



ELABLE Keeping Carmel Connected

AUG.

SUN, 30

Last Day to Register for Women's Fall Bible Study

MON, 31

SEPT.

TUE, 1

WED, 2

Summer Sabbatical: No Wednesday Supper or Bible Study

Choir Rehearsal Begins

THU, 3

Daughters of the King Prayer Gathering (AM)

FRI, 4

SAT, 5 Church campus

SUN, 6

Elder Prayer

Last Day to Register for Parent Summit

MON, 7

Church campus closed

Labor Day

TUE, 8

WED, 9

Wednesday Nights @ Carmel Kickoff - GROW, Famjam & Prayer Gathering with Pastor Alex

THU, 10

Daughters of the King Prayer Gathering (AM)

FRI, 11

SAT, 12

Parent Summit

SUN, 13

The Bridge class starts

Deadline for Parent Child Dedication baby picture submissions

MON, 14

TUE, 15

Daughters of the King Prayer Gathering (AM)

Daughters of the King Prayer Gathering (PM)

WED, 16

Wednesday Nights @ Carmel

Journey into Ministry Leadership Training Begins

THU, 27

Daughters of the King Prayer Gathering (AM)

FRI, 18

Joni & Friends Southeast Disability Ministry Summit

SAT, 19

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2015 Lois Bumpus Golf Tournament

SUN, 20

Oakhurst Baptist Chruch Relaunch

Lansdowne Elementary Volunteer Info & Training

MON, 21

TUE, 22 Daughters of the King Prayer Gathering (AM)

WED, 23

Wednesday Nights @ Carmel

THU, 24

For Charlotte: Q Commons Charlotte

Daughters of the King Praver Gathering (AM)

FRI, 25

SAT, 26

City-Wide Prayer Gathering: "The Response"

SUN, 27

Parent Child Dedication

Last Day to Purchase Celebration Saturday Meal Ticket

MON, 28

TUE, 29

Daughters of the King Prayer Gathering (AM)

WED, 30

Wednesday Nights @ Carmel

OCT.

THU, 1

Daughters of the King Prayer Gathering (AM)

VISTA (55+) Luncheon

FRI, 2

SAT, 3



Saturday & BBQ

SUN. 4



ABOUT THE COVER

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Carmel Family & Friends:

Psalm 119:103 tell us "How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" My prayer is that this Fall, each of us will increase our appetite for His Word, prayer, living in transformational community and loving and serving others. That this hunger for Him and His word will grow dramatically and compel us to choose to really "dig in" this Fall - with out Nearest, with Neighbors and the Nations. Here are a few big things happening over the next few weeks that you don't want to miss!

- Wednesday Nights Beginning Wednesday, September 9: Come for dinner (4:45pm 6:15pm) and stay for equipping, prayer, quiet time or fellowship.
- Parent Summit Saturday, September 12: A Saturday of equipping and practical tools for those raising the next generation. Registration is open so sign up the family!
- Mission/Vision Update Meeting Sunday. September 27: Plans are developing to take our student discipleship efforts to the next level! Come hear about the proposed Student Discipleship Center that can benefit Carmel Baptist and Carmel Christian School.
- Carmel's 50th Celebration Weekend Saturday, October 3 & Sunday, October 4: Wow 50 years! Join us for a special weekend celebration of God's goodness and grace! See details below.

Lord, we want more of You! Fill us up in new ways this Fall as we dig in!

Love you Carmel,

Pastor Alex

WOW - 50 Years!

In 1965, our church was planted - and the Carmel Family began! That was 50 years ago this October - and here's how we'll celebrate:

Share Your Story - Grab your cell phone and in 30 seconds or less film yourself sharing the answer to this question: *How has Carmel helped you grow to be a disciple?* Email your video by September 20 to communications@carmelbaptist.org. These videos will be compiled and shared during our 50th Celebration weekend! NOTE: Please hold your phone horizontally when filming yourself!

Celebration Saturday - Saturday, October 3 from 3:00 - 7-00pm: Fun and fellowship will abound for adults and kids - inflatables, giant slides, obstacle courses, and even a trackless train. Oh, and a dunk tank with your favorite pastor! Plan to let Carmel's finest pitmasters and chefs take care of dinner by purchasing meal tickets in advance (online or in the Gathering Space on September 20 and 27). No meal tickets will be sold at the event. You do not have to purchase a meal ticket to enjoy the activities.

Celebration Service - Sunday, October 4 at 10:00am: The whole Carmel Family will worship together in **one service at 10:00am** outside, underneath a BIG tent on the ball field. For this historic service, former Carmel pastors Dr. Don Bouldin and Dr. Wayne Poplin will join Pastor Alex to deliver the message. You don't want to miss this! If you would like to be baptized during this service, please stop by the NextStep area any Sunday morning and speak with the folks there!





Adult Disciple-Making Opportunities

Parent Summit is Saturday, September 12 - REGISTER NOW!

Register online by Sunday, September 6 for our annual Saturday of equipping focused on raising up the next generation. Keynote speaker Rob Rienow of Visionary Parenting and relevant breakout sessions will equip you to parent in today's world. And bring the kids - we have a Super Saturday track planned just for them! Register online at carmelbaptist.org.





Wednesday Nights @ Carmel

Come for dinner (4:45 - 6:15pm) and stay for these opportunities (6:15 - 7:30pm):

Leadership Training: Dr. Rod Cooper will lead a dynamic 10-week training focused on the issues all leaders face and how to trust and glorify God in each situation - from conflict resolution to team building. Dr. Cooper holds a chair in leadership at Gordon-Conwell Seminary and is a popular teacher who brings rich insight and humor. Registration for this Journey Into Ministry training is now available at carmelbaptist.org and without cost to Carmel members.

Bible Study: Everyone is invited to come dive into God's Word and connect through corporate prayer. Led by Bill Smith and Charles Cranford.

Monthly Prayer Gathering with Pastor Alex: Prayer gathering led by Pastor Alex the first Wednesday of each month - except this month when we gather September 9.

Vision Initiative Update is Sunday, September 27

Join Pastor Alex and the Elders for an important update meeting on our Vision Initiative in the Worship Center on Sunday, September 27 at 5:00pm. Plans are developing to take our student discipleship efforts to the next level! Come hear about the proposed Student Discipleship Center that can benefit both Carmel Baptist and Carmel Christian School. Immediately following this meeting, we will hold our Quarterly Business meeting.



Under Construction

Recent construction out front will soon result in 78 new parking places to help accommodate guests and special permit parking. The rest of the week, all are welcome to utilize the spaces! Also, during the month of September, the NextStep area will be transformed into The Porch - serving the same purpose, just with a new name. The Porch is the place for people to go with questions, prayer concerns and for encouragement for spiritual decisions.





New To Carmel? The Bridge Runs Sunday, September 13 - Sunday, October 25

The Bridge is a Sunday morning class for those who are new to Carmel and interested in learning more about the church, the Bible and how to get more connected. The class, taught by Pastor Jay Hancock, will meet at 9:30am from September 13 through October 25 in room A243. Come as you are and join in any Sunday. Learn more about this class at either Welcome Desk. This class will NOT meet on Sunday, October 4.

Serving Our Nearest

Close to 400 members of the Carmel Family gathered recently for an evening of equipping and prayer in preparation for the upcoming year of serving our Nearest - from preschoolers to Adult Discipleship Communities. This Fall, we'll host a few Sunday morning Serving Connection experiences - a 20-minute informational meeting that overviews 'Serving the Nearest' and 'Serving the Neighbors' opportunities. In the meantime, consider lending your time and talent to the work God is doing in these Ministry areas:

Media Team - Video Directing, Camera Operators, Lighting, Presentation (lyrics and other slides) and Sound Board Operators for Sunday morning and Wednesday evening (training provided); contact Travis Currin at travisc@carmelbaptist.org.

CarmelKidz - Wednesday Night Adult Leaders are needed to assist with Kidjam; contact Sean Lee at seanl@carmelbaptist.org.

NextStep - Do you enjoy answering questions, praying with others and encouraging spiritual growth? Contact Robin Davis at robind@carmelbaptist.org to learn how to become a NextStep Coach.

Care & Counseling Ministry

Hope Ministry Prayer Walk - Saturday, October 10
October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month.
HOPE Ministry provides support to those who have lost children, both pre-born and born. HOPE Ministry will host a Prayer Walk on Saturday, October 10 at 10:00am for those who have experienced this loss to come remember their little one, reflect on God's mercy, and pray for strength and comfort. Members of the HOPE Ministry team will be present to talk, pray, and support families through this time of reflection and healing. For more information, email hopeministryofcarmel@gmail.com.

Sympathy Announcements, formerly printed in the weekly Sunday Bulletin, will continue to be printed on our Wednesday Night Prayer List which is available at the Welcome Desk and online at carmelbaptist.org.

Carmel Counseling Center is a place for individuals, couples, and families to explore issues that distract them from the fullness of life they desire. If you seek to find hope and meaning as you walk through difficult seasons of life, contact us in confidence at 704.849.0686 or visit carmelbaptist.org.

Staff Notes

This month, we celebrate the following staff members who serve Carmel well:



Since 2005, Pam Horton (left) has served up delicious food for the Carmel Family - from Wednesday Night suppers to weekday lunches for CCS and an array of other Carmel events. Pam retires this month and has been preparing to pass the chef's hat to Arlene Douglas (right) a relative newcomer to Charlotte from Maryland who is experienced in Food Service Management (and feeding her five sons and husband!). Arlene's favorite dish to prepare is mango pineapple salmon. Plan to enjoy Arlene's cooking every Wednesday night at Carmel!



Ben Crawford, Media Technology Administrator, celebrates 5 years of service at Carmel. Ben oversees all aspects of sound, lighting and video. Ben underwent open heart surgery in June and we are thankful he is home recovering. Please continue to pray for strength and complete healing. We look forward to his return.



Josh Fairbaugh, our new Connections Associate, is focused on walking alongside new members of the Carmel community as they seek to connect to Carmel through baptism, membership, Discipleship Communities, or serving. Josh has a longstanding passion for the local church as the primary means of discipling and training God's people. Josh, originally from Pennsylvania, is married to Kristen (Carmel's Student Ministry Coordinator) and they have a son, Judah. Josh is a fan of cycling, coffee, and the Pittsburgh Steelers.

PRESCHOOL



Got kids? The next 3 pages are for you!



Special Words: We worship God because He is the King!

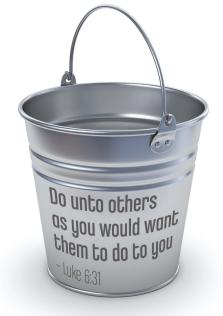
Throughout the series we are learning this truth. Ask your preschooler to teach you the hand motions and practice these special words together.

Kingdom Construction Underway

Grab your hard hats and join our crew as we dig into a new series this month: Building the Kingdom! Each week our preschoolers will hear stories from the Old Testament about the Kingdom of Israel. Who was the first king? Which king praised God in the street? Who was the youngest king? These guestions and more will be answered. And, most importantly, every story will point us to the King of Kings, Jesus!

Sunday Building Schedule

- September 6 Samuel Anoints David
- September 13 David is crowned King
- September 20 King David Celebrates!
- September 27 David the Psalmist



Bucket Filling From A-Z: Come GROW With Us Beginning Wednesday, September 9!

All people have the need for their emotional buckets to be full. God uses people to be bucket fillers (or bucket dippers) with the things we say and do. On Wednesday nights, we'll use the alphabet to help our preschoolers come up with tangible ways to fill up the buckets of their family, friends, and Neighbors. Wednesday night GROW allows a child opportunities to worship on a preschool level, memorize scripture and learn about bucket filling.

FOR MOM & DAD

MOPS (pregnancy - kindergarten): Being a mom is a demanding job. Longing for some 'grown up' time? Join Carmel Baptist Moms of Preschoolers (MOPS) on Tuesday, September 8 from 7:00 - 9:00pm as we learn to Celebrate Lavishly, Embrace Rest and Notice Goodness with this year's theme A Fierce Flourishing. Childcare is available with a reservation. MOPS membership is \$70 for the year (9 meetings), but come check out your first meeting at no cost. To learn more, email MOPSatCarmel@gmail.com.

Parent Child Dedication/Milestone 1: The first event on the Milestone path where parents publically acknowledge they are the primary faith trainers for their child is Sunday, September 27. For more information about the Milestone path or to participate, call 704.849.9723. The deadline for dedication materials (including your child's picture) is Sunday, September 12.

WEE Connect (a Sunday morning community of WEE **School parents)** presents Faith of a Child from Sunday. September 13 through Sunday, October 18 from 9:30 -11:00am in D101. Learn straight-forward, practical instruction from guest speakers on topics such as stages of a child's spiritual development, signs your child is ready to become a Christian and your role as a parent in leading your child to a faith in Christ.

A Child's Developmental Milestones:

Join Debbie Vanhoy, Carmel's Director of Preschool Ministries, for a clear and helpful overview of developmental milestones expected at each age. Discover what social skills are needed to be successful in the preschool years, what spiritually a child can comprehend and what it takes for a child to be ready for kindergarten. Each session runs from 7:00 - 8:00pm and is held in D101. No RSVP is required.

- Monday, September 21 Babies/Toddlers
- Tuesday, September 22 Two Year Olds
- Monday, September 28 Three Year Olds
- Tuesday, September 29 Four Year Olds



This year, we will look at our world through SON-Glasses (which CarmelKidz received on Promotion Sunday) and each grade will FOCUS on a specific plan developed for their PHASE of learning and living.



- Looking at the Pieces of God's Story (1st Grade)
- Doing Life with God's Word (2nd grade)
- Making it Connect: God's Story (3rd grade)
- Doing Life with God in the Picture (4th grade)
- It All Fits Together: God's Stories (5th grade)
- Studying God's Word on My Own (Preteen/6th grade)

Have you seen our **NEW Uptown Wall?** It shows what the PHASE of an elementary-age kid looks like and what our FOCUS should be to engage them to love God and others.

Coming in October: FirstStep Class

FirstStep is the new member/new believer class for children in grades 2 - 6 and a requirement before baptism at Carmel. Parent and child attend this 4-week class together. The October 2015 class will be offered during both the 9:30 and 11:00am Sunday Discipleship Community hours. Registration is required. Register online at carmelbaptist.org.

This month's Life Application: Initiative

Initiative isn't just some practical principle; it's really a spiritual principle that starts with God. Initiative is part of God's character. God took initiative on our behalf. When God saw our broken relationship with Him, He sent Jesus to make it right. When we show initiative, we are reflecting God's image that is hardwired in us.

Parenting Tip:

Your child thinks like a SCIENTIST during this PHASE in their life.

Kids learn information quickly and easily, but they're still mostly concrete thinkers. They need repetition and clear application. Like a scientist, they learn best when they can observe something in their present environment. The more frequently a new concept can be connected to everyday experiences, the better. That is why CarmelKidz offers Famjam, where elementary kids and parents meet to discover God's character in His big story and where they are taught a Life Application and challenged to live it out!



Key Dates:

- Wednesday, September 9: Famjam Kick Off
- Wednesdays, September 16, 23 & 30: Kidjam
- Sundays in October: FirstStep Class
- Sunday, October 11: Preteen Parent Meeting









New Programming Format Launched!

In efforts to build community and grade level identity while making disciples, Student Ministry is excited about our Sunday and Wednesday plans for the Fall.

Student Discipleship Communities

Sunday Mornings - 9:30 or 11:00am (Gym)

Student DCs are designed to equip students to follow Chrsist by connecting them to a leader and a small group through prayer and investigative Bible study. DC programming is the same at both 9:30 and 11:00am - join us at the time that works best for you.

C2

Sunday Nights - 6:30 - 8:00pm

After you have dinner with your family, come hang-out, play games, kick a soccer ball, build friendships and have meaningful casual conversations at our new Sunday evening grade-level home fellowships! Adult leaders will facilitate a large group discussion based on the Sunday morning message and Table Talk email. The fun begins Sunday, September 13. Location information will be emailed out to Student families in September.

We thank the following families for hosting this semester!

7th Grade - Brenda and Robert Dixon 8th Grade - Mike and Deb Seelig 9th Grade - Bruce and Kristi Buttles 10th Grade - Rick and Sherrie Yager 11th Grade - Dave and Donna Pollack 12th Grade - JP and Niza Zalaquett



FUEL Worship

Wednesday Nights - 6:15 - 7:30pm (Gym)

All students (7th - 12th Grade), will gather in the Gym for a mixture of games (organized and casual), worship and a message. Begins Wednesday, September 9.

Tag Along on Sunday, September 27 Before C2!

Before you head to C2, tag along with your folks to join Pastor Alex and the Elders in the Worship Center at 5:00pm for an important update meeting on our Vision Initiative. You don't want to miss hearing about the proposed Student Discipleship Center - and seeing renderings of the space!



100+ enjoy a day of fun at Carrigan Farms.



100+ escaping to the mountains for ECamp.



Keyna - an opportunity for 6 to learn and live the gospel.





Did you know Carmel has a strategic plan for church planting in Charlotte?

Growing the Kingdom through Church Planting Oakhurst Launches September 20

Carmel is an official partner in the revitalization of Oakhurst Baptist Church, led by Pastor David Russell. Carmel is supporting Oakhurst through financial giving, administrative duties, Helping Hands Team construction assistance and prayer. To learn more about how you can pray, support or give to Oakhurst, visit oakhurstrebirth.org.

Sowing Seeds

Mercy Church, planted out of Summit Church in Durham, NC, is partnering with Carmel as they launch in the Matthews area. Please pray for their leadership team as they meet weekly at the Levine Senior Center and preach the gospel in our community. Learn more at mercycharlotte.com.

The Chinese Ministry at Carmel is steadily moving toward their goal of planting their church in 2016. Continue to pray for Pastor Haohsin Huang and his leadership team as they identify locations and solidify plans for their next steps. Visit the carmelbaptist.org.

Key Dates:

- Thursday, September 24: Q Commons Charlotte
 Q Commons empowers learning and collaboration for the good of Charlotte. Presented
 by For Charlotte at Church at Charlotte. Register at forcharlotte.org.
- Saturday, September 26: City-Wide Prayer Gathering: "The Response"

 Come join Christians from around the city and state to worship and pray for God to move in our city. Link to the registration for this event from carmelbaptist.org.

Carmel Christian School







Praise: Carmel Christian School Begins

Carmel Christian School opened its doors on Thursday, August 20 for the 2015-2016 school year with over 860 students Grades K-12. The morning began with a parent-led prayer time in the Gym. Parents asked for blessings upon the school year, students, faculty, staff and school families. An all-school chapel brought together the entire student body and parents for a welcome from Pastor Alex and a time of worship.

Golf, Run, Support Kingdom Education!

The Carmel Christian Golf Classic & Fun Run is Tuesday, October 6 at The Golf Club at Ballantyne Resort with shotgun starts at 8:00am and 1:30pm. The tournament benefits the Carmel Educational Foundation which supports Kingdom education at Carmel Christian School. For more information and to register please visit carmelchristian.org and click on the Strokes & Strides logo.





We celebrate and invite you to join what God is doing through Carmel to Love and Serve our Neighbors.

Neighbor Notes:



Carmel pastors served breakfast to staff at our partner school Lansdowne Elementary



93 volunteers served over 100 friends with special needs at our August Joyful Hearts Club

Women's Ministry volunteers assembled over 100 teacher care bags from donated items for Lansdowne Elementary staff

Did you know 152,000 people in Mecklenburg County live below the poverty line. For a family of 4, that means living on less than \$24,250 a year - or less than \$500 a week.



New Carmel Serve Opportunities

The Carmel Outreach team is busy planning service opportunities with our partner agencies this Fall. Stay tuned to Carmel ENews for information about how to sign up to serve soon!

Key Dates:

Friday, September 18 & Saturday, September 19:

Irresistible Church: Southeast Disability Ministry Summit presented by Joni & Friends at Christ Covenant Church. For more details email joyministry@carmelbaptist.org.

Sunday, September 20:

Lansdowne Elementary Volunteer Information & Training. Join us for a one-hour training luncheon at 12:30pm in the Carmel Room to learn how you can mentor, tutor or serve as a lunch buddy. If you have questions or want to register, email angelas@carmelbaptist.org by Tuesday, September 15.

Friday, October 23:

Gordon-Conwell Presents Bridging the Great Divide: The Church's Call to Racial Reconciliation at The Park Church. For registration info email conniec@carmelbaptist.org.

Saturday, October 31:

Joni & Friends Walk n' Roll hosted by Carmel Baptist. For participation or volunteer info, email joyministry@carmelbaptist.org



Want to learn more about what Carmel is doing to make disciples of the Nations? Visit the Mission & Outreach page on carmelbaptist.org.

The Faces of Missions

The faces you see come from different cultures, different countries, different languages, have varying hopes and dreams, but they all have one thing in common: They need the hope of Jesus Christ.



During the past 9 years Carmel Baptist has sent over 2,000 people, on more than 140 teams, around the world to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. These individuals, most of whom have no formal training, have served on 5 continents and in 22 countries working with children, evangelizing the lost, saturating areas in prayer, building churches, distributing food and clothing, teaching new believers and preaching to the lost in the mountains, jungles, cities and countryside.

Short-term missions can never be explained, but has to be experienced to understand the incredible life-changing effects it has on those who go. Carmel is accepting applications for our 2015 - 2016 short-term mission teams and we encourage everyone to pray about taking that step of faith and obedience and GO! You may not change the world, but one thing is certain: YOU will be changed! And don't worry! Every one of the over 2,000 people have returned safely. The same? NO! Changed? YES! But they have all come back...at least for a little while.

For complete details, visit the Missions and Outreach Page at carmelbaptist.org.

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Guyana 2015

Our Heart for the Unreached People of Afghanistan

In our efforts to bring awareness to the unreached people groups of the world, please pray for the country of Afghanistan during the month of September. Afghanistan is home to an unreached population of over 33 million people. The largest religion is Islam at 99.8% with 0.1% professing Christians. To learn more visit joshuaproject.net.

Golf to Send Students on Mission - Saturday, September 19

Enjoy a day of golf on Saturday, September 19 and help grow the Bumpus Scholarship Fund! Your participation will assist young men and women from Carmel in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ around the world through short term mission trips. Register online by Wednesday, September 16.

Go to Tirana, Albania - October 5 - 13

Serve as part of the Carmel team that will partner with Bethany's Shepherd's Clinic, a ministry to pregnant women in crisis, to offer a retreat in the spirit of compassion and restoration. In addition, the team will continue intentional partnerships and relationshipbuilding with the staff and children of the two Albanian orphanages where Carmel teams have sown seeds of the Gospel in previous mission trips. To learn more, contact trip leader Arion Skenderi at awskenderi@yahoo.com or 704.839.3343.

Kenya Mission Trip Report

Six team members led worship at several Churches. Some team members saw how the teachers are assisting their students with clean water issues. The week ended with a rally to share the gospel with 2,700 children and the story of the feeding of the 5.000.

Guyana Mission Trip Report

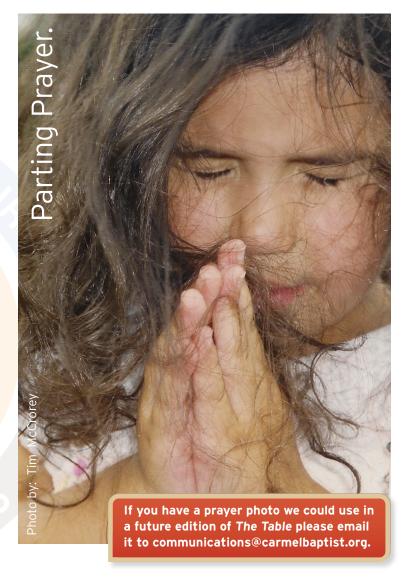
In July, two Carmel teams worked alongside our Guyanese team, ministering to children, teens, and prison inmates. In total, 352 souls accepted Christ.



50th Celebration

How has Carmel Helped You Grow to Be a Disciple? Share Your Story!

As part of our 50th celebration, we're asking the Carmel Family to help us gather 30 second videos that answer this question! Grab your cell phone and in 30 seconds or less share how Carmel has helped you grow to be a disciple. Then email your video to communications@carmelbaptist.org by September 20. These videos will be compiled and shared during our Celebration weekend! Remember - hold your phone horizontally when filming!



Be a Follower!

If you are on social media and not following us, change that today! Several times throughout the week, we update our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts with pictures, helpful links, praises and videos. Don't miss out on this great way to stay connected to the Carmel Family.

CARMEL NUMBERS ITEMS DONATED BY THE **CARMEL FAMILY FOR COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN AUGUST NEW TREES**

PLANTED AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE



NEW PARKING SPACES

SPECIAL **NEEDS GUESTS AT AUGUST JOYFUL**

PASTORS TO SIT IN DUNK TANK AT OUR 50TH CELEBRATION

WEEKS BETWEEN BIRTH AND HIGH SCHOOL **GRADUATION** - REGISTER **FOR PARENT** SUMMIT!

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