything. The name change is intentional to bring unity and identify ourselves with Carmel. So within a few weeks you should see all of our graphics change as well.

-Ryan Student Pastor



Midweek is a Big Deal!!!



We have some incredible plans for Wednesday nights at Carmel. Our students loved our worship services at Camp Carmel this summer and that same energy, praise, and teaching is exactly what is planned for Midweek. We will be together in the new Student Center from 6:15-7:45pm. We will get to hang out together, play games, enjoy our new cafe, and everything else that our new space has to offer. A key adjustment will be that our Midweek worship service will be from 7:00 - 7:45pm. This change will help all of our students that are in after-school activities, and those that are serving in Preschool and Children's ministries, join us. Students will also be welcome to stay and hang out afterwards. Our first Midweek service will be September 13.

DC is Meant to be Dynamic.



In the past five years, we have made some great strides in making Discipleship Community a place where we are intentional in studying Scripture, prayer, and every student is known and loved by an adult leader and a small group. Those things will only get better in the days ahead. In the new space every grade will have a room where students can build community within their grade and the Bible content will be specific to our Milestone Strategy to lead students toward an abundant Life in Christ. The space is going to allow leaders to be much more creative in how we disciple our students.

Nav will be Personal.



We invite our Students to journey together through studying God's Word in a transparent environment on Sunday nights this next school year. Nav will be a Bible study where Students spend time each week studying the Word for themselves and come together with their friends to share what God has taught them in the past week. MS groups will meet here at Carmel and HS groups will meet in homes. Nav will take place for 10 weeks from 6:30-8:00pm in the Fall and again in the Spring. Nav groups will be gender based, but mixed grades (MS 7-8, HS 9-12). Students will sign up for Nav and each group will be capped at 10-12 students. Sign ups are available now at carmelstudents.org.



Closing out summer at Carrigan Farms.



Middle School students host backyard bible camps and VBS with Project 658

Celebrating a Summer of Discipleship

NEAREST





196 volunteers discipled 530 children

(Preschool - 2nd Grade) at Amazing Journey Back to Bible Times













96 volunteers discipled 230 kids (3rd - 6th Grade) at CarmelKidz Bootcamp





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NEIGHBORS + NATIONS Celebrating a Summer of Loving + Serving

EXTENDED GRATITUDE Carmel teams visited our local ministry partners to say thank you for how well they Love + Serve the Charlotte area. Words of affirmation were accompanied by lunch, coffee, breakfast or ice cream for these partners: Beds for Kids, Carrington Place, Changed Choices, Charlotte Rescue Mission, Jackson Park Ministries, Joni and Friends, Lansdowne Elementary School, Love INC, Pregnancy Resource Center and Project 658.





PURCHASED WISH-LIST ITEMS

In addition to ongoing financial support, your generosity allowed Carmel to purchase these much-needed wish-list items for our local ministry partners:

- Beds for Kids branded trucks with logo and staff sweatshirts
- Carrington Place new industrial kitchen steamer
- Changed Choices spiritual retreat scholarships for staff and inmate Bible study materials
- Charlotte Rescue Mission improvements
 at Dove's Nest
- Jackson Park Ministries water fountains for summer camp
- Lansdowne Elementary vocabulary curriculum for 4th and 5th graders
- Love INC- equipment repair, technology
- Pregnancy Resource Center lighting
- Project 658 10 scholarships for after school program

TRANSFORMED A PLAYGROUND Carmel

Students and Helping Hands transformed a church playground in east Charlotte

DID YARD WORK

DCs continued to serve LOVE INC by cleaning up clients yards.









PICNIC-ED AND DISTRIBUTED SCHOOL SUPPLIES DCs collected school supplies for an east Charlotte apartment complex and distributed them at a back-to-school picnic.

INSTALLED FLOORS & RAMPS

Helping Hands Ministry upgraded flooring for a local nonprofit serving orphans who have aged out of state care and constructed ramps for another nonprofit.

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Taking the Grospel to our city and the Nations



126 people traveled a collective 42,000 miles to serve on 8 international mission trip teams















COOKED UP 400+ BURGERS AND FUN

Carmel Students hosted a VBS at Project 658 in addition to a July 4 celebration for families that reside near Project 658.

HOSTED VBS

Adult<mark>s and children facilitated a VBS and lu</mark>nch for summer campers served by Jackson Park Ministries.

READ TO REFUGEE STUDENTS

Several Carmel Students listened to refugee children read to help them practice both their English and reading skills.

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