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New to Carmel? "The Bridge" is for you.

"The Bridge" is a Sunday morning class for those who are new to Carmel and are interested in learning more about the church, the Bible, and how to get more connected at Carmel.

The class consists of six sessions taught by Pastor Jay Hancock. A new series begins on November 1 at 11:00am in room A243. Come as you are and join in any Sunday. Learn more about "The Bridge" at the NextStep area or any Welcome Desk.



Carmel Family & Friends:

I recently had the opportunity to help my son Zach move to Houston - and joyfully added 2,300 miles to my Subaru. There is nothing like cross-country driving to give you time to reflect and pray. My thoughts were filled with what an exciting season the month of October is for us as the Carmel Family and as the Queen City.

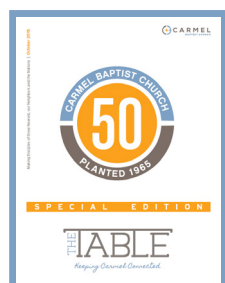
October begins with our **50th Celebration!** We're celebrating the results of a decision made by Providence Baptist Church 50 years ago to send a team of people to plant Carmel Baptist Church. God has been so very good and gracious to work in and through Carmel in so many ways. Lives have been changed for His glory because Carmel Baptist was planted.

At the end of October, Carmel will serve as a host site for **The Orange Tour**. More than 800 people from area churches - including 70 staff and volunteers from Carmel - and a team of national speakers will fill our campus for a 2-day equipping conference on how to make the most of every phase of a kid's life. The kids that walk the halls of our campus on Sunday mornings, Wednesday nights and throughout the week - how they live will define Carmel's next 50 years. Oh, how my heart's desire is for them to live dangerously for the Gospel!

God has done awesome things through the people of Carmel the past 50 years, and am filled with anticipation for the work He'll do through the people of Carmel and the Queen City In the next 50!

Love you Carmel,

Pastor Alex



ABOUT *THE TABLE*

Just like your family gathers around the dinner table to reconnect and catch up, *The Table*, was launched in August to be a one-stop shop for important news and upcoming event information from our Nearest, Neighbors and Nations teams. This monthly publication is available for pick up at various places around campus, as well as online at carmelbaptist.org.

This month is a special edition with Pages 3-8 dedicated to our 50th Celebration.

Celebration Service

October 4, 2015

Welcome! We are so glad you are here for this historic worship service!

Today's worship features a special 50th Anniversary Reunion Choir and Orchestra in addition to our worship band and vocal team under the leadership of Worship Pastor, Lem LeRoy (2002 - present) as well as Steve McKibben (Worship Pastor 1979 - 2009) and his wife, Vickie.

If you are a guest, please stop by the Next Step area after worship. We'd love to meet you and answer any questions you have about a relationship with Christ and connecting at Carmel.

Order of Worship

Praise Him

50th Anniversary Orchestra and Band

The Doxology

Call to Worship - Psalm 105

Your Grace is Enough

led by Carmel's Joy Class

Welcome and Prayer

Holy, Holy, Holy

50th Anniversary Choir, Orchestra and Band

Message - Matthew 28:18-19a

Dr. Don Bouldin (senior pastor 1976 - 1989)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

In Christ Alone

Offertory Prayer with The Lord's Prayer

By the Way of the Cross

50th Anniversary Choir, Orchestra and Band | Megan Tuttle, soloist

Message - Matthew 28:19b

Dr. Wayne Poplin (senior pastor 1991 - 2012)

The Ordinance of Baptism

The Apostles' Creed

Blessed Assurance

Here I Am to Worship

Message Matthew 28:20

Pastor Alex Kennedy (senior pastor 2012 - present)

Video - My Prayer for the Next 50 Years

Hallelujah, We Will Sing

50th Anniversary Choir, Orchestra and Band | Scott Spies, soloist

Benediction

Today's messages from the pastors will be available online at carmelbaptist.org.

Celebrating 50 years of God's goodness and grace

We Praise God for Our Past

On August 22, 1965 a group gathered at Providence Baptist Church to discuss the possibility of organizing a new Baptist church in the rapidly developing southeastern section of Charlotte. The Mecklenburg Baptist Association and Providence Baptist Church earlier had purchased 5.6 acres of land at the corner of Carmel Road and Sharon View Road for the purpose of erecting a new Baptist church to minister to the spiritual needs of the families moving into the new community.

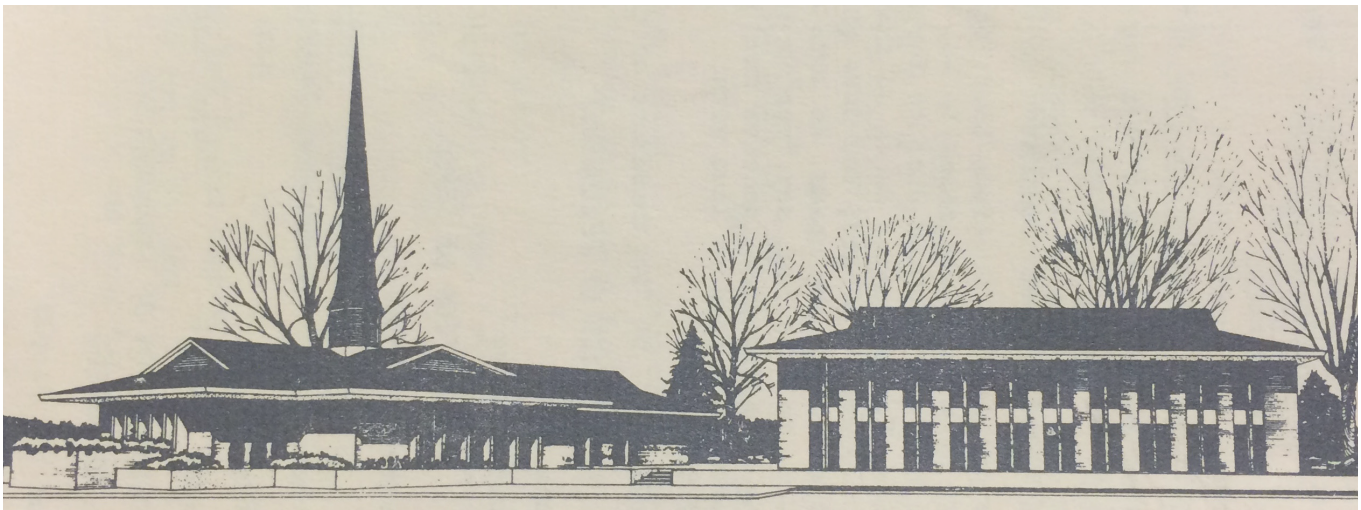
Another meeting was later held September 19, 1965 at the proposed church site - under the beautiful oak trees which landscaped the property. At this meeting it was decided to begin holding worship services on October 10 at the Christian High School on Sardis Road. Carmel Baptist Church (CBC) was formally organized on November 14, 1965 with 96 charter members.

In February 1968, the church moved into new facilities at Carmel and Sharon View Road consisting of a chapel and two educational buildings. Additional adjacent land was acquired and additional buildings were constructed.

In 1987, the church purchased 33 acres on Hwy 51 and in 1997 constructed the current Worship Center and Building A classroom space. The first worship service at this campus was held on September 7, 1997. Subsequent efforts expanded our campus to include dedicated space for Carmel's Preschool Ministry, CarmelKidz, and Carmel Counseling Center. From the beginning, discipleship of those Nearest was a focus through Sunday morning worship, Sunday School classes for children, youth and adults, and Wednesday night gatherings. Sunday morning discipleship for those with special needs began formally in the 1980s and Joy Prom began in 2006.

Discipling the next generations extended beyond Sundays and Wednesdays. The Carmel WEE (Weekday Early Education) School began in 1972. By the 1980s, classrooms were being offered for 6 weeks through 4 year olds. Transitional Kindergarten was added in 1989. The WEE School began with less than 100 students in those early years. Today the WEE School serves 780 children and employs 120 teachers and staff. Carmel Christian School (CCS) opened its doors in the fall of 1993 with 44 students, two Kindergarten teachers and two assistants. Today, CCS provides a K-12 Kingdom education option to the community and Carmel families. This year, 130 faculty and staff serve 868 CCS students. Approximately 30% of CCS families are also CBC families.

Local outreach and evangelism flourished through efforts such as Evangelism Explosion, Sports Outreach, Conversational Pre-Evangelism, and The Story. Global missions efforts outside of Charlotte continued to grow and expand, as Carmel began with a strong commitment to advancing the kingdom to the Nations. Through financial support, training, prayer and sending our members on short term mission trips, countless lives around the world have been reached and transformed by Christ.





Carmel is committed to making disciples of those nearest our neighbors and the nations



NEAREST



NEIGHBORS



NATIONS

We Praise God for Our Present

God has continued to keep Carmel focused on discipleship and evangelism with a heart for prayer and missions. Matthew 28 continues to guide our work to make disciples of those Nearest, our Neighbors and the Nations. Today, 6,277 individuals - representing 2,354 family units - make up the Carmel family. We stand with renewed commitment to disciple the next generation given that 45% of the Carmel Family is under the age of 22.

Discipleship is currently fostered through:

- Sunday morning Discipleship Communities for Preschool through Adults
- the Milestones Discipleship Pathway that engages parents as the primary disciple maker
- annual equipping Saturdays for adults including the Life in Christ Conference in the Spring and Parent Summit in the Fall
- Journey Into Ministry Wednesday Night classes for adults in partnership with Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
- Spring/Summer/Fall Women's Bible study as well as weekly prayer gatherings
- Wednesday Night activities for Preschool, Carmel Kidz and students.

Prayer remains a core focus with the addition of:

- a second Prayer Room on campus
- Pastor Alex's First Wednesday Prayer Gathering
- weekly Daughters of the King Prayer Gatherings
- first Sunday of the month Elder Prayer on Sunday mornings between services
- the Carmel Prayer Path and Carmel Mile
- the Prayer Wall online where members and non members can place prayer requests

Local and Global Missions: Carmel remains laser focused on making disciples of our Neighbors and the Nations through Evangelism, Local Outreach, Church Planting and Global Missions. Through deeper, more holistic partnerships, Carmel currently proclaims and demonstrates the Gospel by:

- partnering with over 58 ministries, missionaries, church plants, mission sending organizations, and seminaries locally and in 12 countries.
- actively collaborating with Charlotte area churches through For Charlotte
- supporting church planting efforts locally and globally
- equipping and sending Carmel members to Love, Serve and proclaim the Gospel locally and globally

We Praise God for Our Future

It is with confidence and enthusiasm we look forward to the next 50 years and beyond! We seek to be a church that makes disciples of those Nearest, our Neighbors and the Nations. A place where individuals of every age grow into a full life in Christ. It's our prayer that Charlotte will one day be known more as the City of King Jesus than simply as the Queen City - a city where the collective bride of Christ longs for "His name and renown to be the desire of our hearts!"

What BT Prince - lay-evangelist and Carmel Historian - wrote in 1995 stands true today:
"The future looks great. As God leads, so may we follow."

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CHRISTIAN HOME WEEK -- MAY 7 - 14
Through its various denominations, the Christian Church is using this week as a time of re-evaluation of one's home. Involved with the struggle are the questions: When does a house become a home? Am I, as a parent, more "childish" than I should be? Am I, as a son or daughter in the home, occupying the role of "spoiled brat"? The poet, Robert Frost, describes the home as: "Home is the place where the Christian home can become a form of sanctuary from the pressures of the secular society."

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING
This Sunday, Carmel Baptists will have the opportunity to contribute to charity work at North Carolina Baptist Hospital. At the present, this financial need due to rising costs exceeding the Mother's Day contribution personnel are able to provide ten dollars worth of care for every dollar contributed to this special offering. Envelopes will be available through the church office. All monies given go directly for this ministry.

QUOTEABLE QUOTES
"Revolution is shaking our world. Vast and sweeping changes are taking place, economically and socially. The modern church has not been able to keep pace with the changes. Indeed the church has been caught up in the vortex of its mission. No one really knows what the church of tomorrow will be. The church of today is the present time it is experiencing the agony of serious self-examination. Involved in, 'the world' then is the present church, of which Dr. Pindley B. Edge, professor of religious education, at the Louisville, Ky., writing in the current issue of the Christian Seminary, 'Getting Out of the Church Building and into the World'."

SERMON TOPICS
Mr. Troutman will be back home at Carmel Sunday morning with the sermon "AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE" and Sunday evening, "DARE TO BE DIFFERENT."

RECORD THIS WEEK	BUILD
Sunday School 93	Cash on hand 40
Training Union 51	Total 134
Evening Worship 51	Construction 100.00
Budget Contributions \$879.24	Total 979.24
Building Fund 100.00	
Total Offering 979.24	



Wednesday Nights @ Carmel Return THIS Week!
Come nourish both body and soul! Click [HERE](#) for the dinner menu and an overview of the activities for this Wednesday, September 9. There is something for everyone!

- Go Home First**
We're counting down to our 50th Celebration! Make plans to be a part of this historic weekend! Click [HERE](#) for all the details - including Sunday's video spotlight Carmel in the 70s!
- New to Carmel?**
Interested in learning more about the church, the Bible, and how to get more connected at Carmel. [The Bridge class](#) begins this Sunday at 9:30am.
- Pray for the 2015 Parent Summit**
Please pray that Saturday's Parent Summit (registration is now closed) will encourage and equip the 375 people attending this year's event to invest well in the next generation!
- Love and Serve**
Want to volunteer at our partner school Lansdowne Elementary? Click [here](#) for event details and to sign up for our training lunch on Sunday, September 20.
- Have a Heart for Special Needs?**
Enjoy serving individuals with special needs? Plan to attend (or volunteer!) at this year's [Joint & Friends Ministry Summit/Training](#) just down the street!
- Mission's Pastor Rob Kelly Upcoming Transition**
Mission's Pastor Rob Kelly is transitioning to step away, in January, from his current role at Carmel to lead [For Charlotte](#) - a network of church and kingdom leaders from around Charlotte who believe we are better together than apart. Pastor Alex is actively involved in For Charlotte and his family will continue to call Carmel home.
- Go, Pray, Give**
Golf FORE Students - September 19
If you are FORE Carmel Students going on mission trips, grab your golf clubs on Saturday, September 19 for our annual Bumpus Golf Tournament. Click [here](#) to learn more!
- Unreached People Group Prayer Focus: The Aurora**
This week's Unreached People Group Spotlight is on the Aurora, Hindi in Afghanistan. Click [here](#) to learn more about this people group!

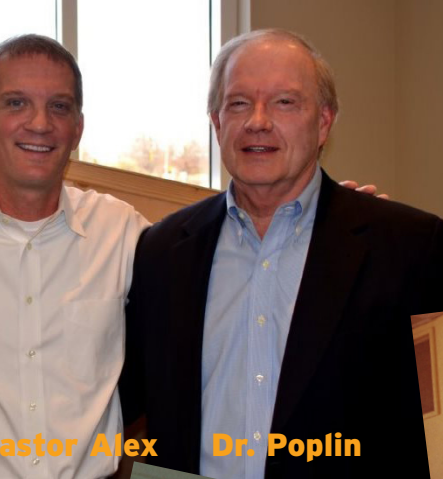
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Carmel Christian School





2015 Vision Initiative Advances



On Sunday, September 27, the Elders provided an update on the Vision Initiative. Pastor Alex opened with a time of prayer for Carmel to be deeply rooted - as the tree by streams of water in Psalm 1 - and to build upon the fruitful legacy for generations to come. Pastor Patrick explained how the proposed **Student Discipleship Center offers the critical space necessary for the Student Ministry to enhance student discipleship, student leader development, and the equipping of parents.**

Additionally, it will facilitate the creation of cohesive communities with unique identities for grades 7th - 12th. A Quarterly Business Meeting followed where members in attendance approved the Elders' proposal to: form an ad hoc building committee; authorize preparation of design documents and initial permitting; as well as initiate a capital campaign to develop a budget for church consideration before the end of March 2016. Stay tuned for ongoing updates on this exciting initiative!

Prayer Resources

Carmel is for Dependent Prayer. Make use of these available resources:

- Our online **Prayer Wall** facilitates, - requests for prayer and acknowledging requested prayers.
- The **Carmel Family Prayer Sheet** - updated on Wednesday and available both online and at the Welcome Desk - includes hospital, illness or sympathy announcements. To have your request added to the Prayer Sheet, contact Gina Meinders at ginam@carmelbaptist.org.
- The first Sunday of every month is **Elder Prayer** - Elders and their wives are available in the Prayer Room between services to pray with and for anyone!
- Sunday morning **Discipleship Communities** are encouraged to have a prayer component where class members can pray for another.
- Join the women of Carmel every Thursday morning at 11:45am and every third Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in the Prayer Room for **Daughters of the King** - a time of coordinated prayer for our families, church, Neighbors and the Nations. Daughters of the King prayer gatherings provide a safe and accepting place for women to share as little or as much of what's on their hearts, draw closer to Jesus, and be encouraged by sisters in Christ.

Care & Counseling

HOPE Ministry Prayer Walk

October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. Carmel's HOPE Ministry will host a Prayer Walk on **Saturday, October 10 at 10:00am for those who have experienced the loss of a child** - either pre-born or born. Come remember your 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 Elizabeth Dockery at hopenistryofcarmel@gmail.com.

Carmel Counseling Center

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 carmelcounselingcenter.org.

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Carmel Community: More than an Online Directory!

Want to give to Carmel online? Update your email or mailing address? Register for a Bible study? Carmel Community is a secure, online tool for Carmel Members and regular attenders that is a one-stop shop. Oh - and it's also an online version of the old church directory - so go get online and upload your family photo! Visit carmelbaptist.org and go to Resources for all the details and a helpful FAQ guide.



Parent Summit Praise! Everything was AWESOME!

A big thanks to the 600+ parents, kids and volunteers who participated in Parent Summit! Guest speaker Rob Reinow closed the day with this quote from Charles Spurgeon in the late 1800s:

"We deeply want a revival of family religion...How can we hope to see the kingdom of our Lord advance when His own disciples do not teach His gospel to their own children? Oh, Christian men and women, be thorough in what you do and know and teach."

The Orange Tour is Coming to Carmel

Great things happen when CHURCH and HOME combine to disciple the next generation. It's what we do at Carmel. On October 26 & 27 more than 800 people from area churches - including 70 Carmel leaders from preschool to college ministry - will descend upon our campus for The Orange Tour. This 2-day conference equips lay and ministry leaders pouring into the next generation with breakthrough ideas on how to make the most of every phase of a kid's life. To learn more about the Tour and which national speakers will take the stage (including our own Betty Acuff's grandson, Jon) check out orangetour.org.

Women's Ministry Update

Over 400 ladies are participating in 10 Fall Women's Bible study classes.

If you missed signing up for a Fall Bible study, join us for a Winter/Spring Bible study after the new year. Details will be in the November edition of *The Table*.

VISTA: Carmel Happenings for those 55+

Join VISTA on **Wednesday evenings at 6:15pm for prayer and Bible study** in the Loft. All are welcome - regardless of age! Also, consider joining VISTA for these events:

Annie Jr and Lunch - Thursday, November 5

Enjoy a private morning performance of Carmel Christian School's production of *Annie Jr* followed by lunch in the Gathering Space! Cost: \$8 per person. Invite a friend! The registration deadline is October 29 or when capacity is met.

Carol Sing at The Cove - Tuesday, December 7

Travel to The Cove to sing your favorite Christmas carols, hear an inspiring devotional from God's Word, enjoy a delicious buffet lunch and explore the grounds at The Cove's annual Carol Sing. The bus will depart Carmel at 6:45am and return around 4:00pm. Cost is \$45. The registration deadline is November 26 or when capacity is met.

To sign up for these events contact Robin Davis at robind@carmelbaptist.org or 704.847.8575.



NEAREST

GOT KIDS?

RightNow Media for Kids

Whether at home or in the back seat on a long drive, the Carmel family now has FREE unlimited access to an enormous library of entertaining and educational Bible-based content just for kids (along with a whole library for grown ups, too!). If you have not received an email from Carmel with instructions on setting up your FREE account, email communications@carmelbaptist.org.

Homeschooling?

Carmel Home Educators seeks to meet the needs of homeschoolers associated with the church by planning activities and events that bring Carmel homeschooling families together and foster community. For more information please contact Wendy Marus at carmelhomeeducators@gmail.com.



Open House

Want to learn more about this ministry of Carmel for students Grades K-12 that is committed to fostering an environment where young people are encouraged to love God, know themselves and serve their world? Come to one of our Open Houses or visit carmelchristian.org to schedule a Campus Tour.

Wednesday, October 14
K-12 Open House @ 9:15am

Friday, October 23
K-12 Open House @ 9:15am

Thursday, November 12
Upper School Open House @ 6:30pm

Our open houses will begin in Uptown Auditorium

PRESCHOOL

Last month, Preschoolers learned about the first kings of Israel – Saul, David, and Solomon. Building a Kingdom was exciting, but this month, the Kingdom divides! Some kings follow God, and some do not. God sends Prophets to speak to His people and to begin preparing them for another King who will come at just the right time. Can you guess who this King is?!

- October 11 The Kingdom Divides/Good King Joash
- October 18 God Feeds Elijah
- October 25 Elijah and the Widow

Special Words Challenge!

See if you can SAY the words and DO the motions with your preschooler!

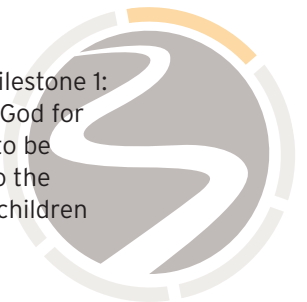
"We (point to self) worship God (arms raise up) because He (point up) is the King! (crown on head)"

Prayer Card Ring for Parents

This month all Preschool and WEE School parents will be receiving a prayer card ring. The prayer card includes a prayer idea for each day of the month. As you ride in the car, say good night or start each day pray specifically for your child with the suggestion provided for you. You can pick up your prayer rings at the preschool desk, upstairs or downstairs. At Carmel, we value Dependent Prayer. There is no greater gift you can give your children.

Praise for Milestone 1!

On Sept 27, ten of our families celebrated Milestone 1: Parent/Child Dedication. Join us in praising God for the commitment these parents are making to be their child's primary disciple makers. Turn to the Parting Prayer on the back page to see the children who were dedicated.



Doing Life Together

MOPS - Moms of Preschoolers meet in the Uptown Auditorium for a time of encouragement and equipping the first Tuesday of the month from 7:00 - 9:00pm. To learn more, email MOPSatCarmel@gmail.com. See you October 6!

WEE CONNECT - Come join this Sunday morning community of WEE School parents who meet weekly from 9:30 - 11:00am in D101.



Wednesday Nights' in October: Individuality

God is the only god. God is one of a kind with no beginning and no end. And everything God has created is unique and one of a kind. Together let's help kids discover how to tap into their God-given potential! Join CarmelKidz on Wednesday Nights to learn all about the Life Application of Individuality!



6th Grade Parent Meeting: Sunday, October 11 at 1:30pm

Carmel's Preteen Junction is for 6th Graders who are at the junction between childhood and becoming teenagers - a place where preteens develop a "God Sense" to help navigate a changing world which is inundated with many voices and distractions. Join Leah Kilcoin on Sunday, October 11 at 1:30pm to learn what happens in Preteen Junction. Preteens will stay for lunch at 12:20pm that day and have some hangout time together and be ready for dismissal after the parent meeting. Please RSVP and direct questions to Leah at leahk@carmelbaptist.org.

Key Dates:

Wednesday, October 7
- Famjam

Sunday, October 11
- 12:20pm Preteens (6th Grade)
Lunch and Hangout;
1:30pm Parenting Meeting

Wednesdays
October 14, 21, 28
- Kidjam

Sundays
November 8, 15, 22, 29
- First Step Class

The CarmelKidz 2015-2016
"At-a-Glance" calendar is
available in Uptown.

Coming Sundays in November - FirstStep!

First Step is an interactive, 4-week class offered at both 9:30am and 11:00am for 2nd - 6th Graders (and their parents), who are ready to follow Jesus as Savior. This is developed for families to explore and learn together and identify spiritual essentials such as: Who Jesus is, Faith and Belief, Biblical Truth, Personal Sin, Repentance, Salvation, Baptism and Communion in a child friendly way. Register online @carmelbaptist.org in advance!



Church + Family = Orange! Famjam

- a high-energy worship experience for families the first Wednesday of the month
- kicked off the school year in September with the Life Application of Initiative.



Plug in to What God is Doing

Fuel Worship

Wednesday night 6:15 - 7:30pm.
7-12th Grade. Gym.

C2: Home Fellowships
Sunday Nights 6:30 - 8:00pm. In homes

Key Dates:

Wednesday October 14 - Family Fuel

Saturday October 24 - 7 & 8 grade students & parents - join us for pancakes & dodgeball 9 - 11am. Gym.

November 20-22 - HS PauseRetreat

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Fall Programming Off to a Great Start

We praise God for a great Promotion Sunday with 520 students and leaders participating in Student Discipleship Communities!

Student Service Projects

Discipleship is not only about learning but also living. This month, students will team up by grade to serve local ministry partners. Check out the details online!

7th Grade - **Jackson Park** - Saturday morning October 17

8th Grade - **Pregnancy Resource Center** - Sunday night October 25

9th Grade - **Crest on Providence** - Saturday morning October 24

10th Grade - **Carrington Place** - Saturday morning October 24

11th Grade - **Young Life Capernaum** - Thursday night October 22

12th Grade - **Charlotte Rescue Mission** - Sunday night October 25

Resources for Parents

Want to learn more about our Sunday morning curriculum? Looking for book recommendations for you and your student? Needing information about internet safety? Check out the Parent page filled with resources at carmelstudents.org.



NEIGHBORS

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



Twice a month during the school year Carmel will serve as host to **Young Life Capernaum** - Young Life's ministry that loves and serves teens with special needs and their parents.



Carmel will again host Joni & Friends' Walk n' Roll to support families impacted by disabilities - a morning of walking and rolling, fun activities and a family retreat reunion & fellowship lunch!



Just two months after opening its doors, the **Mosaic Style with Love store served its 100th foster child!** To get involved in the work of the store, email mosaic@carmelbaptist.org.



Hit the Easy Button!

Looking to serve with your DC or Bible study group? **Carmel now schedules a variety of service events with our partners through CarmelServe.** Simply sign up and show up! Check out Carmel Serve on the Neighbors page under the Serve tab at carmelbaptist.org.



Love + Serve.... Your Neighbors!

On Saturday October 31, you have a unique opportunity to meet and engage many of your neighbors as they all come to knock on your door. Remember, God has placed you on your street for "such a time as this," so take time to get to know those around you that you see everyday.

Don't know what to do? Be present, be social, build relationships, or invite people to have a s'more in your driveway at the end of the night. Most importantly be prayerful that God would open doors for new relationships and open your eyes to see needs around you. "Let your light shine" on this night.

Key Dates:

Friday, October 23:

Join our friends from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary at The Park Church from 7:00-9:30pm on Friday, October 23 for *Bridging the Great Divide: The Church's Call to Racial Reconciliation*, a city-wide Race Relations Forum. The event is free, but registration is required. To register, please 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

Coming in November!

Take time before or after Worship November 15, 22 or 29 to visit the Carmel Engagement Area in the Gathering Space, a hands-on opportunity to learn about, connect to and support our ministry partners, both locally and globally.



NATIONS

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

Carmel Partner: **Tenwek Community Health and Development**

The mission of Tenwek Hospital Community Health and Development (TCHD) in Bomet, Kenya is to serve Christ by facilitating change through community-based health care and appropriate development within needy communities. TCHD works closely with the Africa Gospel Church (AGC) and is very involved in reaching thousands of children with the Gospel.

Carmel partners with TCHD by providing resources, both financial and people, for two large Children's Rallies each year that attract anywhere from 2,500 - 5,000 children. This work extends beyond the rallies as TCHD works with Child Evangelism Fellowship and the local AGC churches to establish vibrant children's ministries in local churches and to train teachers and pastors.

Please pray the ministry of TCHD will prosper and continue to impact men, women, and children by being the hands and feet of Jesus to the communities they serve.



Carmel Missionary: **Cara Strauss Contreras**



Cara serves Word Made Flesh Bolivia which seeks to offer abundant life in Christ to those affected by prostitution in El Alto, Bolivia. She is also Co-Founder of SutiSana which helps women leave the lives of prostitution by providing them with training, support and guidance to become self-sufficient and employed. In the last 12 years Word Made Flesh Bolivia has grown from bi-weekly visits to the Red Light District, to a fully functioning ministry day center with a sewing social enterprise that offers quality products both locally and internationally. To learn more visit Sutisana.com. To send a note of encouragement, email carastrausscontreras@gmail.com.

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

Our **Heart** for the **Unreached People Groups**

God's Word tells us that He desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of who He is. Yet, there are more than 6,600 people groups in the world that do not know Him - where there are no known believers or churches among them. During the month of October, pray for the unreached people groups in Kenya. Of the 110 people groups in Kenya, 31 groups - which represent 5 million people - have never heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Even though 76% of the population are professing Christians, there is still work to be done among the 5 million. To learn more visit the joshuaproject.net.

Upcoming Mission Trip: **Dominican Republic (February 2016)**

Carmel will serve in San Pedro, Dominican Republic February 20 - 27. This team will be involved in the vocational training of local laborers who will be working on building a Christian school for the children of parents who work in the sugar cane fields and have little opportunity for an education. Team members will have the opportunity to share the Gospel with those who work in the sugar cane fields, as well as prayer walk throughout the week and conduct worship services in 2-3 of the villages. For more information, contact Team Leader, Charles Cranford at ccranford@cstpa.com.

2016 Mission Trips

To see a complete list of Carmel's 2016 mission trips - including numerous summer opportunities - please visit the Serve page at carmelbaptist.org.

Last month, these children participated in Milestone 1: Parent/Children Dedication.

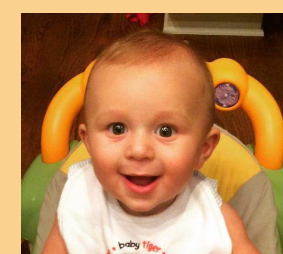
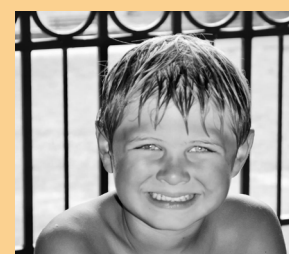
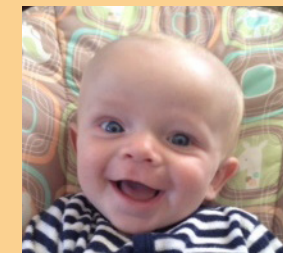
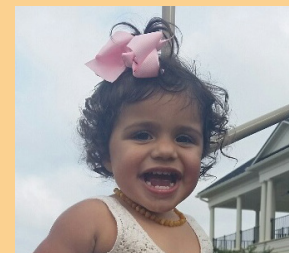
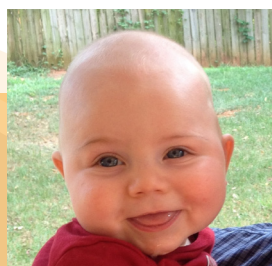
Our prayer:

Heavenly Father, we praise You for Your faithfulness and love for the precious children at Carmel and their families. Thank You for leading these parents to the vital milestone of Parent/Child Dedication. Our prayer is that these parents will continue to live out their role as primary disciple makers in the home. May they begin this journey by first being committed to a Life in Christ themselves. Father, we ask that these little ones will learn, at home and here at Carmel, timeless truths from Your Word so that they will be transformed for their lifetimes by a saving relationship with Jesus.

Amen.

From left to right: Clay Andrew Chapman, Elle Grace Keil, Hannah Rebekah Hoffman, Alexandra Rose Mendez, Sadie Jane Fisher, Luke Alexander Dockery, Josette Rose Pikulik, Graham Tyler Huffstetler, Luke Benfield Gentile, Weston Richard Huffstetler

Parting Prayer



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CARMEL NUMBERS	POUNDS OF ICE USED AT CELEBRATION SATURDAY 7,000	NUMBER OF CHARTER MEMBERS WHO STARTED CARMEL 96	NEW PARKING SPACES ADDED TO CAMPUS THIS MONTH 74	NUMBER OF TENTS THE CARMEL FAMILY GATHERED UNDER FOR 50TH CELEBRATION SERVICE 1 (well, really 2)
	NUMBER OF METAL TROUGHS USED FOR BAPTISM AT OUR 50TH CELEBRATION SERVICE 2	SPECIAL NEEDS GUESTS AT AUGUST JOYFUL HEARTS CLUB 104		
NUMBER OF HOURS VOLUNTEERS SERVED OAKHURST BAPTIST PREPARING FOR REPLANT 307				

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