Making Disciples of those

Nearest, our Neighbors and the Nations





October 2016

Carmel Friends and Family:

When we held the Sacred Assembly and then kicked off the Loving Where You Live series last month, we had no idea about the weeks that would follow. But God knew.

As believers, we can look backwards in our lives at various times and see how God has been at work all along preparing us for new seasons. The Holy Spirit series this summer, the Sacred Assembly and now our series focused on Neighbors were this work to prepare us for such a time as this, for this season in our lives, in our families, on the street we call home and in our city.

The most important thing we can do right now as a body of Christ and individually is pray. Let's keep falling on our knees and seeking this will for our lives and our city – and even for our very next steps. I challenge you to check out Page 7 and be intentional about taking time this month to pray for your family, for hurting people, for our nation and for the election.

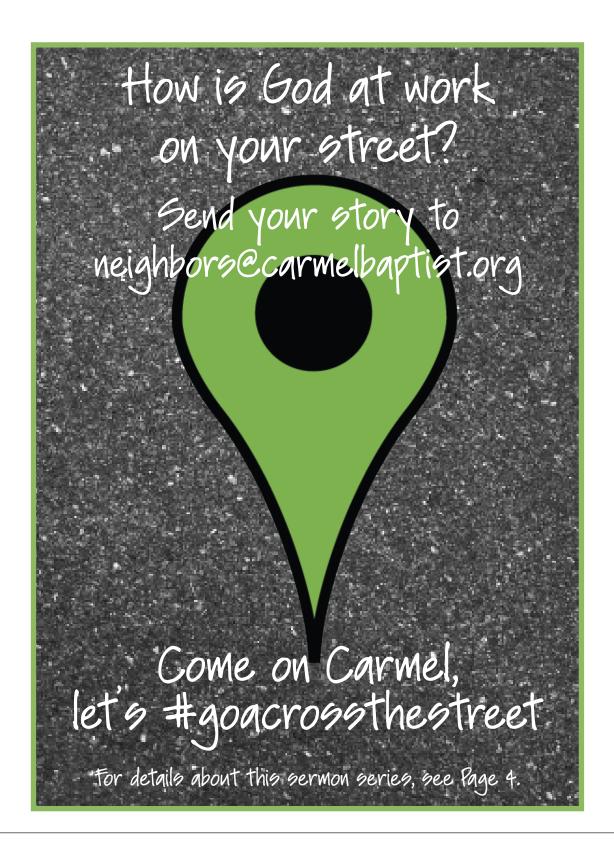
This excerpt from a prayer in tocus on the tamily's 31 Days of Prayer is a great reminder:

"Father in Heaven...Remind up that it is not our job to direct the destinies of nations, but simply to shine for You, reflect Your image and bloom wherever You choose to plant us."

Carmel, as a church with a name that means "orchard or garden," let's continue to bear fruit for Him in our homes, on our streets, and in our city!

Love you Carmel,

Pastor Alex



New to Carmel?

Join us for The Bridge, a Sunday morning class, to learn more about the church, the Bible, and how to get connected at Carmel. The Bridge consists of six sessions taught by Pastor Jay Hancock and meets at 9:30am in A202. Come as you are and join in any Sunday. Questions about The Bridge? Stop by the NextStep Area or any Welcome Desk for more information.



OCT. SUN, 2 Loving Where You Live Elder Prayer First Step Class The Bridge Student First Step C2	MON, 3 Pursuing Purity: Becoming Courageous Men	TUE, 4 Carmel Christian Golf Classic Q&A Session with Elders: Proposed Revision of Church ByLaws	WED, 5 Wednesday Nights @ Carmel Prayer with Pastor Alex Famjam GriefShare	THU, 6 Daughters of the King - Weekly Morning Prayer Gatherings	FRI, 7	SAT, 8 Joni & Friends Walk & Roll
SUN, 9 Loving Where You Live Mosaic Adoption Ministry Family Picnic First Step Classes The Bridge Student First Step C2	MON, 10 Pursuing Purity: Becoming Courageous Men	TUE, 11	WED, 12 Wednesday Nights @ Carmel Recharge GriefShare Choir	THU, 13 RAY Mosaic Women's Night	FRI, 14 Carmel Christian School Admission Open House (K - 12)	SAT, 15 7th & 8th Student/Parents Pancakes/Dodgeball 7TH/8TH PANCAKES/DODGEBALL
SUN, 16 Loving Where You Live The Bridge First Step Classes C2	MON, 17 Pursuing Purity: Becoming Courageous Men	TUE, 18 Daughters of the King Monthly Evening Prayer Gathering	WED, 19 Wednesday Nights @ Carmel Recharge GriefShare Choir	THU, 20 Senior Adult Ministry Day Trip for "Senior Salt Hymn Sing" Daughters of the King Morning Prayer Gathering	FRI, 21 Carmel SER	SAT, 22
SUN, 23 Loving Where You Live Choir Leads Worship First Step Classes C2 Prayer Walk	MON, 24 Pursuing Purity: Becoming Courageous Men Prayer Walk	TUE, 25 Prayer Walk	WED, 26 Wednesday Nights @ Carmel Recharge GriefShare Choir Prayer Walk	THU, 27 Daughters of the King Morning Prayer Gathering Prayer Walk	FRI, 28 Prayer Walk	SAT, 29 Prayer Walk
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Sunday Mornings @ Carmel

Worship

Spend Sunday mornings getting equipped, encouraged and empowered to #goacrossthestreet and love your Neighbors well.



Sermon Series



OCT. 02

It's About **TIME**

OCT. 09

Overcoming Our FEARS

OCT. 16

How to Practically **LOVE**Our Neighbors

OCT. 23

Loving Our Neighbors Through **PRAYER**

Prayer Walking Guides in the Gathering Space.

OCT. 30

Loving Our Neighbors with **DIFFERENT** Worldviews,

Values, and Morals
Missional Halloween resources/ideas
in the Gathering Space.

NOV. 06

Loving them by **SHARING**Your Faith

Evangelism resources in the Gathering Space.

NOV. 13

Loving the **DIFFICULT** Ones

NOV. 20

Loving Our Neighbors is a **CHOICE**

Thankful Neighbor cards in the Gathering Space

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.

Our 9:30am DCs are nearing capacity with our current space limitations during construction. So if you're considering a DC, below are a few 11:00am DCs options to explore. Stop by the Welcome Desk or visit carmelbaptist.org/connect to learn more.

(NEW DC) Couples Creating Community (All Adults), A100

(NEW DC) 2:42: (All Adults), A235

College Community (Young Adults), Room A107

Intersect Young Professionals (Young Adults), Room A245

Better Together (Young Married), Room A244

The Conversation (All Adults), Room A228

Journey (Parents of Young Families), Room A106

Young Families Community (Parents of Young Families) A243

Smith/Avey Community (All Adults), Room A105

Life Together (All Adults), Room 216

Stacks Community (Empty Nesters), Room A101

Calcutta Community (Empty Nesters), Room A102

Ignite (Single Adults), Room A246

Karow (Single Adults), Room D101

Smith Community (Senior Adults), Room A103

Dabels Community (Senior Women), Conference Room

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.



Wednesday Nights @ Carmel

Come for dinner. Stay for fellowship, prayer & equipping!
Complete program details for all ages available at carmelbaptist.org.

Prayer & Equipping (6:15 - 7:30pm)

Corporate Prayer

Gather with others in the Prayer Room for a time of **corporate prayer**. Once a month (October 5 and November 9), Pastor Alex will lead a time of prayer in the Worship Center.

Dinner & Fellowship (4:45-6:00pm)

Leave the cooking to Chef Lance and the Carmel Kitchen! Menu available online.

Recharge Class

Pop into an Adult Recharge Class - no need to register! Join us for the final 2 classes of Session 1 on Oct 12 and Oct 19 and plan now to plug into a class during Session 2 (Oct 26, Nov 16, Nov 30 & Dec 7). Full class descriptions available online.



Neighbors: Get Equipped for Loving Well (Session 1 Only), Room A243 What Matters Most: A Time to Reflect and Plan, Rooms A239 Finding Christ: The Search for Authentic Faith, Room A246 The Battle Plan for Prayer, Room A240

Finding Your Nearest Place to Serve, Room A238 Disciple-making Insights from Israel, Room D101 Your Child: The Essentials of Discipline, Room A244

Formed of Dust: Worshipping a Spiritual God in a Physical World, Room A235 Finding Simplicity through Organization, Room A245

Adult Bible Study

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

Got kids? Preschoolers (birth - Kindergarten) attend **GROW.** CarmelKidz (1st - 6th Grade) enjoy **Kidjam** (and monthly **Famjam**). Students (7th - 12th Grade) plug into **Fuel Worship**.

Other Opportunities

GriefShare - A small group Bible study for those who have lost a loved one.

Choir - Choir will be leading in all Sunday services on October 23. Attend one or both rehearsals on October 12 and October 19. No audition necessary! Choir is open to anyone high school age and up. More info at carmelbaptist.org/choir-2016.





Recommended Reads

In the pursuit of a healthy prayer life? Consider these "recommended reads" from the Prayer Ministry team. Also consider joining us at one of our regular prayer gatherings. Details online.

Prayer - Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God by Timothy Keller

A Diary of Private Prayer by John Baillie

Can You Hear Me - Tuning into The God who Speaks by Brad Jerzek

The Examen Prayer - Ignatian Wisdom for our lives today by Timothy Gallagher

> Prayer by Richard footer

Praying by J.I. Packer and Carolyn Nyetrom

> Praying with Paul by D. A. Carson

The Way of The Heart by Henri Nouwen

Sanctuary of The Soul by Richard Footer

> Prayer Portions by Sylvia Gunter

For The Family by Sylvia Gunter

Discovering How to Pray by Hope MacDonald

Prayer, Conversing With God by Rogalind Rinker

With Christ in the School of Prayer and Teach Me to Pray by Andrew Murray

Vist the Media Center display of these reads.

Life in Christ Resources

Men

Men's Breakfast: All men (9th Grade and older) are invited to Awaken the King in You.

November 12 @ 7:30am in the Worship Center.

Men Pursuing Purity: Open and on-going support group for men seeking to fight the addictive cycle of sexual sin from a Biblical perspective. Mondays @ 7:00pm



Women

Daughters of the King Prayer Gathering -

Come pray with us in the Prayer Room! $\bar{\text{E}}$ very Thursday @ 11:45am and the 3rd Tuesday of the month @ 7:00pm.

MOPS: Monthly evening of encouragement and fellowship for moms of preschoolers including a great dinner, inspiring speaker and hands-on project. October 6, November 1 and December 13 @ 7:00pm.

Mosaic Women's Night: Have a heart for adoption and foster care? Gather with others for an encouraging time of fellowship and learning the second Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. Visit carmelbaptist.org for details.

Praise: More than 350 women are participating in @church and @home Bible studies this Fall! Registration for Winter/Spring studies will begin in November. Stay Tuned!





Sr. Adults (55+) - Fall Events

Lunch and Local Mission Opportunity:

Enjoy fellowship, delicious food, and ministry! We'll have lunch at a local restaurant before going to serve at a local ministry partner.

Thursday, November 10, 11:00am.

Christmas Brunch and Program: Enjoy a delicious brunch followed by a special presentation by Dawn Smith Jordan. Dawn is a Christian speaker, singer/songwriter, recording artist, and published author.

Thursday, December 8, at 10:30am.



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



Nearest News

Church Bylaws - Elders Propose Revision

In late 2013, the elders entered into a strategic planning process and developed four goals which were presented to the church. One of the four goals was to revise the governance documents of the church (the others pertained to generous living, church planting and campus development).

The bylaws revision is a culmination of the work to update the bylaws; a document written originally in the 1970's and edited several times since then.

At the September 7 Quarterly Business Meeting, the Elders presented a motion to revise the church bylaws. Per the bylaws, the motion was tabled and referred to the Nominating & Governance Committee for review and the Carmel Family has the opportunity to read and further review the proposed changes. At the next business meeting, November 16, the motion to revise the bylaws will be presented again for the church's consideration. Carmel Baptist Church is a congregationally-governed, Elder-led and Deacon-served Body of Christ.

Printed copies of the proposed bylaws are available at the church office or you can find the electronic documents (including additional resources) at carmelleader.org.

Email your questions to the Elders at elders@carmelbaptist.org.

The Elders invite you to a **Question & Answer (Q&A) session** regarding these proposed revisions on Tuesday, October 4 at 7pm in D101 (across from the Preschool desk on the main level of the church).





Carmel stands united with Billy Graham Evangelistic Association's **Decision 2016** and Focus on the Family's **31 Days of Prayer** movements. You're invited to join forces along with hundreds of other churches across the nation as we pray for our families, neighbors, schools, nation, election 2016 and beyond!

Get involved TODAY!

Pray - Daily

Prayer guides available online and in the Prayer Room.

Pray with the Capitol at Carmel - Oct 13 @ 12:00pm

Franklin Graham's *Decision America Tour* has traveled to the steps of 49 United States capitols to proclaim the Gospel and challenge Christians to boldly live out their faith through faithful and fervent prayer. As the tour reaches it's 50th and final stop at the North Carolina state capitol (our capitol!), we, the Church, have the opportunity to stand together in allegiance, not to a political party but to Almighty God.

On Thursday, October 13 at 12:00pm, **everyone** (both men and women) is invited as Daughters of the King hosts a **simultaneous prayer gathering in the Prayer Room** to seek peace, unity, healing and restoration for our land.

Stay tuned for more prayer opportunities

WHERE WE INVEST





Total Carmel Baptist

\$21 million

Carmel Baptist Church

\$9.5 million

Weekday Early Education (WEE) School

\$1.9 million

Carmel Christian School

\$9.6 million

19% \$ GOING OUTSIDE OF CARMEL



ADMINISTRATION

- Administrative Personnel \$1,845,533 (19%)
- Building Fund \$1,700,000 (18%)
- Operations \$2,000,166 (21%)



- Worship Ministry
- Preschool Ministry (Birth Kindergarten)
- CarmelKidz Ministry (1st 6th Grade)
- Student Ministry (7th 12th Grade)
- Adult Ministry
- Carmel Counseling Center



- Local Ministry Partners
- Carmel Serve & Helping Hands
- City Transformation & Church Collaboration
- Church Planting & Revitalization
- Equipping & Training



- Ministry Assistance
- Cooperative Program
- Mission Trips
- Global Mission Partners
- Church Planting

2016

2014-16 DEBT REDUCTION

2014 6.2 MILLION

MILLION

2015



MILLION

In 2016-17 Carmel will invest in our Nearest by allocating \$1.7 million towards the construction cost of the Student Discipleship Center





Sunday Mornings

Lower Level Preschoolers: God's Faithfulness

This month our youngest preschoolers will hear several stories about God's faithfulness. God was faithful in keeping Noah and his family safe, reuniting Joseph with his family, protecting baby Moses, and He is faithful to us too!

Threes - Kindergarten: God Can Use Little Kids In Big Ways

This month, we will explore the lives of some pretty memorable kids in the Old Testament...like the boy who was crowned king at age 7, the servant girl who delivered a life-changing message, and the young boy who heard a strange voice in the night! Each Bible-time kid will remind us that God can use little kids in big ways. This month's special words: "God helps me do big things!"

Parents: Consider WEE Connect

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 here in addition to Worship!



Wednesday Nights

GROW on Wednesday Nights

Come GROW with Us! The children have begun walking through the Bible in A-B-C style. Each Wednesday we focus on a letter and all the activities, songs and worship time focus around that theme. In October the children will have the opportunity to begin memorizing Bible verses to go with each of the stories.

The children will also be given homework assignments (optional) to go along with Pastor Alex's sermon series on Neighbors.

For Mom & Dad

Praise for Milestone 1: Parent/Child Dedication

We added 2 new components to our September Parent Child Dedication time. Between the services we enjoyed food and fellowship with the participating parents, siblings and extended families members. We also had a photographer available to capture family shots and all the special moments we shared together.



MOPs (Moms of Preschoolers)

Tuesday - October 4th @ 7:00pm: It's Hobby Night! Enjoy fellowship over cookie decorating, wreath making and other crafts or listen in as amazing moms lead us in stress reduction, nutrition, and at-home fitness ideas. Come hungry - dinner will be served. Email KatieK.Menard@gmail.com for more information or check us out on Facebook (Carmel Baptist Church MOPs). We'll also meet on Tuesday, November 1 and Tuesday, December 13.





Sunday Mornings

What Matters Most!

The goal of parents and leaders is not to raise superheroes or super kids. But to raise everyday heroes who can face the world with a different kind of courage - courage to stand up against bullies, courage to speak out for others who may not have a voice, courage to do the right thing even though the rest of the world seems to be pushing them in the opposite direction. There will be times when we're going to be afraid, but when we believe and trust in God, we can be courageous. everyday heroes, because of who God is. When we show courage, we point others to

God, who is the source of courage.





WHAT MATTERS MIST?

Wednesday Nights

Famjam & Kidjam

Wednesday Night in October will focus on:

Courage: Being brave enough to do what you should do, even when you're afraid.







New CarmelKidz Team Member: Wendy Van Ginkel has joined the CarmelKidz staff to help support our Wednesday Night Kidjam times! Wendy will focus on helping CarmelKidz connect to their peers and leaders as they DISCOVER how to live LOUD for God and Show God's character in their everyday life.

Parent Reminders

- Sunday, October 2: Preteen Lunch & Parenting Meeting (registration required)
- · Wednesday October 5: Famjam
- Wednesdays October 12, 19 & 26: Kidjam
- Sundays in November: First Step class (registration required)







Student SERVE Projects

Discipleship is not only about learning but also living. Each grade has the opportunity to SERVE at a local ministry partner and sample a lifestyle of mission. Please register online at carmelbaptist.org.



7th Grade - Beds for Kids - Saturday, October 22, 10am - 12pm

8th Grade - Pregnancy Resource Center - Saturday, October 22, 10am - 12pm

9th Grade - Project 658 - Friday, October 21, 6:00-8:00pm

10th Grade - Carrington Place - Saturday, October 22, 10:15 - 11:30am

11th Grade - Young Life Capernaum - Thursday, October 27, 5:45 - 7:30pm

12th Grade - Charlotte Rescue Mission - Sunday, October 23, 5:15 - 7:00pm



Fall is off to a Great Start!

On promotion Sunday (August 28), we welcomed 490 students and leaders for Discipleship Community.

Fuel Worship on Wednesday Nights is underway and we're talking about Sticky Situations! 6:15-7:30pm in the Gym.

C2: Home Fellowships have begun. Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm in homes (contact Student Ministry for details).



Check them out at carmelstudents.org/parents.















MILESTONE 6

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION - 12th GRADE

Saturday May 20, 2017 - Graduation Milestone Dinner Sunday, May 21, 2017 - High School Graduation Recognition



MILESTONE 5

RITE OF PASSAGE - 10th GRADE

January/February 2017 - details coming soon

Parents, leverage the Milestone Pathway as you disciple your children.



MILESTONE 4

PURITY FOR LIFE - 8th GRADE

Sunday, March 5, 2017 - Parent Meeting March 17 - 19, 2017 - Survivor Weekend April 23, 2017 - Purity for Life Recognition



MILESTONE 3

PREPARING FOR ADOLESCENCE - 6th GRADE

March 30 - April 2, 2017 - Father/Son Retreat April 7 - 9, 2017 - Parent/Daughter Retreat



MILESTONE 2

SALVATION - 1st - 5th GRADE

Sundays, Nov 6 - 27, 2016 - CarmelKidz First Step Sundays, Jan 8 - 24, 2017 - CarmelKidz First Step

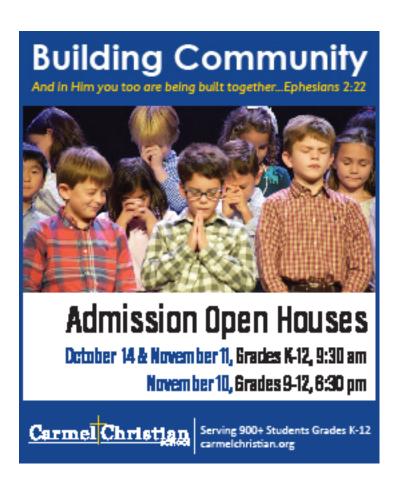


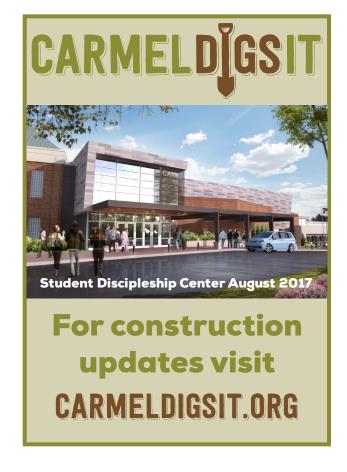
MILESTONE 1
PARENT CHILD DEDICATION - BIRTH - AGE 5

February, 2017 - Parent Child Dedication



To learn more. visit carmelbaptist.org milestones.







Neighbors

Carmel SERVE Weekend

The Sunday morning Discipleship Communities have been invited to adopt one of Carmel's ministry partners to Love & Serve throughout the year. This ongoing focus with one organization will allow DCs to build relationships with the organization, meet unique needs that may otherwise go unmet, and ultimately have a greater Kingdom impact because of the level of investment. This new approach kicks off this month with Carmel SERVE – a focused time of connecting with and serving our ministry partners. Here are just a few of the Carmel SERVE Projects happening **October 21 - 23**:



DC Leaders at Project 658 Preview Event

- Prayer Walking at LaTrobe/PRC
- Cooking Class for Families at Jackson Park
- Bingo Night at Carrington Place

- Preparing and Serving Meal at Charlotte Rescue Mission
- Apartment Ministry with Refugee Families through Project 658
- Writing Cards to Women in Prison through Changed Choices

Not in a DC? No Problem! Email Angelas@carmelbaptist.org to get connected to a Carmel Serve Project.



DC Leaders at Dove's Nest Preview Event

Wednesday Night Recharge Opps

Come get equipped to love well with these Recharge classes:

Wednesday October 12: Hi My Name Is

Making a disciple is a very personal endeavor. It begins and ends with relationship. That is why we say "Discipleship Begins by Remembering a Name." We will be discussing simple ways to build relationships and demonstrate the love of Jesus with the lost, broken, and hurting people around us.

Wednesday October 19: Where Do I Go & What Do I Say?

On the weekend of October 21st- 23rd, Carmel DCs will go throughout Charlotte to love and serve our Neighbors Ministry Partners. Before we scatter throughout the city, it is imperative that we pray and prepare for our time serving. Learn exactly what your team will be doing, how we can best love and engage with people while there and most importantly pray for our ministry partners and our time this weekend. Not in a DC but want to participate? Please come and connect with a group that is serving.

WOMEN! SAVE THE DATE!



Other Key Dates:

Saturday October 8 - Joni & Friends Walk n Roll: Carmel will host this festival and awareness event for families impacted by special needs from 9:00am-1:00pm.

Saturday October 8 - ServeCMS: Churches from around Charlotte are serving their CMS partner schools as an expression of love and unity. Our Carmel team is headed to Lansdowne Elementary to help clean, landscape and organize their campus, from 9:00am to 12:00pm



Nations

Mission Minded

Ukraine Partnership Update

Several years ago, Carmel helped launch a church planting school at Ukraine Baptist Theological Seminary (UBTS). On a recent trip, the Carmel team was excited to see how UBTS is cultivating partnerships with other US churches modeled after their Carmel partnership to encourage and support upcoming church planters.

At the same time, Carmel has come alongside Irpin Bible Church (IBC). IBC has grown significantly in the past few years to become a church with significant influence both with Ukraine churches seeking to become more effective as well as with the unchurched who are far from God.

Our partners in Ukraine remind us that following Jesus can come at a cost and should challenge us to live out the Gospel with intentionality here in Charlotte and beyond.

Dominican Republic in February

Under the leadership of Charles Cranford, a Carmel team will return to DR (Feb 18 - 25, 2017) to continue to provide vocational training to local laborers as they build a Christian school for the children of field workers. They'll also share the Gospel with those who work the fields, prayer walk throughout the week and conduct worship services in a few villages. The deadline to sign up is Thursday, November 3 and a required team orientation meeting will be Sunday, December 4.

For more information about our partnership with UBTS and IBC or the Dominican Republic Mission Trip visit carmelbaptist.org/serve/nations or contact Alesha McNally at alesham@carmelbaptist.org.









Redeem Halloween!







Within the Christian community, there has always been a polarizing debate about Halloween. Do we as Christians reject it, receive it or redeem it?

Rejecting it would mean we turn our porch light off, pretend October 31st, does not exist and shun those who participate in a day dedicated to eating too much candy. **Receiving** it would mean we simply go along with what our culture does, participating mindlessly. I think both of these fall short of what God calls us to as his followers. Practically, the question remains what you'll do on that day. For our family, we've chosen to participate with our neighbor and seek to **redeem** Halloween. Here is one thing we're doing:

Stand out in our driveway. Be out front to say hi to everyone, talk to them. This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors. Everyone is out walking around. Not sure how often that happens in your neighborhood, but it isn't an everyday occurrence. Being present in your neighborhood is a great step forward in being on mission in your neighborhood.

Excerpt from Redeeming Halloween (Joshua Reich)

To learn about other practical ways you and your family can Redeem Halloween, visit the Gathering Space on October 23rd or 30th!





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