

Making
Disciples
of those
Nearest, our
Neighbors
and the
Nations

September 2016



THE **TABLE**
Keeping Carmel Connected

September 2016

Carmel Friends and Family:

We're starting the Fall (it is almost here!) with a 3-week series called **Consecrate**. I'll teach on holiness, sin, repentance, and grace to prepare us for a **Sacred Assembly on September 11 at 5:00pm**. This will be a time of worship, scripture reading, and repentance and it is my prayer you will come and our Worship Center will be **PACKED**. Check out Page 2 for more details. Then, we'll take 10 weeks to look at what God's Word says about **Loving Where You Live** - a series on loving and serving our neighbors.

Wednesday Nights @ Carmel resume this month - dinner, fellowship and equipping! September 7 is the Quarterly Business Meeting. September 14 kicks off discipleship ministry for our Preschoolers, CarmelKidz and Students. September 21 Adult Ministry begins **RECHARGE** equipping classes. The Prayer Room is always open and Bible Study is also offered. I love Wednesday Nights.

If you pour into the life of ANYONE under the age of 18 (or 22 for that matter) **plan to attend Parent Summit on Saturday, October 1**. As the parent of 4 kids (ranging in age from 26 to 6 years old) I am constantly looking for tools to help me as I disciple my kids in this every-changing world. See the back page for details.

And finally, stats say 70% of men in the church view pornography on a regular basis. **Guys - if you struggle with sexual sin, please spend Monday nights at Carmel**. Come fight the addictive cycle of false intimacy and battle sexual sin from a Biblical perspective. See Page 6 to learn more about Men Pursuing Purity.

We have an exciting Fall ahead - I can't wait to see what the Lord has for His beautiful bride that is Carmel.

Love you Carmel,

Pastor Alex

What is a Sacred Assembly?

In the Old Testament sacred (or solemn) assemblies were occasions for God's people to repent of personal and corporate sins, to renew their covenant relationship with the Lord, and to return to the Lord in faithful love and obedience.

Who Should Participate?

We encourage adults and students to participate. Childcare* will be provided for children (Birth - 5th Grade). In the Old Testament times, every person who could understand was invited to participate in a sacred assembly.

How will Pastor Alex help us to prepare for the Sacred Assembly?

The *Holy Spirit* series has been preparing us throughout this summer. And on August 28, September 4 and September 11, Pastor Alex will speak about a longing for revival in our church and nation, the need for us to examine our personal and corporate walk with God and how to take intentional steps toward a closer and more intimate walk with Him.



Sacred Assembly

Sunday, September 11 • 5:00pm • Worship Center

* Register for childcare (Birth - 5th Grade) at carmelbaptist.org by Wednesday, September 7.

New to Carmel?

Join us for "**The Bridge**" - 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 at Carmel. The Bridge consists of six sessions taught by Pastor Jay Hancock and begins on **September 11 at 9:30am in Loft A**. Come as you are and join in any Sunday. We'd love to talk to you about The Bridge in person. Stop by the NextStep Area or any Welcome Desk for more information.



AUG. SUN, 28 <i>Consecrate</i> Promotion Sunday	MON, 29	TUE, 30 Morning Prayer with Pastor Alex	WED, 31 No Wednesday. Night Activities Worship Team Auditions	SEPT. THU, 1	FRI, 2	SAT, 3
SUN, 4 <i>Consecrate</i> Baptism Sunday Morning Elder Prayer	MON, 5 Campus Closed - Labor Day	TUE, 6 Morning Prayer with Pastor Alex Moms of Preschoolers 	WED, 7 Wednesday Night: -Dinner -Quarterly Business Mtg	THU, 8 Daughters of the King Morning Prayer Gathering	FRI, 9	SAT, 10
SUN, 11 <i>Consecrate</i> The Bridge Sacred Assembly 	MON, 12 Men Pursuing Purity	TUE, 13	WED, 14 Wednesday Nights: -Dinner (4:45 - 6:15pm) -Preschool (GROW) -CarmelKidz (Famjam) -Student (Fuel) -Prayer (Worship Center) GriefShare	THU, 15 Daughters of the King Morning Prayer Gathering	FRI, 16	SAT, 17
SUN, 18 <i>Loving Where You Live</i> Milestone 1: Parent/Child Dedication The Bridge C2	MON, 19 Men Pursuing Purity	TUE, 20 Daughters of the King Evening Prayer Gathering	WED, 21 Wednesday Nights: -Dinner (4:45 - 6:15pm) -Adult RECHARGE -Preschool (GROW) -CarmelKidz (Kidjam) -Student (Fuel) -Prayer (Prayer Room) -Bible Study GriefShare	THU, 22 Daughters of the King Morning Prayer Gathering	FRI, 23	SAT, 24
SUN, 25 <i>Loving Where You Live</i> The Bridge C2	MON, 26 Men Pursuing Purity	TUE, 27	WED, 28 Wednesday Nights: -Dinner (4:45 - 6:15pm) -Adult RECHARGE -Preschool (GROW) -CarmelKidz (Kidjam) -Student (Fuel) -Prayer (Prayer Room) -Bible Study GriefShare	THU, 29 Daughters of the King Morning Prayer Gathering	FRI, 30	OCT. SAT, 1 Parent Summit 



Sunday Mornings @ Carmel

Worship

Consecrate August 28 - September 11

Preparing our hearts and minds for the refining experience of the Sacred Assembly.

Loving Where You Live September 18 - November 20

Get equipped, encouraged and empowered to go across the street and love your neighbors.

Discipleship Communities

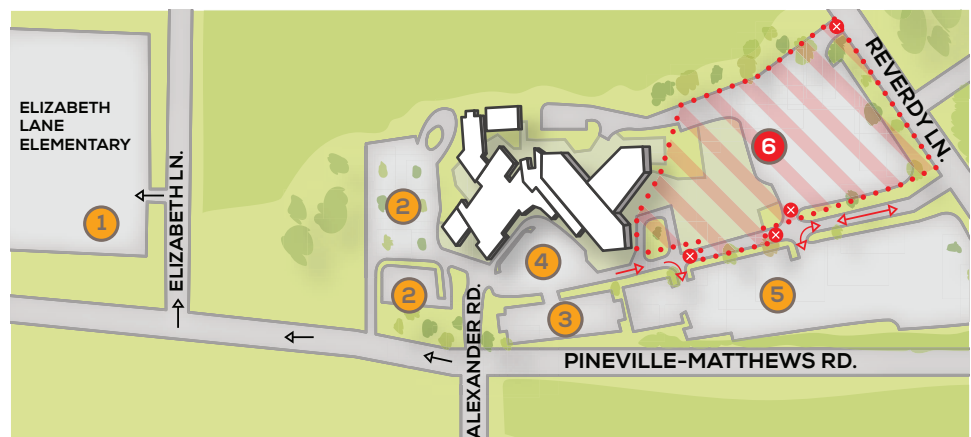
Experience transformative community in a Sunday morning Discipleship Community (or DC as we like to call them!) at 9:30 or 11:00am. Stop by the Welcome Desk or visit carmelbaptist.org/connect to learn more.



Parking & Shuttle

Construction on campus has impacted parking. To ensure close-in, on-campus parking for families with small children, those with special needs and guests, ride the Sunday morning shuttle from Elizabeth Lane Elementary. The shuttle runs continuously Sundays from 7:15am - 12:45pm.

- ① Shuttle Parking
- ② Families with Young Children
- ③ Guests
- ④ Special Permit
- ⑤ General Parking
- ⑥ Construction Zone





Wednesday Nights @ Carmel

Come for a delicious **dinner** (served 4:45 - 6:15pm), stay for **fellowship**, **prayer** and **equipping** (6:15- 7:30pm)! Program details for Preschoolers (GROW), Children (Kidjam), Students (FUEL) and Adults are available at carmelbaptist.org.

Prayer

Gather with others in the Prayer Room for a time of corporate prayer. The first Wednesday of the month, Pastor Alex will lead a time of prayer in the Worship Center.

Equipping

RECHARGE classes

This Fall, Adults are encouraged to **invest 4 Wednesdays in a RECHARGE class**. Class descriptions are available online. Attend the 4-class session that works best for you Session 1 (Sept 21, Sept 28, Oct 12 and Oct 19) OR Session 2 (Oct 26, Nov 16, Nov 30 & Dec 7).

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| • Finding Your Nearest Place to Serve | • What Matters Most: A Time to Reflect and Plan | • Your Child: The Essentials of Discipline |
| • Neighbors: Get Equipped for Loving Well | • Finding Christ: The Search for Authentic Faith | • Formed of Dust: Worshipping a Spiritual God in a Physical World |
| • Disciple-making Insights from Israel | • The Battle Plan for Prayer | • Finding Simplicity through Organization |

Bible Study

Everyone is invited to come dive into God's Word! Led by Charles Cranford and Bill Smith.

Prayer Opportunities

Carmel Values Dependent Prayer

Prayer Tools

Prayer Wall - Submit requests online at carmelbaptist.org/prayer.

Prayer Room - Behind the main Welcome Desk and open daily during church hours for prayer.

Prayer Sheet - Available weekly for pick up at the Welcome Desk. Submit hospital, illness or sympathy requests to Gina Meinders at ginam@carmelbaptist.org.

Prayer Gatherings - All are welcome!

1st Sunday of the Month - The Elders and their wives are available in the Prayer Room between services to pray with and for you.

Sunday Evenings - In-home prayer gatherings. Please contact the church for details.

Thursdays @ 11:45am - Daughters of the King weekly prayer gathering in the Prayer Room.

3rd Tuesday of the Month @ 7:00pm - Daughters of the King evening prayer gathering in the Prayer Room.

Join us
September 7
Dinner &
Quarterly
Business
Meeting



Staff Additions



Chef Lance Freeman
Food Services Administrator



Thom Hibbard
Maintenance Team



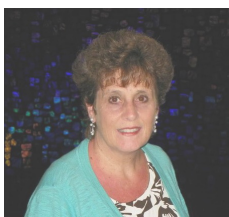
Rhonda Pangle
Adult Ministry Assistant



Ashley Rasmussen
Student Ministry Assistant



Alexis Sholley
Assistant Director of WEE School



Audrey Scurfield
Special Needs Specialist

Life in Christ Resources

Pursuing Purity: Becoming Courageous Men

An open and on-going support group for men of Carmel who seek to fight the addictive cycle of false intimacy and battle sexual sin from a Biblical perspective.
(Monday evenings)



Grief Share

A caring group that walks alongside those who have lost a loved one (Wednesday evenings)



MOPS

(Moms of Preschoolers)

Enjoy a monthly evening of encouragement and fellowship with fellow moms of preschoolers that includes a great dinner, an inspiring speaker and a fun hands-on project. (1st Tuesday evening of month)



Sr. Adults (55+) - Fall Events Planned!

Monthly lunches and fellowship, opportunities for service, and exciting day trips with Carmel's active Senior Adults. Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 9 (Lunch & CCS Fall Play), Thursday, October 20 (Hymn Sing at The Cove) and Thursday, November 3 (Lunch & a visit to our nearby Partner School Lansdowne Elementary).



Carmel Counseling Center

A safe place for individuals, couples, and families to find hope and meaning as they walk through difficult seasons of life. (704.849.0686)

Visit carmelbaptist.org to learn more about these and other resources.

Musically Gifted?

SERVE in Worship Ministry

Auditions - August 31

Auditions for Vocal Team, Band and Orchestra are Wednesday, August 31. Visit carmelbaptist.org/music-auditions for details and to schedule your audition.

Join the Choir

No auditions required - just a love for singing and a passion for Worship! Sign up for the choir performance Sundays as your schedule allows and attend the required two rehearsals prior. For more details, visit carmelbaptist.org.



CARMELDIGSIT

Looking Back & Looking Ahead

In February 2016, the Carmel Family completed the Cultivate Challenge. This season focused on:

- Cultivating our hearts and homes to be fertile soil where roots go deep.
- Coming together to invest in dedicated space where we're equipped to live fruitfully and make disciples of our Nearest.

As a result of the Challenge and His generous provision, **we're building a Student Discipleship Center and a Carmel Christian High School Gym**. This summer, the construction crew completed site prep.

On Saturday, August 13, as footings were being poured **over 1,000 members of the Carmel Family gathered to celebrate God's provision and pray for a continued legacy of discipleship in this new space.**

Pastor Alex echoed the Cultivate Challenge's theme passage, Psalm 1, by emphasizing the symbolism of the surrounding oak trees- one small (our sons and daughters) and one large (Psalm 1:3's "culture changer" who is "like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither- whatever they do prospers.")

What a joy it was to see a **front loader full of prayers and notes of gratitude** written by the Carmel Family for the work God will do in this new discipleship space. On August 23, these prayers and notes were **buried in the construction site.**



We look forward to **opening this new space for discipleship in August 2017.**

Thank you to all who have **PRAYed**, **DISCERNed** and **COMMITted** to this effort. To follow the construction progress, visit or **NEW blog** spot at **carmeldigsit.org**.



IF YOU'D LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CULTIVATE CHALLENGE OR BECOME INVOLVED IN WHAT GOD IS DOING WITH THIS EFFORT, VISIT CARMELBAPTIST.ORG/CULTIVATECHALLENGE OR CONTACT JAY HANCOCK AT 704.847.8575.



Carmel Candids

Summer 2016: Discipling our Nearest



Amazing Journey Back to Bible Times (CarmelKidz)



Amazing Journey Back to Bible Times (Preschool)



CarmelKidz Covenant Camp



Student Ministry - 4G

CarmelKidz Leading Worship



Project 650

A LOVE+SERVE Summer



Project 650



Love INC



Charlotte Rescue Mission



Carrington Place

Thank you to all who helped make these opportunities possible!



Sunday Mornings

Lower Level Preschoolers: God Made Everything!

Our youngest preschoolers will learn that God loves us so much that He created this beautiful world for us to live in. God made everything - including us - and loves us!

Threes - Kindergarten: God is Always With Me!

As we learn in the book of Genesis, God had a special plan for Joseph and was with him no matter what. And because God was with Joseph, we know He will always be with us, too!



Wednesday Nights

GROW on Wednesday Nights

Bring your Preschooler (ages 3 - Kindergarten) on Wednesday Nights for **GROW** - an equipping time where they'll Glorify Jesus through worship, Recite scripture memory verses, focus on Others (our Neighbors) and learn about missions around the World. Children younger than 3 are cared for while parents plug into Adult Wednesday Night activities. GROW begins Wednesday, September 14 at 6:15pm!



For Mom & Dad

- **MOPS (Moms of Preschoolers)** meets the first Tuesday of the month and begins Tuesday, September 6. (See Page 6 for details)
- **WEE Connect** is a Sunday Morning Discipleship Community that meets at 9:30am in D101 for families with children at the WEE School. Join us!
- **Parent Child Dedication (Milestone 1)** is an act of worship where parents give back the child that has been entrusted to them and commit to lead the child to know God and His ways. If you would like to know more about this Milestone, call the preschool office at 704-849-9723, option #1. Parent Child Dedication will be celebrated September 18, as well as in February 2017 and May 2017.
- **Parent Summit** is Saturday, October 1 and will help equip you to be your child's primary disciple maker! See the back page of *The Table* for all the details.





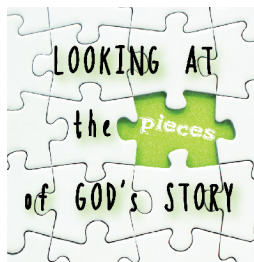
Sunday Mornings

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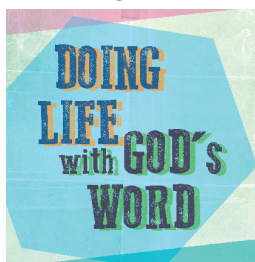
CarmelKidz are in the Elementary Phase where the foundations for faith, friendship, and wisdom are laid - and that is what matters most! When combined, CarmelKidz custom-built Sunday curriculum and committed grade-level leaders equip kids to see how the BIG STORY of God fits in their life.

Don't miss it

The focus of our Sunday morning discipleship is:



1st Grade



2nd Grade



3rd Grade



4th Grade



5th Grade

6th Grade (Preteen) - Studying God's Word on My Own

Wednesday Nights

Famjam

CarmelKidz kicks off Wednesday Nights with Famjam on September 14 in Uptown Auditorium at 6:10pm! CarmelKidz and parents gather together to discover God's character in His BIG STORY and are introduced to a LIFE APP that helps them live out His character.

Kidjam

The remaining Wednesday Nights this month will be Kidjam - where CarmelKidz experience kid-friendly worship and small group time to further explore the monthly LIFE APP. **September's LIFE APP is Trust: Putting your confidence in someone you can depend on.**



Parent Reminders

First Step Class Offered

FirstStep is the 4-week new member/new believer class for children in Grades 2-6 and a requirement before baptism at Carmel. The October 2016 First Step class will be during a Sunday Discipleship Community hour and registration is required (and open online).



Can You SERVE in CarmelKidz?

Serving is a great way for parents to get involved in CarmelKidz! Can you help disciple the next generation by stepping into one of these volunteer roles? To learn more, contact seanl@carmelbaptist.org.

- **Adult Leaders** - Wednesday Night Kidjam
- **Special Needs Adult Leader** - Sundays @ 9:30am



What is the best way for students to get plugged in?

We have several options available each week for students to be discipled and connect with their peers.

Sunday Mornings

DC @ 9:30 or 11:00am (Gym)

The purpose of DC is to make disciples of students through small groups that focus on dependant prayer and investigative Bible study. Students meet with the same small group (gender and grade based) throughout the year.



Students participating in a DC challenge.

Sunday Nights

C2 from 6:30 - 8:00pm (Host Homes)

C2 is designed to provide a "second place for community," and create grade identity. We desire for students to come, hang-out with other students in their grade, and have a short, large-group discussion based on the Sunday morning message. The fun begins Sunday, September 18. Location information will be emailed out to Student families in September.

We thank the following families for hosting this semester!

7th Grade - Brock & Debbie Dixon

10th Grade - Victor & Sherrie Ferrari

8th Grade - Ben & Julianne Bash

11th Grade - Brian & Lisa McCulloch

9th Grade - Mike & Deb Seelig

12th Grade - Dave & Donna Pollack



Wednesday Nights

Fuel Worship from 6:15 - 7:30pm (Gym)

The purpose of Fuel Worship is to make disciples of students through a worship service that focuses on relevant teaching, engaging worship music, and an inviting atmosphere. All students (7th - 12th Grade) are invited and encouraged to bring a friend. Begins Wednesday, September 14.



Ecamp 2016



Over 100 students were involved in missions this past year!



Carmel is passionate about discipling the next generation.



Congratulations WEE School and CCS Teams!

This summer, two ministries of Carmel Baptist were recognized by *South Charlotte Weekly* with "Best of 2016" awards. Carmel's WEE School was named Best Preschool and Carmel Christian School was named Best Private School.



The WEE School begins the 2016-2017 school year September 6 with 760 preschoolers (6 weeks - Transitional Kindergarten) and annually operates at capacity. The WEE School has been under the leadership of Debbie Vanhoy for 25 years.

Want to learn more about the WEE School?

Call the WEE School office at 704.849.9723, option #1 or visit weeschool.org.



Carmel Christian, established in 1993 with 44 Kindergarteners, began the 2016-2017 school year August 18 with 903 students K-12th Grade. This year, CCS welcomes a new Head of School, Mike Long.

Want to learn more about CCS?

Visit carmelchristian.org to schedule a tour or attend one of our Admissions Open Houses:

- Friday, October 14
Grades K-12, 9:30 am, Uptown Auditorium
- Thursday, November 10
Grades 9-12, 6:30 pm, Uptown Auditorium
- Friday, November 11
Grades K-12, 9:30 am, Uptown Auditorium



Enjoy Golf & Want to Support CCS?

Tuesday, October 4
The Golf Club at Ballantyne Resort
8:00am & 1:30pm Flights Available

Join Pastor Alex and others from the Carmel Family for a day of golf to support this important ministry of Carmel Baptist. Register a foursome or as an individual golfer, become a corporate partner or volunteer at carmelchristian.org.





Neighbors equip

: to furnish with intellectual or emotional resources;

: prepare

: to provide (someone) with necessary materials or supplies

Get Equipped for Loving Well

Whether walking down Tryon Street or listening to a co-worker or neighbor, brokenness, hurt and suffering surround us. To love our Neighbors well in difficult situations, we must be equipped. This Fall, **take 4 Wednesdays to dive deeper into difficult but prevalent issues impacting where we live.**

September 21

What to Do When Your Boots Have NO Bootstraps

Neighbors Ministry Team with
Guest Daniel Fogarty, Beds for Kids

September 28

*Dealing with Crazy People in Your
Life without Going Crazy*

Neighbors Ministry Team with
Guest Rev. Tony Marciano, Charlotte Rescue Mission

October 12

Where Do I Go & What Do I Say

Neighbors Ministry Team

October 19

Lighting Up the Jack o' Lantern

Neighbors Ministry Team

"God doesn't
CALL the
EQUIPPED;
HE EQUIPS
the CALLED."



"As Christians we must be prepared to love the addict, but also to love those who love the addict - to walk alongside them in finding help and healing."

Loving Well Meant Saying No

Carmel member Jenny Neal shares lessons learned while loving a sister fighting addiction.

The question is not "if" you will one day cross paths with someone struggling with addiction, the question is "when." With the prevalence of addiction and substance abuse in our society it's a known fact that people all around us are suffering either with this disease or alongside someone who has it.

When my sister went into recovery my family was heartbroken to learn the ways we enabled her addictive behavior. We thought we were loving her by not talking about her drinking, bailing her out of desperate situations and sending her money to pay bills when she ran out, but we were only preventing her from hitting the bottom that she needed to hit to get help. I'll never forget her calling from the center begging me to pick her up, to let her come home with me, and to at least bring her belongings so she could find somewhere else to live. Counter-intuitive as it was, loving her was saying no.



Nations

Snap Shot of Summer's Short Term Mission Teams



Comitancillo, Guatemala (June):

Worked alongside a local church to provide shoes and VBS to the community, shared testimonies and made home visits to families in need.

"After this mission trip, I really started to feel like I needed to get deeper in my faith... Now my prayer is that I will be able not to have my want in this world, but only have a want for God." - Sam Marus



Bomet, Kenya (June): A learning-oriented visit to the multi-faceted ministry of Carmel partner Tenwek Community Health and Development.



Santiago de Cuba, Cuba (June):

Encouraged and discipled local missionaries and members of the local church through prayer walks and home visits.



Tirana, Albania (June): Collaborated with the Baptist Bible Church in Tirana to support a week-long Bible camp for over 90 children, including the entire State orphanage in Tirana, Bethany Social Services kinship program, and children from an impoverished suburb of the capital. Trained State orphanage staff.



Irpen, Ukraine (June): Served alongside Irpen Bible Church to host a sport's camp for children and shared the Gospel with adults.

"Through the Ukraine trip, I saw the Lord moving in me to offer up my body and skills to the Lord because He has redeemed me!" - Abby Carpenter



Reynosa, Mexico (June): Worked with Big Heart Orphanage to do street and sports evangelism and help with construction at the orphanage. Provided much needed food, clothing and supplies to people who live along the Canal - one of the poorest areas in Mexico.

"All of the work I contributed in Mexico was with a joyous heart, so I learned to translate that to my service at home. If I can do it in a foreign country, I can certainly do it in my home church!" - Michele Mitchell



Georgetown, Guyana (July & August):

Shared the love of Christ by handing out shoes, leading devotions in prison, and sharing the Gospel to some who had never heard it before.

"Being in Guyana has given me a chance to reflect on my life and see what we were all made to do, which is to serve God!" - Christopher Patterson



Parenting a toddler or a teen? Investing into the life of a grandchild or young neighbor?

Qualifying is easy as **Parent Summit is designed to help all who are pouring into the next generation.** Our pit crew includes keynote speaker, Stan Sullinger, and a line up of 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 by Sunday, September 25.



About Stan Sullinger

Stan is the Discipleship Pastor at Crossroads Baptist Church in The Woodlands, Texas. Stan has a heart for equipping people to live in the confidence of who God made them to be. He is genuine, funny, and a straight-shooter, so be prepared to gain great insight from a man who has adult children and has seen it "all!" Oh, and prepare to laugh - alot!

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