

Church Office Hours 8-4 Mon-Fri,
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Discipleship Classes 9am

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PO Box 56
Carney, MI 49812
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Worship Service 10am

Serving This Week

October 26, 2025

Worship Leader: Brian Kuntze
Song Leader: Ruth Hryshkanych
Livestream/AV: Tim Strietzel
Laura Strietzel
Greeters: Jack & Elizabeth Heyer
Don & Gwen Gearhart
Children's Church: Megan Meissner
Toddlers: Jill Brown & Abby Morea
Nursery: Laurie Chaney & Ducky Brennan

Serving Next Week:

November 2, 2025

Worship Leader:
Song Leader: Michelle Gilbert
Livestream/AV: Tristan Kacynski
Mike Malone
Greeters: Laura Strietzel
Tim & Hazel Johnson
Children's Church: Megan Meissner
Toddlers: Ralph Gearhart & Greta Meissner
Nursery: & Grace Imhoff

Facilities Team On-Call: Kevin Jurmu (906) 250-8731

Kitchen Serving On-Call: Arlene Mueller, Loni Triest, Lana Rochefort

Kitchen Clean-up On-Call: Tim & Hazel Johnson

Budgeted Oct:	14,043.08	Budgeted YTD:	150,963.11
Received Oct:	11,090.00	Received YTD:	150,664.29
Spent Oct:	11,977.73	Spent YTD:	159,219.91*

*Includes the repayment of the Spiritual Ministry Fund 11,464.94



Thank you for letting the Lord give through you to sustain the ministries of Carney Free Church! You can use the offering boxes in the lobby on Sundays to give in person, or if you would like to give online (one-time or regularly), please point your camera at this code. Hold it until it opens a link. Click on the link.



ORDER OF SERVICE

October 26, 2025

Opening Song

Welcome & Call to Worship

Ministry Minute

Greet One Another
Congregational Songs

Congregational Scripture Reading
Isaiah 53:1-6
Prayer

Congregational Songs
(Children's Church K-3 Dismissed)

"Lessons Learned On The Way To Church"
Pastor Bob Norris
Acts 3:1-26 (pg 911)

Congregational Song
Before You Go
Benediction

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- They were willing to share what they had – vs. 5-10
- They were willing to give God the credit – vs. 10-16

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 - What was the relationship between physical healing and spiritual salvation in Jesus' work and teaching? (see Luke 4:18-19; 5:17-26; 7:20-23 and 9:1-2)
 - What purposes did the physical healing serve in Acts 3 (see Acts 3:8-13; 4:4-14)?
 - Why do you think Peter and John healed the beggar physically instead of just either giving him money or offering him spiritual salvation?
3. Does Acts 3:1-10 set any example for our priorities or mission today? If not, why not?
4. According to Peter, how was this healing possible (see 3:16)?
5. Why is it important for us that the apostles did not need their own power or exceptional godliness to heal the beggar (see 3:12)?
6. How did Peter describe Jesus in this speech (see 3:13-15, 22)?
7. What does it mean that Jesus is God's Servant (see Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12)?
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Every book will help
build a library full of love,
 and every note will be
a treasure for years to come.

TODAY

8:45am	Café Corner
9am	Discipleship Classes
9:30am	Prayer on the Balcony
10am	Morning Service
11:30am	Christmas Choir Meeting
5am	Praise & Prayer Fellowship

THIS WEEK

Oct	29	6-8pm	Youth Group
		6-8pm	Sonshine Club — Bug Night
	31	4-6pm	Trunk or Treat (see News & Notes)
Nov	2	11:30am	Outreach & Ministry Meeting

COMING SOON

Nov	3	9-4pm	White Cross Bandage Rolling
	4	7:30am	Men's Bible Study
	5	6-8pm	Youth Group
		6-8pm	Sonshine Club — Patriotic/Parent Night
	8		NC Missions Team heads out

PRAYER FOR OUR FUTURE PASTOR & OUR CHURCH

We are praying for our future pastor & his family on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays – for our church on Tuesdays – and for our Transition Team on Tuesday & Thursdays.

Monday Oct 27, Pray that our pastor will counsel and teach with discernment through the wise use of scripture and faith in God's power to work. Pray that he will be protected from the effects of sinful or negative attitudes that he encounters as he counsels.

Tuesday Oct 28, Pray that the Church's Christ-like love will be seen by the world.

Wednesday Oct 29, Ask God to protect our pastor's marriage and keep it strong as a model of Christ's relationship with the Church. Pray he will tenderly cherish and lead his wife, and that she will respect and encourage her husband, submitting to his leadership.

Thursday Oct 30, Pray for patience as we work through the hurt and issues in our church.

Friday Oct 31, Pray that God will bring godly friends and encouragers to our Pastor and his family, to strengthen them for the ministry and to provide meaningful fellowship and times of rest.

NEW & NOTES

THANK YOU FROM PASTOR BOB & SANDY - We would like to thank you for your expressions of love and gratitude this past Sunday for our ministry alongside you. We were greatly encouraged and thankful to the Lord for each and every one of you!

CHRISTMAS CHOIR: The first meeting is today following the morning service. Adults and High Schoolers are Welcome! The next rehearsals will be Nov 16 through Dec 14.

WHITE CROSS BANDAGE ROLLING – Nov 3, from 9-4. Lunch will be provided. You may come & go as you please. Please sign up at the Welcome Center and put an L if you will be there for lunch.

ROUBALS NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS – Our church is scheduled to bring the November Birthday Celebration to Roubals. There is a signup sheet at the Welcome Center.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE sends gift-filled **Operation Christmas Child** shoeboxes to children in need around the world, together with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. **The last day to turn in your shoebox is November 16.** National Collection week is Nov 17-25.

TRUNK OR TREAT on October 31 from 4-6. You can come in costume; decorate your vehicle (or just come). **We need more candy donations.** This is a great way to let people in the community know about our Sonshine Club Ministry. There is a signup sheet at the welcome center. Thanks!

DEADLINE LAST CHANCE FOR DIRECTORY PICTURES: Susie will not be in the office until Tuesday the 28, so email those last pics now! cefc@carneyfreechurch.org

There is an updated newsletter from Emma Collins, the Derocher & Langteau families on the eastside bulletin board and at the Missions Center.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Monday	Micah 3:1-12	Friday	Micah 7:1-20
Tuesday	Micah 4:1-5:1	Saturday	Psalm 8
Wednesday	Micah 5:2-15	Sunday	2 Chronicles 5:1-14
Thursday	Micah 6:1-16		