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"I thank my God every time I remember you" Philippians 1:3

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#### Who Is My Neighbor?

**Summer 2025** 

In the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) Jesus taught that all people (even one's own enemies) are one's neighbors. The divisive nature of our world today provides extra importance to this teaching for "Christians are to love all people by demonstrating specific acts of compassion." In response to the "expert in the law's" question, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus responded with a parable, a story. And in this parable, Jesus tells the man not only who his neighbor is, but he tells him what true neighbors are like. The story is a familiar one. A man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho on a treacherous road is beaten and robbed and left for dead. In time both a priest and Levite (religious figures) come by but neither helps the man who obviously they see is in need. Then a Samaritan comes by. He personally cares for the man and transports him to a place of safety where he can heal from his wounds, making all the necessary arrangements for his recovery. His service is sacrificial. The twist in the story is that the one who helped the man was a Samaritan and the Samaritans were hated by the Jews.

Jesus put forth the question to the "expert in the law," "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" It was obvious and he replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus indicated that we should worry less about "who" a neighbor is than being a good neighbor ourselves. Don't establish conditions to determine whether you will help someone, don't set up artificial qualifications to determine whether someone is worthy of help, don't put limits on love, be a good neighbor to all people! True neighborliness is not curious to know where its boundaries run. It seeks not for limits, but for opportunities. "Who is my neighbor?" He or she is anybody in need, Jesus teaches. And you will find your neighbor in "the way" as you live your life. He or she is not of this or that country or religious affiliation, not a sinner or a saint, but any person in need. Jesus simply told him and us too, "Go and do likewise." It's not complicated. (1) Everyone is your neighbor. We are called to show mercy to anyone in need, regardless of race, religion, social status, or cultural boundaries. Even one's enemy is one's neighbor. (2) Love is active, not abstract. The Samaritan not only "felt" compassion, but he also acted on it. Real love moves beyond feelings or intentions to tangible acts of care, even when it's inconvenient or costly. (3) Religious knowledge without love is empty. The priest and Levite, despite their religious roles, failed to act. We must ask, "Is my faith leading me to love all people?" Is it making me more like Christ, kinder and more merciful which is a defining mark of a disciple of Jesus.

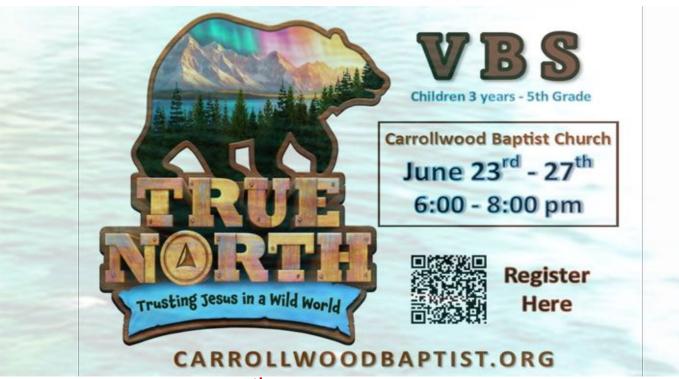
As you view this summer edition of the Good Newsletter aside from our regular schedule of worship and Bible studies you will find seasonal events and activities that represent opportunities for spiritual growth, fellowship, and service – loving our neighbors. Pray for people in your life, and for opportunities to show mercy, to embody Christ's message of hope and healing to those in need.

#### Pastor Joe

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### UPCOMING EVENTS



### Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> - Brief VBS Meeting after Church

#### **Items Still Needed for VBS:**

- Old Christmas Trees (all sizes)
- Camping Gear (lanterns, camping chairs, small tents, sleeping bags etc.)
- Hiking Gear (backpacks, hiking sticks etc.)
- Brown Craft Paper / Brown Paper Bags / Boxes
- Styrofoam (any kind)
- Tubes (paper towel, toilet paper, any kind of tube)
- Black Styrofoam Produce Trays (NO MEAT TRAYS)
- Brown and Blue Gray Plastic Grocery Bags
- Help with creative ideas and making these ideas come to life

### See Rhonda Alain or Debbie Swindle for Questions

VBS DECORATING SCHEDULE							
MONDAY 6/16	TUESDAY 6/17	WEDNESDAY 6/18	THURSDAY 6/19	FRIDAY 6/20	SATURDAY 6/21	SUNDAY 6/22	
1 РМ - 5 РМ	1 рм - 5рм	9ам-12рм	2рм - 5рм	9ам - 12рм	9ам - 12рм	12рм-4рм	
6 рм - 8рм	6рм - 8рм	1 рм - 4рм	6рм - 8рм	3PM PICK UP DÉCOR	1 рм - 4рм 5рм -7рм	5рм - 8рм	
Work on	Work on	Work on	Work on	FROM LAKE			
Worship	CARPENTER	CLASSROOMS	CLASSROOMS	MAG UM	Work on	Work on	
AREA	HALL				HALLWAYS	HALLWAYS	



9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service The Observance of the Lord's Supper

Potluck Luncheon following Worship in Carpenter Hall

Please sign up to bring a Side Dish/Salad, Dessert or Drinks.

The Church is providing Fried Chicken!

PLEASE BRING THE FOOD READY TO SERVE!

ONLY THE WARMER WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR USE AND

OF COURSE CROCK-POTS ARE WELCOME AS WELL!

### SUMMER WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

### June

4, 11, 18, and VBS 23-27

6:30-7:30 pm Adult Prayer & Bible Study in the Chapel7:00-8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal in the Life Center7:30-8:30 pm Band, Tech, and Orchestra Rehearsal in the Life Center

### July

\*2, 9, 16, 23, and \*30 6:00 - 8:00 pm - Youth Activities \* No Activities

### August

\*6, \*13, 20, and 27
\* No Activities

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT KICK OFF! 8/20

6:00-7:00 pm Adult Bible Study and Prayer in the Chapel
6:30-7:30 pm Children in Action in room #103 (new time)
Youth in the Youth House
7:00-7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal in the Life Center

7:30-8:30 pm Band, Tech, and Orchestra Rehearsal in the Life Center

# MEN'S MINISTRY



### ALL MEN WELCOME!

We meet on the third Saturday of the month at 8:00 am in Carpenter Hall for a time of *breakfast*, *fellowship* and *prayer*. See Doug Earle for questions.

Saturdays: June 21 in the Youth House and Deacons Meeting after Breakfast July 19, and August 16 regular schedule



### WOMEN'S MINISTRY



### Ladies Prayer Brunch and Bible Study

is a great monthly gathering for the ladies of the church, usually held on the second Saturday of the month at 10:00 am in Carpenter Hall. See Betty Morris for questions; sign up in the Life Center.

Below are the exciting topics we'll be diving into this Summer:

Saturday
June 14
PRAYER
Robin Singleton

Saturday
July 12
LIBERTY
SPIRITUAL BONDAGE

Saturday
August 9
MENTAL HEALTH
Elaine Richards

Betty Morris



### CBC KIDS

### CHILDREN IN ACTION



Thursday, June 5
8:30 am - 4:00 pm
FREE Admission

\$20 for Lunch & Snacks Wear comfortable shoes, hat, sunscreen See Amy Kiefer for ?'s



### **Children in Action**

# Wednesday Night Kick-Off August 20, 2024





CA THEME KICK-OFF is on Wednesday, August 27 at 6:30 pm!

### AMY KIEFER, LEAD



#### MINISTRY TEAM SCHEDULE

June - August 2025

June	Ministry Team		
1	Carol Wade / Rhonda Alain		
8	Heidi Barlow / Jenna Hogberg / Rhonda Alain		
15	Robin Singleton / Mia Mesa / Rhonda Alain		
22	FAMLY SUNDAY		
29	Debbie Cakouros / Carmen Rivera / Rhonda Alain		

July	Ministry Team		
6	Carol Wade / Beth Gonzalez / Lauren Gonzalez		
13	Heidi Barlow / Jenna Hogberg / Rhonda Alain		
20	Robin Singleton / Kate Roberts / Rhonda Alain		
27	FAMILY SUNDAY		

August	Ministry Team
3	Carol Wade / Rhonda Alain
10	Heidi Barlow / Jenna Hogberg / Rhonda Alain
17	Robin Singleton / Rhonda Alain
24	FAMILY SUNDAY
31	Debbie Cakouros / Carmen Rivera / Rhonda Alain

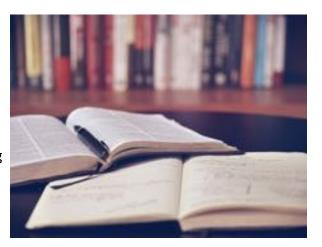
<sup>\*</sup>Mary Parmley when available





### **Wednesday Night Discipleship**

There will be **NO YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP** during the month of June! We will pick back up with Wednesday night activities in July with Summer fellowship activities and then kick back off August 20 with our regular mid-week schedule. Sunday Morning Bible Study will resume as normal throughout the Summer and into August.





In order to raise funds for our Student Summer Camp trip to North Carolina, our students will be selling CBC merchandise in the back of the Life Center on Sunday mornings. Everything from T-Shirts, Polos, Hats, and even Lunch Box Coolers and Golf Balls will be available! Be sure to pick up your Carrollwood Baptist gear while supplies last and help our students as we get ready for camp.



Jersey Mike's Subs 14839 N Dale Mabry Highway Tampa, FL 33618

Jersey Mike's, located on the corner of Bearss and Dale Mabry, is honored to team up with **Carroll-wood Baptist Church Youth Group** to help raise funds for *Student Life Camp* through spirit night! Jersey Mike's will donate 50% of all sales during the allotted time and date to anyone who informs our cashier they are there for the spirit night. Simply show up, buy some amazing food, and voila! You have just donated to a good cause!

**Organization: Carrollwood Baptist Church Youth Group** 

Date: Tuesday, June 10th

Time: 5 pm – 8 pm Sales Donated: 50%

#### **SUMMER CAMP 2025**

Please be in prayer as our youth group will be attending **Student Life Camp at Ridgecrest, NC, from July 26 to August 1, 2025!** This is an incredible opportunity for students to grow spiritually, build lasting friendships, and experience God in a powerful way. Pray that hearts and minds will be receptive to the Holy Spirit and that students will leave changed.





On Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, we celebrate 31 years as a church family – a testimony to God's grace, provision, and faithfulness. As we gather to worship, our music ministry will present the anthem, "Jesus, Hope of the World," a powerful reminder that our past, present, and future rest securely in Him. Through every season, Jesus has been our anchor and our guide. As we look ahead, may we continue to place our hope in Christ alone, trusting Him to lead us forward for His glory!





Do you possess a gift for singing or playing music? Are you tech-savvy and eager to expand your skills? If yes, we invite you to become part of our team of dedicated volunteers! Explore opportunities by visiting CarrollwoodBaptist.org and clicking on the "Volunteer" button, or reach out to Pastor Matt via email at matt@carrollwoodbaptist.org. Join us as we work together to worship Jesus!

### **Wednesday Night Rehearsals**

(No Rehearsals July 2 - August 13)

Worship Choir: 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Band, Tech, & Orchestra: 7:30 – 8:30 PM



## MISSION-NEWS



### **WOM Quarterly Update: All Women are Welcome**

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am in room #204.

The next meeting dates are June 10<sup>th</sup>, July 8<sup>th</sup>, and August 12<sup>th</sup>.

At our June meeting we will be helping with whatever is needed to prepare for VBS. This summer we will learn many exciting things about IMB in Central Asia. And with grateful hearts we will be handing out the Sonshine bags and sending encouragement cards to people we

believe could use them. We will continue to help out with the Mission House and any issues that may come up. And last but not least, many thanks to CBC for helping us reach and surpass the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goal for this year!

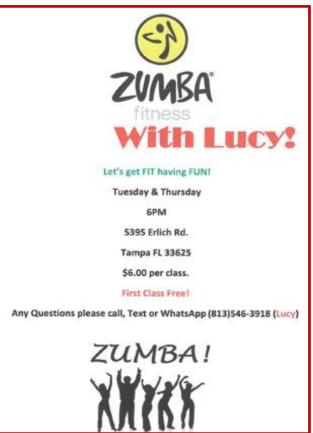
Please be in prayer for *Youth Mission Team from First Baptist*Church in Arcadia as they come and stay at CBC from July 10-13.

They will be doing mission projects around Tampa.









### From Missionaries Ron and Lisa Jones ...

Dear Friends

MOUNTAIN VIEW

This summer the two of us will be making another mission trip to Quebec City! We will serve alongside our International Mission Board (IMB) missionaries and Eglise 180° (<a href="www.eglise180.com">www.eglise180.com</a>), the church where we served before our retirement. We're excited to be taking a group of 12 this year from our local church here in Utah, Mountain View Baptist Church (MVBC). Our group will include 4 from our youth group, including our grandson, Rilian. How blessed we are to be able to continue to support our church family in Quebec, as well as share our passion for missions with those in our local church! This year we will not be leading the team, but instead providing support for our new team leaders the Lord has called out from MVBC.

We will be in Quebec City from June 26-July 3, 2025, and will be joining Eglise 180 in their annual MOVING DAY Outreach event. As we help move those in need in the local community we will be serving as the hands and feet of Jesus sharing His love! This is something we can't do alone, so we're reaching out to you to ask if you'd like to join us in this effort.

First and foremost, you can join us in praying! We face opposition from an unseen enemy as we bring the light to a dark place where fewer than 3% of the population have a personal relationship with Jesus. Our brothers and sisters in Quebec also need prayer as they seek to share the gospel and plant churches in a society that is distrustful of religion yet seeking to fill a spiritual hole in their lives.

Second, you can join us in giving toward the cost of the trip. The trip will cost about \$2500 per person, so we're asking family and friends if they would like to help us out with the cost. Any amount you can give will help, and gifts are tax-deductible (\* see back for notes on tax-deductible contributions). If you're not able to give or if the Lord is not leading you to give, we understand. But you can still join us in praying!

Thanks so much for joining us in this amazing opportunity,

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If you'd like to commit to supporting us and our team in prayer leading up to and during the trip, please send e an email at <u>delisajjones@outlook.com</u> and we will add you to our prayer email list.

To support the two of us and our team financially, please follow these directions:

Checks: Make checks payable to Mountain View
Baptist Church and write Quebec Team on the memo
line. Mail checks to:

Mountain View Baptist Church 2585 East Hwy 193 Layton, Utah 84040 For online giving: Go to <a href="https://onrealm.org/mvbc/-/form/give/now">https://onrealm.org/mvbc/-/form/give/now</a>. Select the Mission Trip Fund and place "Quebec Team" on the memo line. For detailed instructions with screenshots, follow this link: <a href="https://bit.ly/mvbcqc">https://bit.ly/mvbcqc</a> or scan this QR code:





### TUESDAYS AUGUST 12 - NOVEMBER 4 with Cheryl Barlow and Rusty Walker from 6:30-8:30 pm in Carpenter Hall.

How do you know if GriefShare is right for you? If you need a safe, comforting place where you can talk with others about your grief, then

this is the place for you. You will view a video each week on a certain topic. And you will not only hear from counselors, pastors and psychologists but you will also hear from people just like yourself who are now on the other side of their grief and have comforting insight to give to you. Or perhaps you know someone who is struggling in their grief. Please share a pamphlet from the back of the Life Center with them and encourage them to come.