

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 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

**Serving Next Week: September 7, 2025**

Worship Leader: Will Strasburg  
Song Leader: Haley Kuntze  
Livestream: Tristan Kacynski  
AV: Krystle Kuntze  
Greeters: Ralph Gearhart  
Elaine Anderson  
Children's Church: Connie Olson  
Toddlers: Diane Brazelton & Abby Moreau  
Nursery: Laura Chaney & Greta Meissner

Facilities Team On-Call Sept: Diane Brazelton 920-213-2085

Kitchen Serving On-Call Sept: Elizabeth Heyer, Sonja Dwyer & Susie Meade

Kitchen Clean-up On-Call Sept: Laurie Chaney, Don Ihander, Duke Erickson

Budgeted Aug:	17,553.85	Budgeted YTD:	122,876.95
Received Aug:	13,452.30	Received YTD:	126,248.71
Spent Aug:	13,158.03	Spent YTD:	133,128.42*

\*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 31, 2025**

Opening Song

Welcome & Call to Worship

Ministry Minute

Greet One Another  
Congregational Songs

Congregational Scripture Reading  
Romans 8:18-25

Prayer

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

*"How Bad Can It Get?"*  
Pastor Bob Norris  
*The Book of Habakkuk (pg 785)*

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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- The big question – *how long, O Lord?* – vs. 2

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- You’re looking in the wrong direction – vs. 5
- I’m raising up the Babylonians – vs. 6-11
- God, how can you partner with them? – vs. 12-17
- I’m waiting for Your answer to this question – 2:1

### 3. I Will Always Have The Last Word – Habakkuk 2:2-20

- Write it down so everyone can see & remember this truth – vs. 2-3
- In the meantime – you live by faith – vs. 4
- I am taking notes – trouble is just around the corner for them – vs. 5-19
- I am in My holy Temple – vs. 20

### 4. I Can See More Clearly Now – Habakkuk 3:1-19

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## TODAY

9am	Discipleship Classes
9:30am	Prayer on the Balcony
10am	Morning Service
6pm	Fireside Fellowship @ Pastor Bob & Sandy's

## THIS WEEK

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

## COMING SOON

Sept	15	6pm	Facilities Meeting
	16	11am	Care Team Meeting
		6-8pm	Sonshine Club
		6-8pm	Youth Group

## 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 Sept 1,** Pray that our future Pastor will seek God for personal revival in our Church and community.

**Tuesday Sept 2,** Pray that God would protect the Church from the temptation to complain.

**Wednesday Sept 3,** Pray that our future Pastor will strive for personal excellence and will believe God for all He wants to do in the congregation.

**Thursday Sept 4,** Pray for wise use of the Transition Team's time during meetings.

**Friday Sept 5,** Ask God to heal any hurts that our future Pastor has suffered in the ministry. Pray that he will serve the Lord with gladness and encourage the congregation to worship God with a joyful surrendered spirit.

## 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.

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

**DIRECTORY PHOTOS:** Lydia will begin taking Family Photos. The picture dates will be announced via email. If you don't have email and need a photo please contact Lydia or the Office. Sending your own photo please send them to [cefc@carneyfreechurch.org](mailto:cefc@carneyfreechurch.org).

**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. The crocheted hats are also a great idea!

**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	Psalm 8	Friday	Ezra 4:24-5:17
Tuesday	2 Chronicles 5:1-14	Saturday	Ezra 6:1-12
Wednesday	Ezra 1:1-11	Sunday	Ezra 6:13-22
Thursday	Ezra 3:1-13		