



# WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER?

Recently before online worship, Facebook viewers shared what they remembered about their first visit to Carmel. For most, it involved the warmth and hospitality of the Carmel Family. Enjoy these reflections and consider how YOU can help someone feel welcomed at Carmel in the year ahead!

I didn't bring a Bible. A lady I didn't know offered to **share her Bible with me** to read God's Word. I thought that was a really friendly thing to do.  
*- John Daniel*



Our first weekend living in Charlotte we visited the Bouldin/Newlywed Discipleship Community & **never went anywhere else!**  
*- Angela Schlottman*



I went into labor when we first visited Carmel. Luke was born that day!  
*- Christi Floyd*



It felt like family.  
*- Wayne Mander*

Laura Anne & Land Hite first visited Carmel 30 years ago... *when it was "small."*

Nikki Hoffpauir's first visit to Carmel was the Sunday Pastor Alex was voted in as Senior Pastor.

I was made to feel welcomed instantly. I plugged in quickly and grew to love this church.

- Julie Meeker



We came to a couple's date night that offered childcare. We felt wanted & welcomed, plus it was such fun!

- Teresa Pugh

While shopping for furniture at Tyndall's in October 1997, Mr. Tyndall prayed for us in the store and invited us to visit Carmel. We've been at Carmel since.

- Tracy Brody



Fern Mays first visited Carmel with her sister while in from out of town - back when Carmel was on Carmel Road. They made a grand entrance with Fern's daughter and three cousins all dressed up wearing Easter bonnets!

We came when our son Abhi was a year old, he is 22yrs old now. Abhi has autism. **Carmel went above and beyond for him and our family.** They still love on him and us! We love Carmel!

- Hema Hopper



My mother and brother dropped me off because **the youth teachers had invited me.** Everyone was really friendly.

- Jeneane Bowers

Pastor Patrick and his wife Shannon's first visit was tricky when they joined Stephen and Tracie Renfrow and their Discipleship Community.

Why? Pastor Patrick was being interviewed for the Generations Pastor position and they were "undercover."

## How can you help others feel welcome at Carmel?

- Smile under your mask and with your eyes.
- Say "Hi" or wave.
- Hold the door for someone.
- If someone looks lost, offer to help (even if you don't know, you can lead them to the Welcome Desk).
- Invite a friend to join you for worship - online or on campus.



Carmel is committed to making disciples of those Nearest, our Neighbors and the Nations.

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