

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

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Worship Service 10am

**Serving This 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

**Serving Next Week: August 31, 2025**

Worship Leader: Jack Heyer  
Song Leader: Michelle Gilbert  
Livestream: Laura Anderson  
AV: Michael Malone  
Greeters: Ray & Jan Betters  
Laura Strietzel  
Children's Church: Ralph Gearhart  
Toddlers: Elizabeth Heyer & Greta Meissner  
Nursery: Laura Chaney & Ducky Brennan

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:	119,366.18
Received Aug:	8,187.30	Received YTD:	120,983.71
Spent Aug:	11,736.63	Spent YTD:	131,707.02*

\*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 24, 2025

Opening Song

Welcome & Call to Worship

Ministry Minute

Greet One Another  
Congregational Songs

Congregational Scripture Reading  
2 Corinthians 4:7-10, 16:18  
Prayer

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

*"God Is Nowhere?"*  
Pastor Bob Norris  
*Psalms 73:1-28 (pg 485)*

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)

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Psalm 73:1-28

August 24, 2025

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- Introduction to Asaph
- He knows what everyone at “church” is saying – vs. 1
- The introduction to “stinking thinking” – vs. 2-16

### 2. How A Clear Perspective Changes Everything – vs. 17-28

- The reason why he could now see more clearly – vs. 17
- Everything changes when we know what is normal
  - 1 Peter 4:12; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18
- Everything changes when we know how things end
  - His current perspective – the good guys are losing....
  - A short history of what every follower of Christ needs to know
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### 3. Moving From God Is Nowhere To God Is Now Here

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1. Read through Psalm 73 again and identify God's praiseworthy attributes that he mentions in the chapter.
2. What circumstances does Asaph mention that would cause him to come to the conclusion he voices in vs. 13?
3. What does Asaph have to say was the source of his "stinking thinking" in vs. 3?
4. How would visiting the sanctuary of God (vs. 17) impact his "stinking thinking"?
5. The writer of Hebrews adds some additional counsel to this subject in Hebrews 12:1-3? What should be our focus instead of the injustice and wickedness around us?
6. How would making the Lord God his refuge (vs. 28) cause him to know that GOD IS NOW HERE instead of GOD IS NOWHERE?
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## TODAY

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

## THIS WEEK

Aug	26	7:30am	Men's Bible Study
	31	6pm	Fireside Fellowship @ Pastor Bob & Sandy's

## COMING SOON

Sept	5-7	2pm	Friday Registration for Ladies Retreat
	8	10-3pm	Common Thread
		6pm	Shelter
	9	6pm	Elder Meeting

## 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 25,** Pray that our future Pastor will practice servant leadership, edifying the congregation with wisdom and serving with God's 'agape' love.

**Tuesday Aug 26,** Pray that God will give the Church patience and grace for the search committee through this process.

**Wednesday Aug 27,** Pray for spiritual unity in the Church staff and among the spiritual leadership of the church (elders). Pray that the enemy will not be allowed to create divisions, strife, or misunderstanding among the church leaders.

**Thursday Aug 28,** Pray for humility before God and trust in His leadership.

**Friday Aug 29,** Pray that God will give our future Pastor a clear, biblical vision of what our Church can be and should be for His glory, and that he will communicate that vision clearly and confidently to the Church.

## NEWS & NOTES

### GOD FOCUSED MESSAGE...CRAFT...MUG EXCHANGE

Don't miss out! LADIES RETREAT held at LLBC is September 5-7. "I Am the Vine and You are the Branches." John 15:4-5. *Brochures are available at the Welcome Center. Join Us!*

**SEPT 20, WHITE CROSS BANDAGE Rolling:** From 9-3 (lunch will be provided) Please keep your eyes open for white 100% cotton sheets or pillowcases. Thank you!

**COMMON THREAD** will begin meeting regularly again Sept 8 & 20

**DIRECTORY UPDATE:** If you would like to help contact people as reminders, missing data, etc. **See Bernie Strahl.**

**HELP MOMS CHOOSE LIFE & give them hope.** It has been a while since we have filled baby bottles to help support single moms. If you can, take a baby bottle from the foyer diaper bag, fill it with your change and bring it back and give moms a hand up.

There are updated newsletters from Hannah Cunningham & Rebekah Strietzel located in the west-side entrance on the bulletin board and at the Missions Center.

**There is a postcard with a QR Code to their new website celebrating LLBC 90 Years!** (on the west-side entrance bulletin board.)

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Monday	Acts 20:1-16	Friday	Romans 1:1-18
Tuesday	Acts 20:17-38	Saturday	Romans 12:1-21
Wednesday	Acts 21:1-16	Sunday	Romans 13:1-14
Thursday	Acts 21:17-26		