

# CARLISLE FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

*Serving the Lord Together For 130 Years*

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*"Please be sure to turn off your cell phones or silence them during the service. Thank you."*

The Announcements and Words of Welcome

The Prelude: Fugue in G Minor by J.S. Bach

\*The Call to Worship: Psalm 42:1-2a

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you,  
O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

\*The Invocation

\*The Gloria Patri #813

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy  
Ghost. As it was in the beginning. Is now and ever shall  
be. World without end. Amen. Amen. CCLI 176590

The Hymns: Higher Ground #549  
How Firm a Foundation #408

The Morning Prayer

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

\*The Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

\*The Offertory Prayer

The Special Music: What Wondrous Love is This  
Arranged by Marvin Gaspard  
Mr. Michael Minnich

The Scripture Lesson: John 4:39-42

The Message: IMMEASURABLY MORE :  
YOU AND THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

The Closing Hymn: I am Thine, O Lord #552

\*The Benediction

\*The Postlude

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**Visitors:** Welcome to Carlisle First Church of God. We are glad you visited with us and would love for you to be a part of our church family. Before you leave our church today, please stop by the "Visitors' Center" in the lobby. We would like to give you a mug and a pen to take home. Also we have information and maps about our church. The staff at the Visitors' Center can answer your questions. Thank you.

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**Mission Moment:** Praise the Lord for Affiliate Missionaries! The Churches of God General Conference family is represented in over forty countries.

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**SPECIAL MEETING:** The Arche Academy School (formally Logos School) requested to use our church facility to hold their school beginning with the September 2024 school year. In November of 2023, the church council voted to allow the school to move forward with getting the necessary approvals and variances. Many of you have had questions regarding this. On SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH AT 2:00 PM, there will be a special question and answer meeting held in the sanctuary. Please plan on attending and getting your questions/concerns addressed.

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The Awana clubs will be having an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, March 23 at 10 AM. We would like to open it up to the congregation. Please feel free to invite your little ones to enjoy in the hunt. We are also looking for volunteers to help that day, as well as to get ready the week before. If you would like to donate candy or plastic Easter eggs, we would be more than happy to accept. There will be a box located in the lobby. If you have any questions feel free to call Becky Barclay at 717-601-8733. Thank you again for always being so kind in your support .

## CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE—11:15 AM

The Announcements and Words of Welcome

The Call to Worship: Psalm 42:1-2a

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Opening Prayer

We Sing Praise to the Lord

The Morning Prayer

The Scripture Lesson: John 4:39-42

The Message: **IMMEASURABLY MORE:  
YOU AND THE SAMARITAN WOMAN**

The Closing Song

\* Closing Prayer

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**CAPITAL AREA PREGNANCY CENTER** is holding their annual Embracing Life Banquet on Thursday, March 7, at the Penn Harris Hotel in Camp Hill. Carlisle First has reserved two tables. If you are interested in attending, please sign the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. We are limited to sixteen attendees. We currently have room for three more people. If interested, please sign up today.

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The 2024 flower chart has been posted on the bulletin board. If you are interested in sponsoring flowers, please sign up. Cost for two altar vases of flowers will remain at \$45.00 in 2024. Flowers can be picked up after the traditional worship service at the closet by the water fountain.

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To provide information for next Sunday's bulletin, please contact Mary Jane Wickard by Wednesday evening at mawic@comcast.net or by calling her at 717-243-8695.

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We will be starting a new members class beginning February 25, 2024. What is a new member class? It is a class that is held during the Sunday School hour that takes a look at what we believe here at Carlisle First Church of God. Is this just for those who would like to become a member of Carlisle First? No. This class is open to those who would like to become a member, but it is also available to those who would like to just find out more about what we believe. How long will the class run? The class will run for about five weeks. How do I sign-up? All you need to do is let Pastor Mike know that you are interested in joining the new members class. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF CLASS START DATE

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Scripture Today: John 4:39-42



**39** Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did."

**40** So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days.

**41** And because of his words many more became believers.

**42** They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."

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Pastor Greg is looking for his small army of helpers to set up for our next yard sale. We will be setting up Thursday Feb. 22 at 3:00 PM in the gym. The Yard Sale will be Friday and Saturday, Feb. 23 -Feb. 24 from 7-11. **PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE HALL** or let Pastor Greg know.

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The new Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study Class will be Dr.. David Jeremiah's Study, "The Great Disappearance" - 31 ways to be rapture ready! Sign Up on the bulletin board by the water fountain.

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**CD's Available:** CD's of the worship services are available at the sound control desk in the rear of the sanctuary after the service. Please see Chris Campbell for a CD copy of the service.

Please be in prayer for those who are facing various health problems.

Feb 11: Mission Money Received: \$260  
Current Roof/Fire Upgrade Campaign:  
\$93,154.40



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Attendance: Feb 11: Traditional Worship Service 1150  
Nursery 2 Junior Church 5  
Sunday School  
Contemporary Service 17  
Congregational Meeting 57  
Adult Bible Study 19  
Awana Kids 20 Awana Teens 3  
Awana Adults 8

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**Those Serving Us Today:**

Nursery Attendant: Melissa Brandt  
Junior Church: Ron Stevens, Rick Greenwalt and Linda Brenize  
Head Usher: Jim Heinbaugh  
Ushers: John Gross and Marlin Negley  
Organist/Music Director: Mr. Michael Minnich  
Pianist:  
Music Accompanist: Janeanne Wantz  
Visitor Center: Pam Sherman and Trudy Strine

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**Those Serving Us February 25 , 2024**

Nursery Attendant: Bev Barger  
Junior Church: Darlene Greenwalt and Ron Stevens  
Head Usher: Jim Heinbaugh  
Ushers: Rick Thomas and Wally Walters  
Organist/Music Director: Mr. Michael Minnich  
Pianist:  
Music Accompanist: Janeanne Wantz  
Visitor Center: Grace Smith and Linda Brenize  
Music Accompanist: Janeanne Wantz  
Visitor Center: Pam Sherman and Trudy Strine

Today: Morning Worship  
Traditional Worship Service 9:00 AM  
Sunday School 10:15 AM  
Contemporary Service 11:15 AM

Feb 20—4F Group 9:30-10:45 AM  
6:00 PM Edge

Feb 21 –Family Night Programming  
Awana Program 6:30 PM - **Layers Night**  
Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm  
**NO ADULT CHOIR**

Feb 22 - Yard Sale Set-up  
Feb 23-24 - Yard Sale/Gym

Feb 25 - Morning Worship  
Coffee Connection  
2:00 PM Meeting on Arche Academy School

Feb 27—4F Group 9:30-10:45 Am  
6:00 PM Edge

Feb 28 –Family Night Programming

March 3 - Morning Worship

March 4 - 7:00 PM Council Meeting

Mar 5 - 4F Group 9:30-10:45 Am  
6:00 PM Edge

Mar 6 - Family Night Programming

March 10 - Rally Day - Combined Service 10:00 AM  
Luncheon Follows  
**Daylight Savings Time Begins**

March 12 - Feb 20—4F Group 9:30-10:45 AM  
6:00 PM Edge

March 13 - Family Night Programming

March 16 - Ladies Day Out

March 17 - Morning Worship

**RALLY DAY 10:00 AM**

**MARCH 10, 2024**

**COMBINED SERVICE**

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Our Rally Day will be held on March 10, 2024. We will be having a combined service that Sunday and the service will begin at 10:00 a.m.

This will be a special service with Randy Simpson Ministries in our worship that morning. Randy Simpson is a singer-songwriter and will be sharing with us in word and song that morning. Following our service, we will move back to the gymnasium and enjoy a fellowship luncheon together. It's really a great day to think about inviting someone to visit our church, or invite someone to come back that's been missing for a while. Make sure you mark your calendar to plan on being with us that Sunday. Let's make Rally Day successful by being true to our call to be Christ's witnesses, invite someone to church.

There is a sign-up sheet available on the bulletin board for the catered luncheon following the service. Please sign up today! Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, February 28.



From Pastor Mike:

When is the last time you heard of a Rally Day? It's probably been a while, hasn't it? Maybe you've never even heard the term before if you are younger in age or new to faith in Christ. If you look the definition up online, you'll probably find this: "Rally Day is observed in some congregations to celebrate a new start or a renewed effort in involving children, youth, and adults in Sunday morning classes for Christian education."



When I was a young kid, Rally Day would be held on a designated Sunday. We often talked about it in our general church service, but it's main function was to get people back into Sunday School. It was to understand the importance of studying God's Word. I think this then led to trying to encourage people to come back to church and worship the Lord.

The idea behind our Rally Day is the following: We want to reach people for Christ and get them into church to worship the Lord with us, and hopefully into a Sunday School class to study God's word even more deeply.

Do you know someone who has dropped off the radar when it comes to attending church? Do you know someone who doesn't attend church, but you know they'd benefit from hearing God's Word? Do you know someone who is struggling in some facet of life right now and needs to be around loving people, and be encouraged by God's Word? Do you know someone? Invite them to church, invite them to Rally Day.

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A special choir will also be singing that day. If you have ever been a part of the Carlisle First choir, We are asking past choir members to join the choir for the Rally Day Service on March 10. We will be singing How Great Thou Art. The only practice involved will be getting together before the service on Rally Day. If you can join us, please email Diana Ciucci at [dciucci1416@comcast.net](mailto:dciucci1416@comcast.net) or Judy Prosser at [prossertrish@yahoo.com](mailto:prossertrish@yahoo.com)