

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

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PO Box 56  
Carney, MI 49812  
Website: [carneyfreechurch.org](http://carneyfreechurch.org)  
Worship Service 10am

**Serving This Week: August 17, 2025**

Worship Leader: Tim Johnson  
Song Leader: Caleb Meissner  
Livestream: Mckenzie Walters  
Kaden Malone  
Greeters: Jack & Elizabeth Heyer  
Bernie Strahl  
Children's Church: Kerri Mack  
Toddlers: Jill Brown & Abby Moreau  
Nursery: Laura Strietzel & Greta Meissner

**Serving Next Week: August 24, 2025**

Worship Leader: Brian Kuntze  
Song Leader: Michelle Gilbert  
Livestream: Laura Strietzel  
Tim Strietzel  
Greeters: Don Ihander  
Lana Rochefort  
Children's Church: Sonja Dwyer  
Toddlers: Ralph Gearhart & Autumn Meissner  
Nursery: Sue Mulheron & Grace Imhoff

Facilities Team On-Call Aug: Brian Kuntze (906) 271-1004

Kitchen Serving On-Call Aug: Debbie Moreau, Linda Rhode &  
Deanna Moreau

Kitchen Clean-up On-Call Aug: Ralph Gearhart, Roger Jones &  
Arlene Mueller

Budgeted Aug:	17,553.85	Budgeted YTD:	115,855.41
Received Aug:	2,957.30	Received YTD:	115,753.71
Spent Aug:	11,206.04	Spent YTD:	132,176.44*

\*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**  
Aug 17, 2025

Opening Song

Welcome & Call to Worship

Ministry Minute

Greet One Another  
Congregational Songs  
Congregational Scripture Reading  
Psalm 138:1-8

Prayer

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

*"Losing Sight Of Our Purpose"*  
Pastor Bob Norris  
Jonah 4:1-11 (pg 775)

Congregational Song  
Before You Go  
Benediction

The mission of Carney Evangelical Free Church  
is to make fervent and obedient disciples  
of Jesus Christ. (Matthew 28:18-20)

## Losing Sight Of Our Purpose

Jonah 4:1-11

August 17, 2025

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### 2. It's Time For A Ministry Progress Review, Jonah – vs. 1-3

- The aftermath of his visit to Nineveh
- A closer look at the grade – vs. 2
- Jonah's response – take me out, I don't want to live anymore – vs. 3

### 3. God's Remedial Plan For His Man – vs. 4-11

- God's patience at work – *have you any right to be angry?* – vs. 4
- Jonah's response – vs. 5
- God's reaction to Jonah's response – vs. 6-8
- God speaks to Jonah again – vs. 9-11
- The book ends with the silence of Jonah to God's question – *should I not be concerned about that great city?*

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3. What state might your life be in today if God chose not to discipline you when you went astray?
4. What different forms does God’s discipline take in the life of a believer in these verses?
  - Psalm 32:3-5
  - Psalm 38:1-8
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  - Psalm 119:67, 71, 75
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*\*\*meeting weekly*

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*\*\*an online option (Zoom) will be available*

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## TODAY

8:45am	Café Corner
9am	Discipleship Classes
9:30am	Prayer on the Balcony
10am	Morning Service

## THIS WEEK

Aug 18	6pm	Facilities Meeting
19	7:30am	Men's Bible Study
	11am	Care Team Meeting

## COMING SOON

Aug 26	7:30am	Men's Bible Study
31	6pm	Fireside Fellowship at the Norris'

## 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 Aug 18,** Pray that our Pastor will be courageous in the pulpit proclaiming Christ, and confident in his use of the Word of God. Ask God to help him preach with insight, transparency, and humility.

**Tuesday Aug 19,** Pray for the search committee and the Church to hope in God and seek Him wholeheartedly with the realization that He is in control of the Church's future.

**Wednesday Aug 20,** Pray that our future Pastor will be a "Great Commission man" – committed to personal evangelism and the equipping of the saints to seek the lost.

**Thursday Aug 21,** Pray for unity in decision making.

**Friday Aug 22,** Pray that our future Pastor will be a man of prayer and worship, and that he will lead by example – teaching the congregation how to walk in a close relationship with the Father.

## NEWS & NOTES

**THANK YOU TO ALL** who helped with all the landscaping!

**LAWNMOWERS NEEDED,** A signup sheet is at the Welcome Center. Thank you!

**LADIES RETREAT is held at LLBC on September 5-7.** The theme this year is "I Am the Vine and You are the Branches." John 15:4-5 Brochures are available at the Welcome Center. Join Us!

**COMMON THREAD** will begin meeting again Sept 8 & 20. On Sept 20 from 9-3pm, we are having the **WHITECROSS BANDAGE ROLLING.** Looking for 100% cotton white sheets.

**DIRECTORY UPDATE** – We will begin contacting those in our current directory that did not send in a form, reminders for pictures and getting a draft ready for you to review.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**MAVERICK DAMASCHKE:** Pray that the side effects from Chemo would be minimal.

**MARIE DECKER:** Pray that the doctors will find answers and that she will be able to come home soon. She is at St Mary's in Green Bay

**ALICIA FADROSKI** is in St Vincent's in Green Bay Rm 420. Pray that God will give the doctor's wisdom.

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Monday	Acts 16:16-40	Friday	Acts 18:18-28
Tuesday	Acts 17:1-15	Saturday	Acts 19:1-20
Wednesday	Acts 17:16-34	Sunday	Acts 19:21-41
Thursday	Acts 18:1-17		

There are updated newsletters from Cate & Colette Gilbert located on the westside entrance bulletin board.

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You can find copies of them at the Missions Center.