

CARLISLE FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

**705 Glendale Street
Carlisle, PA 17013**

February 26, 2012
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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: "Do not cast me off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength is spent."

People: And the LORD said, "Listen to me, all who have been borne by me from before your birth, carried from the womb.

Pastor: Even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you."

Unison: I have made you, and I will carry and will save you." (Psalm 71:9; Isaiah 46:3-4)

*The Invocation

*The Gloria Patri #813

*The Hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" #686

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

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 Object Lesson

The Scripture Lesson Acts 4:32-37; 6:1

The Message EPISCOPALIANS TO THE CHURCH OF GOD HOME

*The Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

#139

*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 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 Sariann Worley in memory of her husband Ed as it would have been his birthday today, February 26.

TODAY IN OUR CHURCH

Greeters: Mrs. Betty Rhoades and Mrs. Myrtle Hoffman

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

Head Usher: Mr. Wally Walters

Ushers: *Mr. Art Bittinger Mr. Chris Campbell

Mr. Brian Barrick Mr. Bryan Dellinger

- 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service

- **Junior Church** children will either sing with the Junior Choir or sit with their parents for the Worship opening. Following the Object Lesson the children will be dismissed to their classes.

- **Nursery**

- 10:40 a.m. - Sunday School hour

- Nursery

- Rotation for children age 4—Grade 5

- Youth and Adult classes

- Post High Class begins: An "Ancient Book" in a "Techno World"...Can it work? Join our Young Adult Bible Study based on "Living with Confidence in a Chaotic World" by Dr. David Jeremiah. To get to this new class, go past the computer room and it is to the right of the CCI classroom. You are also invited to the pizza party following the Sunday School hour—see below.

PLEASE NOTE: If you have a child ages 4 through high school please join us for Sunday School on Feb. 26 and a pizza party immediately following Sunday School in the gym. The pizza is for parents too!!! It will be a great time to introduce your child to their Sunday School teachers and for you to meet some of the other parents if you don't already know them. If you have any questions please see Pastor Greg, Karen Neidigh, Cheryl Gobin or Lisa Dellinger.

THIS WEEK—February 26—March 3

Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.—Junior Choir practice

—Middle School EDGE

- 6:30 p.m.—Nursery

—BLAST for ages 2 through Grade 6

—Adult Bible Study—Were the "Dark Ages" (Middle Ages 5th century to mid 15th century) really "dark?" One thing is certain—the light of the gospel continued to burn in Europe in large part due to "M and M's" (no not the candy, Monks and Missionaries.) We will be tracing the remarkable accomplishments of these people noted for their "beautiful feet." (Romans 10:15)

- 7:10 p.m.—Senior High EDGE
- 7:30 p.m.—Senior Choir practice

- Thursday**
- 9:30-11:45 a.m.—Ladies Bible Study
 - 6-9 p.m.—CPR training. James Swartz will be instructing the class. The fee is \$25.00 for the current CPR guidelines from the American Heart Association and will include the use of the (Automatic External Defibrillator). Anyone is welcome to sign up for the course and anyone who is on the emergency action team who needs CPR certification is encouraged to attend this class. If you have any questions, please direct them to Alan McConnell and Shane Britcher.
 - 6:15-8:30 p.m.—Ladies Bible Study
 - 6:30-9:00 p.m.—The ALL CHURCH ROLLER SKATING PARTY IS ON AGAIN!
Everyone is invited to come roller skating (or just hang out) at Midway Skating Rink and INVITE ALL YOUR FRIENDS! If you bring a SNACK to SHARE that would be wonderful. Pastor Greg is thinking Steak and Ribs, but if you bring chips or pretzels that's fine or baked goodies, that is even better. Admission is FREE: Skate rentals are \$2.00. So bring your family, your neighbors, your relatives, your friends and your enemies!. Come and have a great time of fellowship.

NEXT SUNDAY—March 4, 2012

- 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 5
-Youth, Post High and Adult classes for all ages

LOOKING AHEAD

March 5 - 7:00 p.m.—Church Council meeting

March 6 - 6:00 p.m.—Ladies—bring your favorite teacup and join us for a “spot of tea” and a delicious meal prepared by Cheryl Gobin (menu on CGWM bulletin board). ALL LADIES of the church are invited and are welcome to bring a friend. Following the meal we will have a devotional and short business meeting. If you haven't joined us in the past, why not treat yourself? You will be glad you did! Please sign up in advance at the CGWM bulletin board in the hallway so we know how many to prepare for.

March 12 - 6:30 p.m.—Annual audit of church treasurers' books

March 13 - noon (Tuesday) Please note the date This isn't the Jolly Olde Timers regularly scheduled day to meet. Join us for soup, salad and dessert. Donna Mitchell will be speaking/demonstrating for us the world of “Pastel Painting”. Please sign-up on the bulletin board before Sunday, March 11.

March 17 - 5:30 p.m.—Over 60's Dinner—If you would like to attend this dinner, geared to those of you who are over the age of 60, please sign up at the list located on the first bulletin board to your left as you proceed towards Fellowship Hall (across from the Nursery). There is no cost to attend. The entertainment portion of the evening will be an organ concert given by our very own Michael Minnich. You will not want to miss either the dinner or the concert. Feel free to invite a neighbor, relative or friend. Menu is roast turkey and trimmings. (NOTE: The dinner was originally scheduled for March 10 but has been changed to March 17.

March 17 - 6:45 p.m.—Michael Minnich, our church organist, will be giving an organ concert. You will not want to miss this display of talent and gift that he is willing to share with us. Invite your family, friends and neighbors. (If you are over the age of 60, please join us for dinner at 5:30 p.m. in our gymnasium. Sign up in advance on the sheet located on the bulletin board in the hallway near the Nursery.

March 18 - 7:00 a.m.—Forty-fifth annual Family Communion Lenten Breakfast sponsored by the Carlisle Y's Men's & Women's Service Club at the Philip Bongiorno Conference Center (Camp Shand). The breakfast buffet is for everyone and will consist of an assortment of many food items to select from and includes a service of Thanksgiving, Praise, Song and Communion to bring families together during the Lenten Season. Special music will be by the Christian music group, Chapter VII. Tickets may be obtained until March 11 by calling Bob Franklin at 243-5865. Donation for the breakfast is \$8.00 with checks payable to the Y's Men's/Women's Club. No tickets will be sold at the door.

MISSION MOMENT—Pray for the staff and volunteers at our Church of God Home who endeavored to provide care and refreshment to the residents they serve in the Name of Christ.

ON SATURDAY, February 18, 2012, Mr. William Rider was called Home to be with his Lord. We extend sympathy to his family and friends during this time of loss.

NO CHILD SHOULD have to drink contaminated water. Please join BLAST in our spring mission in which we will be sending money to LIFE Outreach International to help build clean wells in communities around the world. There is a display and collection box in both lobbies of the church if you feel led to contribute to this mission. If you need further information, please call Cheryl Gobin 245-0714 or Lisa Dellinger 218-0211. Thank you.

PROJECT SHARE requests help in providing Easter dinner to families due to job loss or a decrease in income. They are anticipating serving 1100 low-income families during the month of March with a dinner bag and invite you to partner with them to provide an Easter dinner to your neighbors in need. Included in a dinner bag is

Canned pineapple	Box/bag of brown sugar
Canned green beans	Bottle of 100% juice
Bag of fresh potatoes	Dessert mix (brownies, etc.)
Instant bread mix	An Easter Card (may be handmade)

If you are able to include a ham (4-7 lbs.), that is wonderful. It is best if it does not require refrigeration. A gift card for a ham is fine also. Or, you may donate funds to offset the cost of hams that they have already purchased. Dinner bags should be delivered to Project SHARE by March 13.

AN ALTAR FLOWER SPONSOR is needed for March 11. If you are interested in sponsoring the flowers on that Sunday, please neatly sign the altar flower chart on the main bulletin board outside the infant nursery room.

CD's AVAILABLE—Have you ever wished you could share the Morning Worship Service with family or friends who were not there? Now you can! CDs of the service are available at the Sound Control Desk in the rear of the sanctuary after the service. See Chris Campbell.

THANK YOU MESSAGE—We want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and phone calls and a special thanks to Pastor Mathna and Pastor Hench for their visits and concern. We appreciated everything very much. God bless everyone. Bill and Emily Hoover

MARCH 4 INFORMATION

Greeters: Mr. and Mrs. Randy Heckendorn
Muggers: Mr. Bill Hench and grandson Matt
Nursery: Mrs. Stephanie McGarrell
Head Usher: Mr. Wally Walters
Ushers: *Mr. Rick Thomas Mr. Robert Franklin
 Mr. Larry Carmody Mr. Marlin Negley

FEBRUARY 19, 2012 REPORT

Attendance

Worship	244
Nursery	10
Sunday School	83
Junior Church	29

Wednesday Night

Bible Study	41
BLAST	33

Principal remaining on the mortgage \$421,661.30

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.livelife4god.com. 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 Pastor, the Music Director, the EDGE Leaders, or the BLAST Leaders.**

OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Junior Church—9:30 AM Sunday Morning

Pre K through Grade 4

Junior Church Director: Mrs. Sally Bigham

Asst. Junior Church Director: Mrs. Kathy Pentz

Rotation Sunday School—10:40 AM Sunday Morning

4 years old through Grade 5

Rotation Sunday School Director: Mrs. Karen Neidigh

Asst. Rotation Sunday School Director: Mrs. Cindy Stevens

BLAST—6:30 PM Wednesday Night

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

Ages 2 through Grade 6

BLAST Co-Director: Mrs. Cheryl Gobin

BLAST Co-Director: Mrs. Lisa Dellinger

Junior Choir—6:00 PM Wednesday Night

4 years old through Grade 5

Junior Choir Directors: Mrs. Diana Ciucci and

Mrs. Elizabeth Kuhn

Junior Church Moment

The children in Junior Church are being encouraged to bring their Bibles to worship services as we continue to learn the importance of God's Word. We also would like to welcome Larry Bigham as a new worship leader. Thank you to all teachers and leaders who serve faithfully in teaching the children in Junior Church each week.

Rotation Sunday School News

Rotation Sunday School is learning about Adam and Eve in February. Do you know that God made Adam from dust, and that he made Eve from one of Adam's ribs? Do you also know that a sneaky serpent tricked them into eating the fruit from the only tree that God told them not to eat from? Eating the fruit from that tree was the first sin.

BLAST Flash

BLAST is starting to come in for a landing for the school year. Remember to wear your craziest hat to BLAST on March 7. All of March the teachers and kids are practicing for the skits on BLAST Sunday, March 25 at 9:30 in the gymnasium. Come see what the kids have been working hard on. They have lines to learn, sounds to make, scenery to design, costumes to wear and songs to sing. They are doing all the work; the teachers get to sit back and relax. We then reward the kids for all of their hard work by taking them out for a bowling night on Friday, March 23rd at Midway Bowling Center. They will be having a party on March 28th at 6:30 when they will be tie dyeing shirts. We would like to invite all kids ages 2 thru 6th grade to enjoy us for this fun activity.