

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

APRIL 2018



THE TABLE
Keeping Carmel Connected

April 2018

Carmel Family,

Resurrection Sunday reminds us of our mission and the power that lives within us today to go make disciples by abiding in Christ to build relationships and live the Gospel with everything.

I invite you to embrace the power of the Holy Spirit within you to step outside your comfort zone in 2 ways this month:

Participate in Carmel Serve

We connect individuals and families with local ministry partners to build relationships and live the gospel. Carmel Serve is a great opportunity to do that! Carmel Serve is for everyone who calls Carmel home. All ages. All abilities. All of us are ABLE. Check out the opposite page to learn more.

Host a Prayer Gathering May 3

Our nation is being called to a time of prayer for unity on May 3 as part of National Day of Prayer. Here are two ways we encourage you to observe this day:

- First, I want to challenge each of us to make National Day of Prayer personal - turn to the back page to learn more about HOW we as a church family would like to celebrate this day beyond our campus.
- Second, I challenge you to find time to stop by the Carmel Prayer Room on May 3 (or any day!) to pray through the updated prayer stations AND maybe pray over the prayer benches that we'll soon begin using in our Sunday worship services.

It's going to be a great month!

Love you Carmel,
Pastor Alex



Carmel**Serve**

**Every age. Every ability.
We are all A.B.L.E.**

*Connecting individuals and families with local ministry partners
to build relationships and live the gospel with everything.*

April 26 - 29

**Here are just a few of the ways you can get involved
during Carmel Serve Weekend:**

- Play bingo and encourage nursing home residents.
- Deliver beds and needed furniture to families.
- Beautify school grounds with families at partner CMS schools.
- Assemble snack bags for at-risk children in CMS.
- Participate in a baby shower for mothers who choose life.
- Pray for the needs in our city and write notes of encouragement to ministry partners and their clients.
- Serve meals and play board games with men and women recovering from addiction.

**Check out eNews and carmelbaptist.org/carmelservice
for project details and to sign-up.**

Got questions? Email neighbors@carmelbaptist.org.

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

APR SUN 1 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> 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 Preteen Blessing Retreat Weekend 6th Grade Boys	SAT, 14 Revive the Dream MLK - event
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 Preteen Blessing Retreat Weekend 6th Grade Girls	SAT, 21
SUN, 22 <i>Root 66 - 1 Timothy</i> Students Take Over Milestone 4	MON, 23	TUE, 24	WED, 25 md·wk <small>ready willing and able</small> Sharing Your Story Using the Gospel May 16-Info Session	THUR, 26 WOMEN: Morning Prayer Gathering	FRI, 27	SAT, 28
SUN, 29 <i>Root 66 - 2 Timothy</i> Baptism	MON, 30	MAY TUES 1 Mom's Time Out WOMEN: Evening Prayer Gathering	WED, 2 md·wk <small>ready willing and able</small> A.B.L.E. Conversation Night	THUR, 3  NATIONAL DAY of PRAYER	FRI, 4	SAT, 5
SUN, 6 <i>Root 66 - Titus</i> Lord's Supper Elder Prayer	MON, 7	TUE, 8  2nd Tuesday Prayer (7:00am)	WED, 9 md·wk <small>ready willing and able</small> Building Intergenerational Relationships	THUR, 10 WOMEN: Morning Prayer Gathering	FRI, 11	SAT, 12
SUN, 13 <i>Root 66 - Philemon</i>	MON, 14	TUE, 15 WOMEN: Evening Prayer Gathering	WED, 16  CHURCH MEETING	THUR, 17 WOMEN: Morning Prayer Gathering	FRI, 18	SAT, 19  MILESTONE 6 Dinner/Recognition
SUN, 20 <i>Root 66 - Hebrews</i> Milestone 1 & Milestone 6 Celebration	MON, 21	TUE, 22	WED, 23	THUR, 24 WOMEN: Morning Prayer Gathering	FRI, 25	SAT, 26
SUN, 27 <i>Root 66 - James</i> Baptism	MON, 28 MEMORIAL DAY Church offices closed	TUE, 29	WED, 30	THURS, 31 WOMEN: Morning Prayer Gathering	JUN FRI 1	SAT, 2 ManUp CLT

LOOKING AHEAD...

MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
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)	2 ManUp CLT 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 25 Carrington Farms (Students)	24 CarmelKidz: 1st Grade Welcome Event 25 Men's Ministry Fall Kickoff Breakfast 26 Promotion Sunday

Subscribe to Enews! For updates and reminders about opportunities to connect and engage through Carmel, subscribe to our weekly Enews by texting CARMELNEWS to 22828.

Spotlighted Events

md•wk

ready willing and a.b.l.e.

carmelbaptist.org/midweek-able

Adults - join us in the Worship Center on Wednesdays to be equipped with practical tools to ABIDE in Christ to BUILD relationships and LIVE the Gospel with EVERYTHING.

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 (details below)

Prayer girds human weakness with divine strength, turns human folly into heavenly wisdom, and gives to troubled mortals the peace of God. We know not what prayer can do.

- CHARLES SPURGEON

All are invited to join Pastor Alex the 2nd Tuesday of every month for guided prayer from 7:00 - 8:00am in Uptown Auditorium. Join for all or part - whatever your schedule allows!



carmelbaptist.org/prayer



CHURCH MEETING

May 16

This year's Annual Church Meeting will be held Wednesday, May 16, at 6:15 p.m. in the Worship Center. At that meeting the Carmel Family will gather to hear Pastor Alex's vision for the coming year, receive updates from the Elder Leadership Team on major ministry goals, affirm new church leadership, and approve the 2018-19 budget.

Includes
FREE dinner
and
ice cream social!

April 25 - The Meeting Before The Meeting

On Wednesday, April 25, at 6:15 p.m. in D101, the Elder Leadership Team, deacons, and church committees will host an Information Session about their year's work and the motions that will be presented on May 16.

Reports and details about the Information Session and the Annual Church Meeting will be available online at carmelleader.org beginning Wednesday, April 11.

carmelleader.org

Ready. Willing. A.B.L.E.



Been Wondering Who BINefits?

"Just wanted to share that 3 of the pillows and 3 sheet sets you dropped off about an hour ago went straight out on a delivery...A mother, her 9 yr old girl and 3 yr old boy will be enjoying those tonight. THANK YOU for connecting our church to the neighbors we serve in Charlotte."

- Beds for Kids staff person

The items donated through
the Carmel Collection Bin
impact REAL PEOPLE in our city.
Let's keep filling them!

Lessons Over Grilled Cheese

"Mom, I know there are hungry kids in this city, but what are we going to do about it?" - Kate

This statement led to a small child joyfully using her 4th birthday to engage family and friends to help her collect **350 pounds of food** for a local food bank. What did her mom have to say?



"There are people in this city and our church who have done and will do so much more than that, but our God is a God of small things, too. And I know He delights in my daughter's heart for those around her. And He uses almost-4-year-olds to pierce our adult hearts into action. God has softened my heart and He has convicted me that instead of praying for other people to fix something or praying for God to fix something, I realize that God is calling me and my family to be a part of the fixing."

- Erin

DID YOU KNOW?
ABLE is Ageless

• In our CarmelKidz ministry, volunteers
• range in age from 15 to 93!

Carmel Homeschoolers Serve Regularly at Carrington Place

"Ms. Betty is sweet and loving. I am no longer nervous when I go to the nursing home like I was during the first few months. Ms. Betty enjoys making the crafts because she enjoys spending time with me. She looks forward to our visits and it is a blessing for me to go to Carrington Place and to see Ms. Betty."

- Jackson, Age 13



Nav Small Group Leader Encouraged by Spiritual Growth

"Every week we hear from our girls how much they love studying the Bible, how much they've learned and how they love the accountability of the small group. By studying God's word together they feel so emboldened and encouraged to share their faith more!"

- Kelly, Nav Leader



New to Carmel? Come be a part of what God is doing here!

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.

THE PORCH

Ask About Carmel + Connecting

Stop by The Bridge any Sunday morning to learn more about Carmel and how to connect. The Bridge is located in the Media Center with easy access via the entrance near the elevator banks on the first floor. Look for the signs!

the bridge

Considering Membership?

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

New member CLASS

Engage!

Upcoming opportunities to build relationships and live the gospel.

Opportunities in Our Community



Reviving the Dream: Saturday, April 14 *Commemorating the Legacy of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

As we approach the 50th anniversary of the death of MLK Jr, The American Bible Society is partnering with churches throughout Charlotte (including Carmel) to host the Reviving the Dream event on Saturday April 14 at Little Rock AME Church in Uptown.

Starting at 9:00am, join a local and national dialogue that will include courageous conversations, discussions about our past, present and future, and how scripture addresses the issues. At 11:00am, families of all ages can participate in a dynamic worship time, symbolic march, fellowship and luncheon. RSVP at mlk.bible/charlotte. Questions? Email neighbors@carmelbaptist.org.



Ember: May (date TBA) *City-wide Worship Event for Women*

All Carmel women (high school +) are invited to this quarterly gathering for Charlotte-area women on an upcoming date in May. Find details and RSVP at emberclt.org.



ManUp CLT: Saturday, June 2 *Maximize Your Impact in Your Home, Neighborhood and City*

Carolina Panther Thomas Davis, Urban Impact, and brothers in Christ from throughout Charlotte will gather at Forest Hill Church - South Park Campus for a dynamic day of worship, prayer and teaching. And our own Pastor Alex is leading one of the breakout sessions!

Register at manupcharlotte.org. Recommended for ages 15+. Why not mobilize the men in your DC to participate!

Opportunities at Carmel

Put These on Your Grocery List This Month

Donate these items so volunteers can assemble snack bags for students at local partner schools:

- Individual juice boxes or small waters
- Individual fruit servings - raisin boxes, applesauce, go-go squeeze
- Individual packets of pretzels, granola bars, goldfish, crackers.

Serve in a Joy Class on Sundays

Additional teachers, leaders, and buddies are needed to serve children and adults with special needs on Sunday mornings. Interested? Email Audrey Scurfield at audreys@carmelbaptist.org. Did you know? On April 29, members of the Adult Joy Classes will be paired with ushers, greeters and the worship team to serve during all 3 services.

Take Your Little One Out

Carmel Christian School (CCS) invites parents and grandparents to bring their little ones for a musical theatre outing on April 20 at 7:00pm or April 21 at 1:00 or 7:00pm when CCS 5th Grade presents the musical *101 Dalmatians*. Details and \$5.00 tickets at carmelchristain.org.

Hello Preschool Families:

Blessings for a fresh start this spring! Lamentations 3:22-23 shares: "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." The Preschool Leadership is excited to be teaching our preschoolers about the early church and how they can share the gospel message like the apostles did.

-Rachel Bright

Preschool Minister & WEE School
Head of School

Get Ready for Summer - Beginning April 8!

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

For Preschoolers, Completed 3's - K.

Online registration begins Sunday, April 8.



Join us for Mom's Time Out

Come enjoy dinner, fellowship, encouragement and laughs. Details at carmelbaptist.org/moms-time-out/.

April 10 - Guest Speaker Elizabeth Poplin

May 1 - Final gathering before summer break - don't miss it!



Parent Child Dedication Deadline

On Sunday, May 20 you can publicly commit to being intentional about teaching and training your child in the ways of the Lord. Sign up for Parent/Child dedication by Sunday, May 6 at carmelbaptist.org/milestones.



Sunday Mornings

For Kids - ACT 2: THE GREATEST STORY CONTINUES

We've spent the last few weeks learning about the events leading up to the Resurrection of Jesus. But the story isn't over yet! This month, we'll see scenes from the road to Emmaus, watch the disciples share breakfast with the risen Jesus, witness the coming of the Holy Spirit in an upper room, and much more! You won't want to miss Act 2 of The Greatest Story Ever Told!

For Adults - Join the Sunday Morning Preschool Leadership Team

We have several folks that need to step back from serving and our room ratios are reaching capacity because we have to combine classrooms. If you have not served with us yet, come join the team! You will be blessed!

9:30am: 2 years old: 10 adults needed

11:00am: 2 years old: 10 adults needed

For Parents - Drop Off Reminder + Invite

Children may not be dropped off in class unless BOTH leaders are present.

Come check out
THIS Discipleship Community,
Sundays at 11:00am in D101!

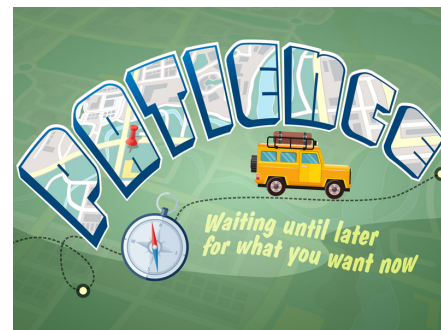


Hello CarmelKidz Families:

A long road trip with kids in the back seat can be rough! As school counts down to the last day, we all get impatient. The Bible talks over and over about how God is patient because He Knows what is best and is in control. This month, when you see your family getting impatient, stop and talk to God about it, keep cool, think about what is true and give it time so you won't miss what God has for you!

-Sean Lee

Children's Minister



Midweek

This month's Midweek focus is **Patience: Waiting until later for what you want now. (Psalm 27:14)**

For Midweek this month, CarmelKidz are encouraged to bring snack items to be assembled during Midweek/Info Sessions to bless kids in our city. See CarmelKidz News for details.

Milestone 3: Preteen Retreat

This month, 68 6th grade boys and 83 6th grade girls will be joined by parents to participate in Milestone 3. Milestone 3 is where church and parents come together to map out the journey ahead. Parents adjust their role as the primary disciple makers and preteens take a step to own their faith and know who they are in Christ, with a lot of fun and memorable moments. This year marks Carmel's 19th year for this retreat!



Make Milestone 2 (Salvation) Memorable and Meaningful

First Step is a 4 week interactive discipleship class where parents and their Carmel kid explore what it means to become a follower of Jesus. If your child is asking questions about what it means to be a Christian, register now for this class at carmelbaptist.org/firststep.



**Discipleship
in
Action**



Save THESE Summer Dates

Before you schedule vacation, save these summer discipleship dates!

Amazing Journey Back to Bible Times

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

For current 1st - 2nd Graders to learn more about Jesus.

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

Limited space remains; register online.

Upcoming Events

April 11: Famjam (Patience)

April 13-15: Preteen boys + dads retreat

April 20-22: Preteen girls + parents retreat

May 2: Famjam (Honesty) - Rising 1st Graders and parents are invited!



C A R M E L
STUDENTS



Student Spotlight

"I absolutely love my small group leader! She is so incredibly intentional about reaching out to us and influencing us in a different way each week. Her passion for God's word inspires both me and the other girls around my table. I am always looking forward to the time we share on the sweet Sunday mornings!"

- Morgan Haney, 11th grade

Camp Carmel

There is still an opportunity for students to sign up for the best week of summer. Camp Carmel is a week of student camp with just our students at Crowder's Ridge June 12-16. Spots are available for 7th-12th graders and their friends. Get registered at carmelstudents.org.



Charlotte Mission Trip

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 1-6, 2018. We will join together with one of Carmel's Local Ministry Partners, Project 658 where 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 for all the details.



Important Dates

April 22

Student Takeover Sunday

April 28

Middle School Nav Campfire

April 29

High School Nav Campfire

May 19

Milestone 6 Graduation Dinner

May 20

Milestone 6 High School Graduation Recognition



Survivor - 8th Grade Retreat

This past month 53 students and 17 leaders 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.

Milestone 4 - Purity for Life

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 22. Please let us know of your students' commitment by clicking on the Milestone 4 banner at carmelstudents.org.





Call to Prayer for Unity

May 3 is National Day of Prayer and the 2018 theme is to Pray for Unity. In observance of National Day of Prayer, Pastor Alex invites the Carmel family to pray in gatherings around the Queen City - in our homes and neighborhoods, in our workplaces, in our schools, and with our Discipleship Communities.

Carmel's National Day of Prayer guide will be available in mid-April for pick up in the Gathering Space and for download on our website.

Our prayer is that the Church in America would be in unity with one another as we proclaim the Gospel, care for the less fortunate and seek to live in peace with each other.

FYI: Our Carmel Christian School ministry is marking this day with students visiting prayer stations around campus to learn about and pray for Carmel's local and global ministry partners.

Stop by the Prayer Room!

The Carmel Prayer Room will be open on May 3 from 7:00am - 7:00pm for anyone who would like to come to the church and pray with others.

#pray4unity

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