

CARLISLE FIRST CHURCH OF GOD
705 Glendale Street
Carlisle, PA 17013

January 8, 2012
www.carlislecog.org

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Senior Pastor
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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M.

Please remember to put cell phones on silence or turn off electronic devices while in the sanctuary. Thank you!

The Announcements and Words of Welcome

The Prelude

*The Call to Worship

Pastor: Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love

People: I have become a sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

Pastor: And though I understand all mysteries and have all knowledge, but have not love

People: I am nothing.

Pastor: Now abide faith, hope, love, these three;

Unison: But the greatest of these is love.

*The Invocation

*The Gloria Patri

#813

*The Hymn "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

#403

The Prayer Requests

*The Morning Prayer

The Installation of Newly Elected Members to Council

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

*The Doxology

#815

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.

*The Offertory Prayer

The Special Music

"Joy to the World"

Rachel Gobin and Pastor Mathna, guitars, Rachel Gobin soloist

The Scripture Lesson
The Message I DON'T WANT TO BE A GENIUS

I Timothy 3:1-15

*The Hymn "Find Us Faithful" #456

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

**Those who are able may stand*

VISITORS

*Have you been mugged lately? Before you leave our church today, please stop by the "Visitors' Center" in the lobby. We would like to give you a mug to take home. Also we have information and maps about our church. The "muggers" at the Visitors' Center can answer your questions. Thanks you for your visit today!

*Please help yourself to a brochure on the stand in the Narthex. This brochure identifies the various classes and their location for Sunday School which you are cordially invited to attend. Questions generated from the brochure may be addressed to anyone of our Sunday School officers or to our pastors. Please join us for Sunday School.

The altar flowers are presented by Judy Prosser in honor of her husband Gary's birthday tomorrow.

TODAY IN OUR CHURCH

Greeters: Mr. and Mrs. James (Sis) Grove

Muggers: Col. and Mrs. Terry (Donna) Mitchell

Head Usher: Mr. Wally Walters

Ushers: *Mr. Larry Carmody Mr. Gary Prosser
Mr. Larry Bigham Mr. Joel Black

- 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service
- **Junior Church** children age 4 thru Grade 4
- Nursery

10:40 a.m. - Sunday School hour
- Nursery
- Rotation for children age —Grade 5
- Youth and Adult classes

2:30-3:15 p.m.—Our Church will conduct the Worship Service at the Church of God Home. The Choir will be singing some selections from the Christmas Musical, plus Wesley and Clara Dellinger will present a duet, "Good King Wenceslas," and Rachel Gobin will be playing guitar and singing, "Joy to the World." Also Pastor Mathna will bring a short message from God's Word. The residents are always happy to see people from the church join them in worship, so you are most welcome to come and share together in the afternoon service at our Church Home.

THIS WEEK—January 8-14

Monday - 7:00 p.m.—Church Council meeting

Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.—Junior Choir practice
—Middle and High School EDGE meeting to go to the home of Stephanie Bales

- 6:30 p.m.—Nursery
 - BLAST
 - Adult Bible Study and Prayer Meeting: Against the backdrop of Revelation 3:14-19, we will be considering the period of church history when the church went almost overnight, from being persecuted to being promoted under the Roman Emperor Constantine.
- 7:30 p.m.—Senior Choir practice

Thursday - noon—The Jolly Olde Timers will be meeting for their annual pizza party. The menu is pizza, salad and dessert. Sign-up deadline is Sunday, January 8. If you are 55 or older, why not join us for a fun time? Paul Frey will be entertaining us with his guitar and singing. There are other programs posted on the bulletin board. Please sign up early.

NEXT SUNDAY—January 15, 2012

Information for the Feb/Mar newsletter has an absolute final deadline of next Sunday, January 15.

- 9:30 a.m. —Worship Service
 - Junior Church for children age 4 through Grade 4
 - Nursery
- 10:40 a.m. —Sunday School hour
 - Nursery
 - Rotation Sunday School for age 4 through Grade 6
 - Youth and Adult classes for all ages

LOOKING AHEAD

- January 16** - 7:00 p.m.—Sunday School Board meeting
- January 27** - 7:00 p.m.—BLAST snow tubing—*see special insert*
- January 27-28** - Uncle Greg wants you—*see special insert*
- January 29** - Camp YoliJwa winter picnic

MISSION MOMENT—Pray for the members and friends of the Campo Grande Church in Campinas as they continue their worship and community outreach in Campinas. Praise God for the need to enlarge their facility to accommodate growth. And give thanks to the Lord for the opportunity to be a part of their ministry through our Christmas Cantata offering as well as for the anonymous donor will match all gifts given to this project. Pray that the Campo Grande Church may be encouraged by the support of their fellow believers in North America.

CHURCH ENVELOPE BOXES have been prepared and if you are a current envelope user, please pick up your box in the choir practice room across the hall from the Nursery. If you at present do not use the envelope system for giving of your tithes and offerings and now desire to contribute in this manner, please see Ray Kunkel, Financial Secretary, to obtain a box. Please note: You do not need to be a church member to participate in this method of giving.

2012 ALTAR FLOWER CHART has been posted and many Sundays still need a sponsor. Please neatly sign for the Sundays you desire to sponsor the flowers. Flower envelopes are available beside the chart in which to place the \$30.00 cost of the flowers. On the Sunday you sponsor the flowers, just place the flower envelope with check or cash in the offering plate. Also please neatly print your information on the chart indicating the reason such as M (in

memory) or B (birthday), or A (anniversary), etc.

WE ARE PLEASED TO REPORT that the offering received the evening of the Christmas Cantata totaled \$1,731.00. You may recall that the offering was designated in its entirety to the construction costs of one of our mission churches in Brazil. In October 2011 work had to stop on the Brazil Campo Grande Church construction project due to lack of funds. Since a donor offered to match gifts towards the completion of the construction of this church, our offering will actually generate \$3,462.00 towards the construction costs (estimated to total \$33,000.00) Although this is not the church where Missionary Mike and Natinha Poe are currently working, Missionary Mike began his ministry in Brazil at Campinas (population—2 million!) and was instrumental in working with Pastors in the Campinas area. What a privilege it is to be a part of the ongoing ministry of the Campo Grande Church which ministers in the Name of Christ to many of the poor and often overlooked people in Campinas. Thank you for your generous offering.

JANUARY 15 INFORMATION

Greeters: Mr. and Mrs. Parker Dunbar
Muggers: Mr. and Mrs. Jim Strine
Head Usher: Mr. Ray Kunkel
Ushers: * Mr. Art Bittinger Mr. Bryan Dellinger
 Mr. John Gross Mr. Shane Britcher

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Attendance

Worship	205
Nursery	4
Sunday School	70
Wed. night	
BLAST	23
EDGE	36
Bible Study	35

WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY—If it is necessary to cancel a Sunday morning service, we will make that decision by 8:15 a.m. and attempt to have it announced over the following TV stations: WHP-21 and UPN 15. Since there are several Churches of God in Carlisle, our church will be distinguished by the use of the word or symbol FIRST(1st), i.e. Carlisle First Church of God or *First* Church of God, Carlisle. We will also post it on our Web site at www.carlislecog.org. More importantly, the Council has developed a system whereby we will endeavor to telephone each family or person when Sunday Morning services are cancelled. **But no system is perfect! When in doubt, call a member of the Council** before attempting to drive to church in snowy or icy conditions.

We tend to cancel **Wednesday evening** services *more frequently* because snow-covered roads and slippery highways are much more treacherous to drive on at night. **If the Carlisle School District cancels classes on a Wednesday or dismisses early on a Wednesday because of weather conditions, all Family Night Services will be automatically cancelled.** Otherwise, the decision to cancel Family Night services will be made no later than 4:45 p.m. We will post cancellations on the Web site and on the aforementioned TV stations. If you have any questions, call either the Pastor, the Music Director, the EDGE Leaders, or the BLAST Leaders

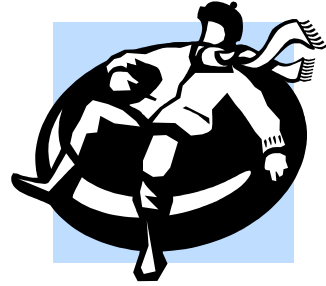
Regardless of our decision, please use your best judgment concerning your safety when weather conditions are deteriorating. *If you have reservations about driving, it may be advisable to stay home that morning or that night.*

**BLAST invites you to go
Snow Tubing**

WHERE: Ski Roundtop

WHEN: Friday, January 27th

TIME: 7p..m. –9 p.m.



Sponsored by BLAST and the Carlisle First Church of God

BLAST kids and a friend tube for free!

- *Come and watch for free
- *Sign up (\$15 for 6th grade—adults)
- *Children free (kiddie hill for those age 2-4)
- *Invite a friend
- *Bring snacks and drinks to share
- *Everyone tubing must sign up and give a completed release form to Cheryl Gobin by January 20th—NO changes after Jan. 20th.

