

CARLISLE FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

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: Jesus asked His disciples: "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?"

People: "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah."

Pastor: Jesus said, "But who do you say that I am?"

People: Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Pastor: Jesus said, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven."

Unison: And I also say to you "that on this Rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it."

*The Invocation

*The Gloria Patri

#813

*The Hymn "The Solid Rock"

#526

The Prayer Requests

*The Morning Prayer *closing with the Lord's Prayer, using debts and debtors*

The Junior Choir Anthem

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

*The Doxology

#815

*The Offertory Prayer

The Object Lesson

The Scripture Lesson—Acts 20:17-38

The Message ON A POSITIVE NOTE

*The Hymn "Let There Be Glory and Honor and Praises"

#20

*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. Thank 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 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.

TODAY IN OUR CHURCH

- 9:30 a.m. —Worship Service

—**Junior Church** children, age 4 thru Grade 4, will sit with their parents for the Worship Service today.

—**Nursery**

-10:40 a.m. —Sunday School hour

- Nursery
- Rotation Sunday School for age 4 thru Grade 6
- Adult and Youth classes for all ages

Greeters: Mrs. Jean Noonan and Mrs. Betty Rhoades

Muggers: Mr. and Mrs. Mark (Nancy) Bennett

Nursery: Mrs. Kathy Warner

Head Usher: Mr. Wally Walters

Ushers: *Mr. Art Bittinger Mr. Ray Kunkel
 Mr. Brian Barrick Mr. Larry Carmody

The altar flowers are presented by Sariann Worley in memory of her husband Ed's birthday.

THIS WEEK—February 24-30

Tuesday - 7:00 p.m.—Night Outreach Event, Boiling Springs High School

Wednesday **Family Night Programming**

- 6:00 p.m.—Junior Choir practice
 —Middle School EDGE

- 6:30 p.m.—Nursery
 —BLAST

—Adult Bible Study—Pastor Roddy Runyan will be sharing the ministry of Frutbelt Farmworker Christian Ministry.

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Runyan is Executive Director of this ministry to several migrant and seasonal farmworkers in Adams, Franklin counties. The goal is to demonstrate the love of Christ to these sojourners who are often separated from homes, families, culture and spiritual roots. Under the direction of Mrs. Susie Keck we have already collected sweaters and we hope to be involved this year by collecting blankets to distribute to many of the workers who come here without any

to bed clothing. We will also receive an offering that will go
the ministry of FFCM over and above our regular support.
Checks may be made payable to the Carlisle First
Church of God.
- 7:00 p.m.—Senior High EDGE
- 7:30 p.m.—Senior Choir practice

NEXT SUNDAY, March 3, 2013

- 9:30 a.m. —Worship Service: Pastor Greg preaching
—Junior Church for children age 4 thru Grade 4
—Nursery

—*PLEASE OBSERVE THE EARLY DEADLINE FOR APR/MAY NEWSLETTER INFORMATION.*
- 10:40 a.m. —Sunday School hour
-Nursery
-Rotation Sunday School for age 4 thru Grade 5
-Youth and Adults classes

LOOKING AHEAD

March 10 - 6:30 p.m.—The Good News Singers will present a concert entitled “The Anchor Holds” and is sponsored by the Jolly Olde Timers. Tell your friends to come and enjoy the evening. We will also have some refreshments.

March 12 - 6:30 p.m.—Ushers meeting

March 16 - Ladies Day Out—Ladies, members of the CGWM are collecting registration forms today for the Ladies Day Out on March 16th. If you did not receive a Registration form, please see one of the members of CGWM who will be in the lobby after church. Your registration and money need to be returned by Sunday, March 10. There will be members of CGWM in the lobby each Sunday from now until then to answer questions and collect registrations. We hope you will join us for this new event for the Ladies of our church.

March 23 - 2:00 p.m.—The Jolly Olde Timers will be going to Christian Life Assembly church to see the Easter show. You need a ticket to attend with the group. Check with Glenn Crum if he has any remaining tickets.

MISSION MOMENT—Continue in prayer for Pastor Roddy Runyan as he directs the ministry of Fruitbelt Farmworker Christian Ministry to several thousand migrant and seasonal farmworkers in Adams, Cumberland and Franklin counties. Pray that many will come to know the Lord as FFCM demonstrates the love of Christ to these sojourners who are often separated from their homes, families, culture and spiritual roots.

PRAYER REQUESTS—To have a prayer request put on the telephone prayer chain, you should call Shirley McConnell (249-4095) and Sariann Worley (243-3611). To have a prayer request placed on the email prayer chain, you may email Scott and Cheryl Gobin at gobinsmail@comcast.net. These are not mutually exclusive prayer opportunities—you are welcome to avail yourself of any or all.

THE CGWM has “adopted” two rooms in the Domestic Violence Shelter here in Carlisle. This will involve refurbishing those rooms so that they are a more welcoming, pleasant place for a woman

and her children in a time of great stress. Some have expressed a desire to make a monetary gift to this project. If anyone is interested in making a donation for this project, please see Jean Ilgenfritz.

THE 2013 ALTAR FLOWER CHART has been posted. To sponsor the flowers for a Sunday, please neatly print your information for your selected Sunday(s). The cost is \$32.00 and the flowers are delivered by Hoy's Greenhouse. Three Sundays (March 10, 17, and 24) are still available for sponsorship in March.

ATTENTION ALL LADIES—We are going to be starting another Bible study by Beth Moore and would love to have you join us. The study is for 9 weeks and it is on the book of James. There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby and the deadline to sign up is Sunday, March 24th. The cost is \$15.00 for your workbook and should be paid to Lisa Dellinger by the deadline. There will be two classes to choose from:

<u>Tuesday mornings</u>	<u>Thursday evenings</u>
April 2—May 28	April 4—May 30
9:30—11:30 a.m.	6:30—8:30 p.m.
led by Lisa Dellinger	led by Sally Bigham

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION—If you have box tops that you have collected but do not know a child in elementary school to give them to, they may be given to the children in Rotation Sunday School. They will divide them between the various elementary schools represented in Rotation. The school receives 10 cents for each box top collected.

MRS. JOANN DARRAH—If you would like to send a get well card, you may send it to the Darrah's home address and it will be forwarded to Florida. That address is 3467 Gleneagles Dr., Chambersburg, PA 17202.

SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

March 3	-Pastor Greg Hench
March 10	-BLAST program
March 17	-Pastor Dave Williams, Conference office
March 24	-Easter Cantata
March 31	-Rev. Paul Hauk (Easter)
March 28	-Pastor Greg Hench (Maundy Thursday) Holy Communion and Feet Washing

SCHEDULE OF WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES

February 27	-Roddy Runyan—meet in old Fellowship Hall
March 6	-Pastor Tom Rowett “ “ “ “ “
March 13	-Pastor Tom Rowell—in Sanctuary
March 20	-NO Bible Study—Special Choir practice
March 27	-NO Bible Study—instead Maundy Thursday service

SERVICE RECORDING—The Morning Service is recorded and is available on CD each week after the service at the Sound Control Desk in the rear of the sanctuary. Chris or Wendy Campbell will be glad to help you there.

MARCH 3 INFORMATION

Greeters: Mr. and Mrs. George Lupfer
Muggers: Mr. William Hench and grandson Mat
Nursery: *not provided*
Head Usher: Mr. Wally Walters
Ushers: *Mr. Ron Stevens Mr. Alvin Miller

Mr. Bryan Dellinger

Mr. Marlin Negley

FEBRUARY 17, 2013 REPORT

Attendance

Worship	293
Nursery	5
Sunday School	114
Junior Church	27

Wednesday evening

Bible Study	41
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To provide information for next Sunday's bulletin, please email the church secretary at nancycog@yahoo.com or call her at 258-3363 by Wednesday evening by 6:30 p.m.

Wow! What a retirement party you threw for Sharon and me last Sunday night! It was the greatest, just what we were most comfortable with—a lot of food and a lot of fun. Speaking of food, kudos to all the Deaconesses and Council wives for organizing that part of the evening. When Sharon and I walked into the “food area” I said to Sharon, “I have never before seen so much good food in one place.” Of course we want to thank all of you who were responsible for bringing so many different kinds of foods and desserts and salads. It was not only an incredible amount of food, it was all good (well at least all that we were able to eat—but we know our “cooks” and we have no doubt even what we couldn't sample was delicious!) God has certainly blessed our congregation with many people who have the gift of *culinary preparation!* We will certainly miss the many, many, many times we have enjoyed being blessed by the “results” of your giftedness in this area. And special mention needs to be made regarding how quickly (relatively speaking to the number in attendance) everyone was able to go through the line and eat. We're not sure who organized that part, but sitting on the stage as we were, we could see things moving along so smoothly. And kudos to all the people who helped “set up” and then “clean up” and finally “tear down” after the festivities. What a great bunch of people we have always had who are willing to pitch in and help.

As expected, the program was absolutely wonderful—although we will miss you folks more than you can imagine, nonetheless we have always tried to keep a positive, upbeat outlook and that's what the committee remembered as they prepared the program. It was a perfect balance of humor and memory. The “incident” recalled by our niece, Brooke, was not only funny (well, it wasn't at the time I was screaming, “Mommy, I'll be good, don't spank me, don't spank me!”) but also very true. And Greg's song with guitar accompaniment was hilarious—both the words and the so-called musical accompaniment on the green guitar. That took some work!

Furthermore, Sharon and I both tip our “hats” to Alan McConnell and Greg's tribute to the many hats I have worn—it should help explain my “hat hair” when you happen to see me out and about. And the top ten list of things I'll not miss in retirement rated a 10 for originality and an 11 for humor—great job, David...er we mean Greg and Alan!

The closing PowerPoint presentation was also both touching and funny and a great conclusion to a marvelous send off. But one thing that will never come to a conclusion are the memories. Naturally, we want to thank the “scrapers” who put together the amazing scrapbooks—we don't know who you are but the amount of work that went into this project must have been mind boggling. Where in the world did you come up with all the information and photographs? We will always cherish the scrapbook of memories and especially the kid's contributions—we can't wait until we have a little more time to pause and soak in each page and each item. Truly a gift that will keep on giving for the rest of our lives. Thank you, whoever you are, for all the time and effort put into such a huge project.

Naturally, we want to thank you for the card (signed by all the Council on behalf of the congregation) and the generous monetary gift it contained. But above all else we can never adequately thank you, the family of God which is the Carlisle First Church of God, for the last 25 1/2 years of support and love you have shown us both. It has been an amazing trip and we thank God for each of you who has been a part of the experience. We will always hold you in our

hearts and prayers with deep affection and love. May God continue to richly bless!
-Pastor Alan and Sharon Mathna

I would like to thank all the ladies of the CGWM for the beautiful flowers you placed in the sanctuary in my honor on Sunday, February 10. I am only sorry that I was under the weather that Sunday and could not be there; but Alan did bring them home to me and they certainly lifted my spirits and brightened the room by their beauty. I love pink carnations and even Alan noticed they were a part of the lovely arrangement. Along with the flowers I would like to thank Mrs. Pat Neidigh for her kind words last Sunday and the card and gift given to me from the CGWM. So many do so much good for our church year 'round in the CGWM and I was privileged to add whatever I could along the way these past 25 years. Therefore, I am truly touched that you would so thoughtfully remember me and I wish the best for the continued ministry of our CGWM in the future.

-Sharon Mathna

Sometimes the Sunday School is referred to as the "Christian Education" arm of the local church. Therefore, the Carlisle First Church of God Sunday School could not have thought of a better way to recognize our 25 plus years of working together as part of the Sunday School than to have a brick with our names engraved placed in our honor at the Chapel area of what will soon be the new Scotland campus of Winebrenner Theological Seminary. This campus will certainly be a place dedicated to Christian Education, including the training of missionaries, pastors, evangelists, teachers, and counselors who will carry the Gospel literally throughout the United States and the World.

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.*



JUNIOR CHURCH REPORT

The Junior Church would like to welcome Sandy Hopple to our third and fourth grade staff. The third and fourth grade students will be continuing their journey with *Passport to Adventure* by learning about making right choices. Each child attending Junior Church is encouraged to bring their Bible to Junior Church as we learn about God's promises and how we are to live each day as Jesus did.

A special thank you to Pastor Alan and Sharon for providing us with new music books and resource books for us to use in support of our program as we teach our children about the great love of God. We also would like to thank Ava Heshman for providing special music on her violin.

Junior Church—9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning

Pre-K through Grade 4

Junior Church Director: Mrs. Sally Bigham

Asst. Junior Church Director: Mrs. Cathie Burkholder

ROTATION SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Rotation Sunday School just finished the mission project for Gospel for Asia. Our total collections were \$272. With that money we are providing a pair of pigs, a rickshaw, a water filter, 2 pair of chickens, rabbits, and a fishing net. Thanks to all who contributed! This month we are studying the "fruits of the spirit". Please consider joining us.

Rotation Sunday School—10:40 a.m. Sunday Morning

4 years old through Grade 5

Rotation Sunday School Director: Mrs. Karen Neidigh

Rotation Sunday School Assistant: Mrs. Cindy Stevens

BLAST FLASH

March 6 is Crazy Hat Night for BLAST. The BLAST leaders and kids are busy preparing for BLAST Sunday on March 10. They will be singing songs, performing skits and more. We wind up this year's mission with coloring eggs on March 27 and bowling on April 5. Look for more details in the future.

BLAST—6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night

(September thru April)

(Believe, Live, Acept, Share, and Tell)

Ages 2 through Grade 6*

BLAST Co-Director: Mrs. Cheryl Gobin

BLAST Co-Director: Mrs. Lisa Dellinger

*Grade 6 is considered a flex year which is new this school year. Parents of children in Grade 6 have the option of allowing their children to stay in BLAST or move up to Middle School EDGE. If parents have any questions concerning their 6th grade child, please contact Lisa Dellinger.

JUNIOR CHOIR NOTES

New members are always encouraged to join in practices on Wednesday evenings from 6-6:30 p.m., immediately before BLAST. The choir regularly sings during the worship service on the fourth Sunday of each month, October-March. If you have questions regarding the Junior Choir, please contact Diana Ciucci (249-7878) or Elizabeth Kuhn (249-2101).

Junior Choir—6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night

currently 4 years old through Grade 5

Junior Choir Directors: Mrs. Elizabeth Kuhn

and Mrs. Diana Ciucci