

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 gymnasium. Thank you.

The Announcements and Words of Welcome

The Prelude

*The Call to Worship--Portions from "The Fellowship of the Unashamed"

*The Invocation

*The Hymns "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" (on the screen)

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offering

*The Doxology

*The Offertory Prayer

The Children's Object Lesson

The Children dismissed to Junior Church

*The Hymn "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

The Scripture Lesson

Matthew 10

The Message THE PERSECUTED CHURCH. IT'S WORSE THAN YOU THOUGHT

The Special Music "The Lord's Prayer"

*The Morning Prayer

*The Call to Pray

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

**Those who are able please stand.*

VISITORS 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 staff at the Visitors' Center can answer your questions. Please join us for Sunday School. Thank you for your visit today.

TODAY IN OUR CHURCH

Greeters: EDGE members

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

Head Usher: Mr. Ron Stevens

Ushers: Mr. John Sheriff

Mr. Jim Heinbaugh

Mr. Justin Kuhn

Mr. Ray Kunkel

9:30 a.m.—Worship Service

--**Junior Church** children age 4 through Grade 4 will 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.--School

- Nursery
- Rotation Sunday School for age 4 thru Grade 5
- Youth and Adult classes

The altar flowers are presented in memory of Thad Carr by his wife, Erma Carr.

YOU'VE BEEN WARNED! The Jolly Green Giant has returned to kick off our spring collection of CANS of peas for Project Share. This provides a “heads up” to those of you who are startled each year when he reappears and also serves as a reminder to add peas to your shopping list! Our collection will run March 15-April 12. Thank you in advance for your faithful support.

THIS WEEK (March 22-28)

Monday - 9:30 a.m.--Strong Women

Wednesday - 9:30 a.m.--Ladies Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m.--Junior High EDGE
- 6:30 p.m.—Senior Choir Practice
- 7:00 p.m.--Senior High EDGE

Thursday - 9:30 a.m.--Strong Women
- 6:00 p.m.--Ladies Bible Study

Fri.-Sun. - Senior High EDGE to Ocean City, MD

NEXT SUNDAY, March 29, 2015

- 9:30 a.m.--Worship Service with the Easter Cantata
 - Junior Church children age 4 through Grade 4 will sit with their parents for the Cantata
 - Nursery
- 10:40 a.m.--Koffee Konnection
- 11:00 a.m.--Sunday School hour
 - Nursery
 - Rotation Sunday School for age 4 thru Grade 5
 - Youth and Adult classes

LOOKING AHEAD

April 1 - 6:30 p.m.--BLAST egg coloring

April 2 - 6:30 p.m.--Maundy Thursday Feet Washing and Communion Service

April 4 - 3:00 p.m.--Bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends to our annual Easter Egg Hunt rain or shine. (Please note the time change from previous years) Children up through 6th grade will be separated into age-appropriate groups and will hunt eggs on the lawns around the church. The hunt will be moved indoors in the case of rain.

Please consider donating a bag or two of individually wrapped candies to place inside the eggs. We can also use snack-size bags of cookies, crackers, and pretzels for the younger children. A box will be placed in the Narthex for donations. Please have any donations to the church by Wednesday evening, April 1.

We are also in need of helpers to fill eggs on the evening of April 1st. We will meet at the church at 6:30 p.m. to begin filling eggs. We can also use help on the day of the hunt to hide eggs and help facilitate the groups during the actual hunt. We will begin hiding eggs at 2:00 p.m. If you are interested in helping, please see either Rebecca Gross or Julie Barrick (776-4787). Thank you.

Apr. 9 - 11:30 a.m.--The Jolly Olde Timers will be meeting at Hoss's. Bill Davidson will be speaking to us on financial matters. Deadline to sign up is April 5.

Apr. 15, 29, and May 6 - 6:15 p.m.--Relay for Life team meeting in Fellowship Hall.

Apr. 17 - The 2015 Eastern Regional Conference Spring Fling will be at the Newburg Church of God. A registration of \$12.00, which is due no later than April 8, includes the noon meal and program, including Brad Crum impersonating "Elvis". Check-in at the event begins at 10:00 a.m. Your membership dues of \$3.00 is also due at the same time. If you wish to join the Eastern Conference Senior Life Fellowship. Please see Jim Strine with your registration payment no later than April 8 in order to save your place at the Spring Fling. No late payments will be able to be collected.

Apr. 18 - 5:00 p.m.--The "Over 60's Crowd" is invited to the annual "Over 60's Dinner", which will be held in our gymnasium. The menu includes spaghetti w/meat sauce, sweet Italian sausage links w/sautéed peppers, tossed salad, Italian bread and yummy desserts, followed by entertainment. You will not want to miss out on this time of food and fellowship, prepared by the CGWM and served by the middle-schoolers. (If your spouse or significant other has not yet reached that golden age, they are welcome to attend with you). For food planning purposes, a sign-up list is available at the CGWM bulletin board in the hallway through Sunday, April 12.

Apr. 19 - 9:30 a.m.--Rev. Will Miller will be sharing with us in the morning worship service about his ministry at the University of Findlay campus.

Apr. 26 - 9:30 a.m.--Rev. Ben Tobias, Director of Cross Cultural Ministries for the Churches of God General Conference will be speaking with us during the morning worship hour as well as the Sunday School hour.

- 5:00 p.m.--Cumberland Valley Mission celebration at the Chambersburg First Church of God. Details will be published in a church bulletin closer to the time of the event and in the April/May issue of God's Family News which you should receive in the mail before the end of March.

May 12 - The Jolly Olde Timers are planning to go to Bird-in-Hand restaurant and playhouse to eat and view the play "Josiah for President". We need 20 people to go to this activity. Deadline to sign up and pay is April 5 (this is not a typo).

July 19-23 - Sunshine and warm weather cannot be far behind when we start to talk about plans for VBS! As you start to make vacation plans, please save the dates on your calendar for this year's Vacation Bible School. It will be held Sunday through Thursday, July 19-23 for all children from age three through fourth grade. Requests for help and supplies will be issued at a later date.

MISSION MOMENT--Keep Doug and Anna-Karin Molgaard in your prayers as they engage small groups in Sweden with questions about spiritual truths. Pray their conversations are received with open minds.

MR. JOHN NIESLY (one of our church's grandparents) has a birthday on Wednesday, March 25. Mr. Niesly resides at the Church of God Home, 801 N. Hanover St., Carlisle, PA 17013.

MRS. EDITH MORRISON will celebrate her birthday March 26. To send her birthday greetings, mail her card to the Todd Nursing Home, 1000 W. South St., Carlisle, PA 17013

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.

HEARING ASSISTED DEVICES are available for your use while worshipping in the Sanctuary. If you have such a need to assist you in hearing the Service, please contact sound technician Chris Campbell or head usher John Sheriff.

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.

WINEBRENNER SCOTLAND CAMPUS REPORTS:

We are planning some beautiful garden spaces for the campus, and we're looking for flower bulbs/seeds! We're especially looking for these three types:

-Black Eyed Susans -Daylilies -Daisies

Do you have any lying around that you just never got around to planting? Or maybe you're thinking, "Hey, I could pick up a couple bags of those at the garden shop and donate them!"

If any of those thoughts occur to you--well...please do it! We'd love to have any help we can get in stocking our supplies for beautifying the campus. And remember...come Spring we'll probably be needing help with planting too, so keep an eye out for information published in Carlisle First's church bulletins and/or newsletter.

In the meantime, we welcome your flowers.

From: Abby Long, Administrative Assistant 717-552-2220
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NOTE: There is a box in the Narthex in which to put your donations and the church secretary will see that they are dropped off at the Scotland campus periodically.

THANK YOU MESSAGES

>Dear Church Family--Thank you for the many expressions of encouragement through the series of Heckendorn trials and tribulations. Thank you for your prayers for Roger Heckendorn as he recuperates from his injuries. Thank you for the prayers for Tyler Heckendorn as he rehabs from his surgery. And thank you for the prayers for the entire Heckendorn family with the passing of Joe's dad. Whew...I think that we've used our quota for the year! Your continued support and many acts of kindness have truly touched our hearts. God bless, Joe, Debbie, Tyler and Trevor Heckendorn

>Thank you to Pastor Mike for the beautiful service you had for my father, Russell Motter and for the home visit before he passed away. Also thank you for the lovely flowers the church sent. Dad was blessed to have such a kind and loving church family. He will be missed by all. The Russell Motter Family

CHURCH DIRECTORY--If you did not have a chance to fill out the pink sheet concerning the church directory, please ask for a sheet today, fill it out and return to an usher. We would like to have 100% participation.

ADDRESS CHANGES ARE DUE TODAY for the mailing of the church newsletter this coming week.

MARCH 29, 2015 INFORMATION

Greeters: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wagner
Muggers: Mr. Bill Hench and Ms. Pam Gotshall
Head Usher: Mr. Ron Stevens
Ushers: Mr. Alan McConnell Mr. Shane McConnell
 Mr. Scott Gobin Mr. Marlin Negley

MARCH 15, 2015 REPORT

Attendance

Worship	194
Sunday School	105
Junior Church	15

OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Junior Church—9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning
(4th and 5th Sundays of the Month children begin the service with the adults in the sanctuary—other Sundays they have their own service in Fellowship Hall.)
Pre-K through Grade 4

Junior Church Director: Mrs. Sally Bigham
Asst. Junior Church Director: Mrs. Cathie Burkholder

The children in Junior Church are encouraged to bring their Bibles to worship services as we continue to learn the importance of God's Word. Each week we look-up our Call to Worship and our scripture lesson in the children's Bibles. Our object lessons use every day items to teach the children of God's love and His promises.

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—6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening
September through March
Children age 2 through Grade 6 (flex year)
Co-Directors: Mrs. Lisa Dellinger
Mrs. Cheryl Gobin

BLAST comes to an end this year with egg coloring on Wednesday, April 1, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the church. BLAST will have a pool party in August--stay tuned for details. The new year for BLAST will start Wednesdays again in September.

Junior Choir—resumed practices in October
6:10 p.m. Wednesday Evening
Children age 4 through Grade 5
Director: Mrs. Diana Ciucci

The Junior Choir is taking a break from singing until they resume practice in October.