

Making Disciples of those **Nearest**, our **Neighbors** and the **Nations**
MARCH 2018



THE TABLE
Keeping Carmel Connected

March 2018

Carmel Family,

It has thrilled my heart to hear from so many of you in the church body who are already living out our strategy to make disciples. For the four Sundays of February we dove into the following statement... "We will **ABIDE** in Christ to **BUILD** relationships and **LIVE** the Gospel with **EVERYTHING**." As I stated on the final Sunday... "the plane isn't landing on this short series, but rather we are taking off." Thank you for living and embracing this framework with such joy.

Now what? A big night of prayer, a new Wednesday format, and a great Resurrection Sunday will be here soon.

We are hosting an **ABLE Night of Prayer on Wednesday, March 7** from 6:30-7:30 in the Auxiliary Gym. Please make plans to join us for a powerful night of worship and prayer together

We have a brand new format for **Midweek** for adults to help provide practical tools to live out our mission and strategy. Check out Page 4 for the detailed schedule.

Holy Week Kicks off on Palm Sunday, March 25 and is going to be awesome. We'll share a church-wide Seder Meal on March 28 (rsvp required as space is limited), celebrate Good Friday on March 29 and culminate with **Resurrection Sunday** on April 1.

Prepare your hearts and minds as we approach Holy Week. **ABIDE** in his presence and spend time memorizing and meditating on scripture. Pray about the relationships you're **BUILDing** with friends and how you can **LIVE** out the Gospel with them in word and deed. Let's open our hands and hearts with **EVERYTHING** we have. May the church explode on Resurrection Sunday with hearts full of gratitude and praise for a living Savior!

And lastly, welcome back to Root 66. We will explore Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians in the month of March.

Love you Carmel,
Pastor Alex

P.S. Take time to visit the Prayer Room - we're in the process of making enhancements. It's been painted, has new furniture and rugs, and will visually be sectioned into three distinct 'pods' to pray specifically for those Nearest, our Neighbors, and the Nations.

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, March 25 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.

SEDER MEAL

Wednesday, March 28 6:30 - 7:45pm

Come experience a Messianic Passover!
RSVP required via carmelbaptist.org

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, March 30 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 a reservation.

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

Sunday, April 1 at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00am

Let's celebrate His resurrection together!
Classes for children 6 weeks - 5 years old will be provided
Discipleship Communities will not meet.

Details for these and other events are available at carmelbaptist.org/schedule.

MAR <small>SUN 4</small> Root 66 - Galatians Lord's Supper Elder Prayer	MON, 5	TUE, 6 Mom's Time Out WOMEN: Evening Prayer Gathering	WED, 7 md·wk <small>ready willing and able.</small> Night of Prayer	THUR, 8 WOMEN: Morning Prayer Gathering	FRI, 9	SAT, 10
SUN, 11 <i>Root 66 - Ephesians</i>	MON, 12	TUE, 13  2nd Tuesday Prayer (7:00am)	WED, 14 md·wk <small>ready willing and able.</small> Abiding in Times of Crisis	THUR, 15 WOMEN: Morning Prayer Gathering	FRI, 16	SAT, 17
SUN, 18 <i>Root 66 - Philippians</i>	MON, 19	TUE, 20 WOMEN: Evening Prayer Gathering	WED, 21 md·wk <small>ready willing and able.</small> Abiding in the Midst of Busyness	THUR, 22 WOMEN: Morning Prayer Gathering	FRI, 23	SAT, 24
SUN, 25 Palm Sunday Root 66 - Colossians Baptism	MON, 26	TUE, 27	WED, 28 md·wk <small>ready willing and able.</small> Seder Meal	THURS, 29 WOMEN: Morning Prayer Gathering	FRI, 30 Good Friday Church Office Closed	SAT, 31
H O L Y W E E K						
APR <small>SUN 1</small> HE IS RISEN Resurrection Sunday	MON, 2	TUE, 3	WED, 4 NO Midweek	THUR, 5	FRI, 6	SAT, 7
SUN, 8 <i>Root 66 - 1 Thessalonians</i> Lord's Supper Elder Prayer	MON, 9	TUE, 10  2nd Tuesday Prayer (7:00am) Mom's Time Out	WED, 11 md·wk <small>ready willing and able.</small> A.B.L.E. Conversation Night	THUR, 12 WOMEN: Morning Prayer Gathering	FRI, 13	SAT, 14
SUN, 15 <i>Root 66 - 2 Thessalonians</i>	MON, 16	TUE, 17 WOMEN: Evening Prayer Gathering	WED, 18 md·wk <small>ready willing and able.</small> Gifted & Empowered by the Holy Spirit	THUR, 19 WOMEN: Morning Prayer Gathering	FRI, 20	SAT, 21
SUN, 22 <i>Root 66 - 1 Timothy</i> <i>Milestone 4</i>	MON, 23	TUE, 24	WED, 25 md·wk <small>ready willing and able.</small> Sharing Your Story Using the Gospel	THUR, 26 WOMEN: Morning Prayer Gathering	FRI, 27	SAT, 28
SUN, 29 <i>Root 66 - 2 Timothy</i> Baptism	MON, 30	MAY <small>TUES 1</small>	WED, 2 md·wk <small>ready willing and able.</small> A.B.L.E. Conversation Night	THUR, 3 WOMEN: Morning Prayer Gathering	FRI, 4	SAT, 5
C A R M E L S E R V E						

LOOKING AHEAD...

APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY
1 Resurrection Sunday 26-29 Carmel Serve 13 - 15 Boys Preteen Retreat (Milestone 2) 20-22 Girls Preteen Retreat (Milestone 3)	3 National Day of Prayer 5-14 Mission Trip: Bolivia 16 Annual Church Meeting 19 Milestone 6 Dinner 20 High School Graduation Recognition (Milestone 6) 20 Parent/Child Dedication (Milestone 1)	12-16 Camp Carmel 15-23 Mission Trip: Albania 22-30 Mission Trip: Ukraine 25-28 Amazing Journey Back to Bible Times 30 - July 8 Mission Trip: Peru (Students)	1-6 Mission Trip: Charlotte (Students) 15-29 Mission Trip: Guyana 15-20 CarmelKidz Camp

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Spotlighted Events

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ready willing and a.b.l.e.

NEW Adult Midweek Format

From March – May, Adults will gather in the Worship Center to be equipped with practical tools to Abide, Build and Live with Everything.

March

- 7 * A.B.L.E. Night of Prayer
- 14 Abiding in Times of Crisis
- 21 Abiding in the Midst of Busyness
- 28 Seder Meal

April

- 4 Spring Break – no Midweek
- 11* A.B.L.E. Conversation Night
- 18 Gifted and Empowered by the Holy Spirit
- 25 Sharing Your Story Using the Gospel

May

- 2* A.B.L.E. Conversation Night
- 9 Building Intergenerational Relationships
- 16 Annual Church Mtg (stay tuned for details)

carmelbaptist.org/midweek-able

*All Adults not participating in Famjam are encouraged to attend.

A.B.L.E.
Night of Prayer

March 7 @ 6:30pm

Come pray that the hearts of all who call Carmel home will be filled with an insatiable desire from the Holy Spirit to ABIDE in Christ to BUILD relationships and LIVE the Gospel with EVERYTHING. All Adults not participating in Famjam are encouraged to attend!

Come experience a
Messianic Passover!



Seder Meal

Wednesday, March 28
6:30 – 7:45pm

RSVP Required/Space is Limited

Childcare available 6 weeks – Kindergarten
Details at carmelbaptist.org

Interested in volunteering?

Set up 3/27 or the afternoon of 3/28.
Note your interest with your RSVP.

connect!

Looking to Connect to Carmel?



Ask Us about Christ!

Stop by The Porch on Sunday mornings to talk to a member of our team or email Josh Fairbaugh at joshf@carmelbaptist.org.



Check out the NEW Bridge!

If you are new to Carmel, we want to connect with you! Stop by The Bridge any Sunday to learn more about Carmel and how to connect. The Bridge is located in the back of the Media Center. Easy access to our meeting area can be found near the elevator banks on the first floor. Look for the signs.



Considering Membership?

Stop by The Porch to express your interest and learn more about one of our upcoming New Member classes.

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.

Looking for Prayer?



First Sundays

The first Sunday of each month, the Elders and their wives are available in the Prayer Room between services to pray with and for you.

For other prayer opportunities: carmelbaptist.org/prayer.



2nd Tuesdays

ALL are invited to a time of guided prayer with Pastor Alex from 7:00 - 8:00am in Uptown Auditorium on the second Tuesday of each month.



Daughters of the King

All women of Carmel are invited to regular, informal prayer! Join us in the Carmel Prayer Room for one of our prayer gatherings. No need to sign up - just come!

*Weekly Morning Gathering
Every Thursday: 11:45am - 12:45pm

Monthly Evening Gathering
1st & 3rd Tuesday: 7:00 - 8:00pm

*Temporarily meeting in Uptown auditorium through March 29.

In a Battle?

For Men Battling Sexual Sin: More than Conquerors is a confidential, on-going Monday-evening support group for men pursuing purity in their lives. To learn more, confidentially contact conquerors@carmelbaptist.org.

Carmel Counseling Center

Our team desires to help individuals, couples and families find hope and meaning as they walk through difficult seasons of life. All counselors practice from a biblical perspective and are licensed by the state of North Carolina. Visit carmelbaptist.org/resources to learn more.

Looking for other ways to connect?

Visit carmelbaptist.org/events and carmelbaptist.org/news for details on all this happening at Carmel.

Church Administration

Personnel Updates:

In the Church Office:



Chris Farnsworth - 10 Years of Service

Chris joined the Carmel team in 2006 in a part-time capacity, but assumed his current role as Facilities Director in March 2008. When you see Chris, be sure to thank him for his commitment and dedication to the ministries here at Carmel.

Welcome Claire Williams - Church Receptionist

Claire Williams is the friendly voice you hear when calling the church offices on Thursdays and Fridays.



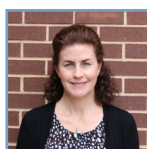
Welcome Melody Hogan - Communications Associate

Melody Hogan is lending a strong background in graphic design to help us improve all the ways we communicate as a church.

In the Carmel Counseling Center:

Welcome Pam Davis - Ph.D., LPC-S, RPT-S

Pam is a Registered Play Therapist Supervisor and will be seeing predominantly children and adolescents. Pam spent 22 years as a missionary to Thailand and has a unique understanding of the life stressors that families serving in ministry face.



Welcome Kellie Spear - LMFT, LPCA

Kellie enjoys working with teenagers, couples, and families. She seeks to foster counseling relationships built on trust, openness, and acceptance. Kellie is married with two daughters.

Parents: Milestone Deadlines are Approaching



Milestone 6: High School Graduation Celebration

Dinner - Saturday, May 19 (dinner)

Recognition - Sunday, May 20 (all 3 services)

Register by Sunday, April 1

NOTE: Senior photos must be received by Sunday, April 1 to be included in Milestone 6 materials.



Milestone 1: Parent/Child Dedication on Sunday, May 20

Register online by Sunday, May 6 and attend a required parent meeting. Details at carmelbaptist.org/milestone1.

New Home or Email Address?

We want to keep in touch! Update your email or home address by visiting Carmel Community online or contacting Joy Motte at joym@carmelbaptist.org or 704-847-8575.

Save the Date: Carmel Annual Church Meeting

The Carmel Family will come together for the **annual church meeting on Wednesday, May 16**. We will reflect on God's faithfulness in the past year and look forward with anticipation to what He, and only He, will accomplish through the lives of those who call Carmel home. Don't miss it.

Engage!

This MONTH

Help Make a Bed for Someone!

Throughout March we'll be collecting for local ministry partner Beds for Kids (<http://bedsforkids.org/>) - who provides beds and essential furniture to children and their families in need. Needed Items: NEW twin and full sheet sets, blankets, pillows, lamps & light bulbs.

PLEASE NOTE: We are no longer taking clothing donations (unless specifically requested by our partners). Consider taking your used clothing to Matthews Help Center or a ministry of your choice.

This SPRING

Be Part of CARMEL SERVE - April 26-29

Sign up for Carmel Serve - coordinated opportunities to live out the Gospel and SERVE a local ministry partner! BINGO with the elderly nursing home residents. Serving meals. Yard clean up. Delivering furniture. Praying for our serving teams. And more! There's a Carmel Serve opportunity for everyone (of any age!). To learn more and sign up, **email neighbors@carmelbaptist.org**.

Why CARMEL SERVE?

Ongoing service to a specific organization enables Discipleship Communities, families and individuals of all ages to build deeper relationships with the organization and the people it serves!

This SUMMER

Host an Amazing Journey Back to Bible Times

Sign up to help Carmel's Preschool and CarmelKidz ministries create and carry out a Biblical environment that provokes discovery! This year's Amazing Journey Back to Bible Times is all about Jesus - marveling at his miracles (Preschool) and learning what it means to follow Him (CarmelKidz). Can you volunteer June 25 - 28 (8:45-12:15 daily)?

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 a parent/grandparent is serving.

Host a Sports Camp...in Ukraine

Families, singles, and all ages will continue to build relationships and minister to the community through sports camps and other outreach opportunities with our local ministry partner.

Share the Gospel...in Albania

Work with the local church to share the Gospel in the capital city with nonbelievers, as well as minister to the church body through sports camps and other outreach opportunities with our local ministry partner.

Hello Preschool Families:

This month our children continue to learn about Jesus' life and His journey to the cross in preparation for Resurrection Sunday. Each week we'll focus on the Gospel - I encourage you to talk about the Gospel with your preschooler!

-Rachel Bright

Preschool Minister & WEE School Head of School

Sunday Mornings



For Kids - NOW SHOWING: THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD

Lights...Camera...Action...It's time for our feature presentation! We've spent the last several months learning about the ministry and message of Jesus. Now, it's time for us to discover His mission. In the coming weeks we'll experience scenes from Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, the Resurrection, and more! Join us each Sunday at the Greatest Story Theatre... tickets not required!



For Parents - Not in a Discipleship Community (DC)? Check Out WEE Connect

WEE Connect is a Sunday morning DC for parents of preschoolers. Come make friends and learn more about God's plan for successful parenting from 11:00 a.m. to noon in room D101 (across from the Preschool Welcome Desk). Pastor Jay Hancock, Carmel's Executive Pastor, leads this class along with a team of others who serve as mentors.

For Adults - Come Volunteer! Email rachelb@carmelbaptist.org to express your interest.

Sundays @ 9:30am: Our 2 year old team is still in need of 9 adult volunteers.

Sunday Morning Substitutes: Are you willing to be on our Sunday morning sub list and step in to help as needed?

Summer Sunday Volunteer: Couldn't help during the school year but have more time in the summer? We could use more volunteers to help during the summer months. The need would be for all services and all age groups.



Wednesday Nights @ Midweek

For Families - Come early for \$5 supper (\$20 max/family) that includes a special menu just for kids! While parents plug into our NEW Midweek format to gain practical tools tied to our A.B.L.E. strategy (see Page 4), our preschoolers will continue their study of Jesus through worship, crafts, games and interactive snacks. Complete details are at carmelbaptist.org/midweek-able.



Volunteer - 2 Adults are needed (March - May 2018) to lead the snack and game centers.

1st Tuesdays Evenings are for Moms!


"Plugging into Mom's Time Out has helped me build relationships with like-minded Moms who love Jesus...I truly feel I've become a stronger Christian and better mother by applying our lessons to my life." Learn more and join us! Details at carmelbaptist.org/moms-time-out/.

March 6 - Fellowship, food and an Easter craft

April 10 - Guest Speaker Elizabeth Poplin

May 1 - This is our final gathering before summer break - don't miss it!





Limited Spots Remain!
WEE School for the 2018-2019 school year!
Inquire at weeschool.org
or call us at (704) 849-9723,
option #1.

Summer Experiences

Registration begins Sunday, April 8 for these summer events:

WEE School's Mother's Morning Out: June 5 - July 26,
 9:30am - 1:00pm, Tuesdays - Thursdays

In-Person Registration begins Sunday, April 8. Registration is open to children 6 weeks - Completed Kindergarten. MMO will be offered as 2 sessions - June and July. Details at weeschool.org.

Amazing Journey Back to Bible Times:

June 25-28, 9:00am - 12:00pm

Marvel: The Miracles and Wonders of Jesus

Preschoolers Completed 3's - 2nd Grade,
 Online registration begins Sunday, April 8

Hello CarmelKidz Families:

March madness is everywhere - even in our homes! With spring fever, spring sports, school projects and more, families are under stress. And we can only experience peace in our homes if we make it happen!

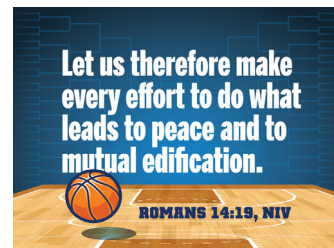
I hope your family prepares for Resurrection Sunday by choosing to reflect the character of Christ by caring for others and making peace.

-Sean Lee

Children's Minister

Midweek

This month's Midweek focus is: **PEACE**



Join us for Famjam (03/07) and Kidjam (03/14, 03/21).

Discipleship in Action



**1st Grade
11:00
DC**



**5th Grade
Esther
Story**



**Preteen
Night**



**2nd Grade
Sunday
Football
Review**

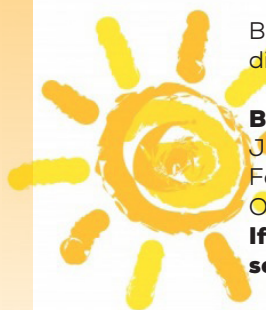


**5th Grade
Esther
Story**



**Famjam
Family
Time**

Save These SUMMER Dates



Before you schedule vacation, save these summer discipleship dates!

Back to Bible Times - Walk Where Jesus Walked

June 25-28, 9:00am - 12:00pm

For current Preschoolers (Age 3+) - 2nd Grade

Online registration begins Sunday, April 8

If you want to SERVE, please contact Sean Lee, seanl@carmelbaptist.org

CarmelKidz Summer Camp - University of Genesis

Sunday, July 15 - Friday, July 20

For current 3rd-6th Graders

Online registration is underway

Upcoming Events

March 7: Famjam (Peace)

March 4, 11, 18, 25: First Step Class (March)

March 14, 21: Kidjam

March 28: Family Seder (Passover; RSVP required)

April 1: Resurrection Sunday (No DC)

April 11: Famjam (Patience)

April 13-15: Preteen (6th grade) boys + dads retreat

April 20-22: Preteen girls + parents retreat



C A R M E L
STUDENTS

Student Spotlight

"Midweek is a refreshing time for me, and a time when I get to worship and laugh with my brothers and sisters in Christ. It helps me grow in leadership, confidence, and my spiritual strength. I learn to praise the Lord in all circumstances, that God is always with me, and that I am worthy to be His daughter."

- Megan Griggs, 9th Grade



Survivor - 8th Grade Retreat (Milestone 4)

Survivor 8th Grade Retreat takes place on March 16-18. Registration deadline is March 8 and is available at carmelstudents.org.

High School Graduation Celebration (Milestone 6)

On Saturday, May 19, families of graduates will gather at Carmel for a special evening where parents and family members speak a blessing over their graduate, launching them into their next phase of life. If you are the parent of a graduating senior, you must sign up and submit pictures for Milestone 6 by April 1. Please email photos to Laura Dilday at laurad@carmelbaptist.org. Registration can be found at carmelstudents.org.



Purity for Life Recognition

If your student has made a personal commitment for Purity for Life, please make plans for your student to be celebrated in each service on **Sunday, April 22nd**. Registration can be found at carmelstudents.org

Calvin Ferguson Camp Carmel Scholarship Fund

Calvin loved attending all things Student Ministry! Camp Carmel was one of his favorites. Calvin made a decision to follow Jesus and get baptized last year at Camp Carmel. If you would like to honor the memory of Calvin and support students by financially helping them attend camp, please donate to Carmel Baptist Church via check or online at carmelbaptist.org/give (click online gift, select "Other" fund and specify "camp carmel").



Attention Graduating Seniors:



Important Dates

Survivor Parent Training - **March 4**

Early Camp Registration - **Begins March 4**

Survivor Retreat - **March 16-18** (Registration deadline is March 8)

Graduating Seniors - **April 1** (Sign up and Submit pictures for Milestone 6)

Purity for Life Recognition - **April 22**

A Prom Fit for the Queen City!

On February 9, 2018 we had the joy of hosting Joy Prom 2018! This year, Carmel and Elevation Church worked closely together to provide the Charlotte area with one coordinated evening...a Queen City Prom where individuals with special needs and their caregivers felt loved and cared for in both north and south Charlotte at the exact same time!

Thank you to close to 1,000 volunteers who prayed for and served at Joy Prom (the south location). We had beautiful weather, a fun evening for 435 registered guests, a time of respite for caregivers and a great crew of servant-hearted volunteers who made it all happen!

"That was the BEST event I have ever attended for individuals with intellectual disabilities (and I have attended many in 15 years). Carmel did the most amazing job preserving their dignity and being prepared with minimal attention to their "differences." It was a true honor to serve. Great job Carmel! I know this is so important for the individuals who came tonight....I also was so delighted to see so many young folks serving at the high school level...."

JOY PROM 2018

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