

# CARLISLE FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

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## CHRISTMAS CANTATA SERVICE

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

The Prelude

\*The Call to Worship

Pastor: And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go  
before the Lord to prepare his ways.

**People: To give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their  
sins.**

Pastor: To give light to those who sit in darkness!

**Unison: Glory to God in the Highest. And on earth, peace, goodwill towards men!**  
(Luke 1:76-79 ESV; Luke 2:14 NKJV)

\*The Invocation

\*The Hymn "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" #259

The Scripture Luke 2:1-7

\*The Prayer

The Welcome and Announcements

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

\*The Doxology #815

\*The Offertory Prayer

The Christmas Musical "OUR HOPE HAS COME"

*Isaiah 7:14*

Pastor Greg Hench

Come Light of Hope -Senior Choir

Arranged by Anna Laura Page and Jean Anne Shafferman

A Baby Changes Everything -Senior Choir

Tim Nichols, Kim Wiseman, Craig Wiseman

Solo: Julie Gross

Glorial Jubilate Deo

March Parks

-Senior Choir

Solo: Nicholas Kuhn

That Boy Child of Mary

Tom Colvin

-Junior Choir

Solo: Clara Dellinger

Solo: Wesley Dellinger

He Is Born

Carlton R. Young

-Junior Choir

Christmas Santus

*Luke 2:8-14*

-Senior Choir

Bonnie Neidigh

Rise Up! Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow

Mark Hill

-Senior Choir

A Highland Carol

Charles Wesley, Christopher Wordsworth

-Senior Choir

*Matthew 2:1-11*

Drums: Will Downes

Michael Smith

Randy Heishman

We Three Kings

John H. Hopkins, Jr.

Verse 1

-Senior Choir

Verses 2 and 3 the audience joins with the choir:

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain; Gold I bring to crown Him again,  
King forever, ceasing never, Over us all to reign,  
O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.

Frankincense to offer have I; Incense owns a Deity nigh.  
Prayer and praises, all men raising, Worship Him, God on high,  
O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.

*Isaiah 52:7-10*

Ken Long

Comfort and Joy

-Senior Choir

Joel Raney

Percussion: Christian Kuhn

\*The Benediction

\*The Postlude

*\*Those who are able may stand*

Worship Leader: Pastor Greg Hench

Organist: Michael Minnich

Sound: Chris Campbell

Pianist: Elaine Shughart

Lights: Mat Hench

Greeters: Marge Crum and Nancy Rea

Head Usher: Wally Walters

Tonight's offering will be given in its entirety to India Churches & Evangelism. Don Dennison, Director of Churches of God Cross Cultural Ministries writes. "I just received a report from field

director **Samir Singha** who updated us on what is happening in **Maida District** in the northern part of West Bengal state (which is about 215 miles north of Kolkata). Our Churches of God Mission has been at work in Maida since 2004, where Bengali and tribal groups are largely unreached. There are six evangelists presently working in 20+ locations in this area. We have at least 15 congregations worshipping in either thatched buildings or house churches, plus many more preaching centers which are potential church plants. Unfortunately with ten months of 2012 behind us, we have received only 43% of our budget. That's why we're asking for this special Christmas offering. "We have never designated our Christmas Cantata offering to our mission work in India before so I believe we will be able to be a big part of helping this evangelistic outreach to some of the poorest among India's largely unreached population. (*Checks may be made payable to "Carlisle First Church of God."*)

The Nursery is open but is not staffed this evening.

Following the Cantata, we will be having refreshments and a time of fellowship in the gymnasium.

### **THIS WEEK—December 2—8**

**Monday** - 6:30 p.m.—**Candlelight Christmas** for ladies at Doubling Gap Center for an evening of dinner and fellowship. The evening begins at 6:30 and we will be leaving from the church parking lot at 5:30. We will be taking a van and sharing rides. *All those who are attending have been asked to bring any size/color used candle as a donation to the Camp*  
- 7:00 p.m.—**Church Council meeting**

**Tuesday** - 7:15 p.m.—**Church Home Tree of Life Celebration**

**Wednesday** - **FAMILY NIGHT PROGRAMMING**  
- 6:00 p.m.—Junior Choir practice  
—Middle School EDGE  
- 6:30 p.m.—Nursery  
—BLAST—Church Home Caroling: **Everyone is invited to join the BLAST children**  
—Senior Choir practice  
- 7:10 p.m.—Senior High EDGE  
- 7:30 p.m.—Relay for Life meeting

**Fri.-Sun.** - Jr. High Breakaway Camp at Camp YoliJwa

### **NEXT SUNDAY**, December 9, 2012

- 9:30 a.m. —Worship Service  
—Junior Church for children age 4 thru Grade 4  
—Nursery  
-10:40 a.m. —Sunday School hour  
-Nursery  
-Rotation Sunday School for age 4 thru Grade 5  
-Classes for Youth and Adults

2:00 p.m. —Michael Minnich, church organist, has planned an afternoon of Christmas music. Please plan to attend this concert to prepare your hearts for the celebration of Christ's birth. A free will offering will be received with the total amount being forwarded to the Forever Caring Fund at the Church Home.

Deadline for assisting the BLAST children in collecting money for families in need for Christmas. Please see Lisa or Cheryl with your donations.

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

- December 11** - 6:00 p.m. The **CGWM** will be filling gift bags for our shut-ins and residents of our Church Home again this year. We will do this at our meeting on the 11th. Due to a large number of people in need this year, we are asking for help from the congregation for needed supplies. You may find a list of items on the CGWM bulletin board and in your November newsletter. There will be a box in the vestibule where items may be left. Thank you for your help to make Christmas a little brighter for our shut-ins.
- December 13** - 11:30 a.m.—Come join the Jolly Olde Timers for some fun at Allenberry. We will be enjoying lunch in the dining room and then the matinee performance of “Boogie Woogie Christmas”. The cost is \$51 per person. Get signed up and **pay by December 2**. Make checks payable to Glenn Crum.
- December 23** - 10:40 a.m.—Adult and Youth classes will join in the gymnasium for the Annual **Christmas Quiz**. Please bring a chair (other than the Ladies Bible Class for whom chairs will be provided) and sit together with your class. And yes, Middle and Senior High Schoolers are welcome to sit on the floor! Attendance and offerings can be taken when you first arrive. And don't forget, there will be refreshments!
- December 24** - 7:30 p.m.—This year our **Candlelight Service** will include the singing of carols, special music, a meditation by Pastor Mathna and the traditional lighting of candles. Please mark your calendars to pause and worship together on Christmas Eve at Carlisle First.
- December 30** - 9:30 a.m.—Installation of newly elected Council Members.
- January 6** - 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 and there will be other special music. 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.

**EVERY LIGHT IS A LIFE**...a life to be remembered, a life to be honored. Is there someone here on earth or in their heavenly home who you would like to celebrate? A donation in any amount will be accepted in return for a luminary which will bear their name and that will light our way as we gather on Christmas Eve. A list of the loved ones and their sponsors will appear in the bulletin that evening. All proceeds benefit our Church Team for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Carlisle that takes place in May. Order forms were included in the November 18 bulletin and are also available in the Narthex and may be deposited along with your donation in the Luminary Bag on display through December 16.

**GOD'S FAMILY NEWS** was mailed on November 23 with the help of the “newsletter crew” consisting of Art and Betsy Bittinger, June Day, Jean Ilgenfritz, Mac and Shirley McConnell, Bonnie Neidigh, and Sariann Worley. If your family did not receive your newsletter, please contact the church secretary to have your name placed on the mailing list and to obtain a copy. Several of the newsletters were incorrectly collated by the copier and there were two pages of #17 and page #14 was missing. If you received one such newsletter, you may pick up page #14 in the Narthex.

**POINSETTIAS**—If you plan to place a poinsettia in the Sanctuary in honor or in remembrance of someone special in your life, please have your flower to the church by December 16. Also give information regarding the flower to the secretary no later than December 12. The information will be printed in the church bulletin December 16 and 23.

*To provide information for bulletins, please email the church secretary at [nancykog@yahoo.com](mailto:nancykog@yahoo.com) or call her at 258-3363.*