

CARLISLE FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

**705 Glendale Street
Carlisle, PA 17013**

May 1, 2011
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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M.

58th ANNUAL THANK OFFERING SERVICE
2011 Theme: "The King and I"—Our Relationship to God

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

The Words of Welcome

The Prelude

*The Call to Worship

Pastor: And Moses spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel saying, "Whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring an offering to the Lord."

People: **Then everyone whose heart was stirred and whose spirit was willing brought the Lord's offering for the work."**

Unison: **Later the people were restrained from bringing, for the material they had was sufficient for all the work to be done!** (Exodus 35: 5, 21; 36:7)

*The Invocation

*The Choral Introit "His Name is Wonderful" (without repeat) #118

*The Hymn "O Worship the King" #104

The Welcome and Announcements

The Presentation of Thank Offering Barrels

*The Morning Prayer

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 Anthem

The Scripture

I Chronicles 29:1-20

The Message THANK OFFERING AND THANKS FOR YOUR OFFERING

*The Hymn "We Are an Offering"

#678

*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 (color of your choice) to take home. Also we have information and maps about our church. The "muggers" at the Visitors' Center can answer your questions. Thanks 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 John, Karen and Alex Sheriff in honor of John and Karen's 24th wedding anniversary on May 9 and daughter Connor's 19th birthday on May 4.

TODAY IN OUR CHURCH

Greeters: Mrs. Donna Minck and Mrs. Sally Bigham

Nursery: Mat Hench

Muggers: Mr. and Mrs. Bill (Pat) Hench

Head Usher: Mrs. Pat Neidigh

Ushers: *Mrs. Julie Barrick

Mrs. Cathie Burkholder

Mrs. Jackie Miller

Mrs. Barbara Lupfer

Welcome to our Annual CGWM Thank Offering Service. In 1953, Grace Pierson, founder of Churches of God's Women's Ministries (CGWM and formerly known as WCSC), established Thank Offering in the Churches of God. It is a means all across our denomination to give thanks to God for what He is doing, while at the same time raising money to be used in many ministries of our denomination. Participants give thanks throughout the year by daily depositing money into a container provided by the CGWM called a "Thank Offering Barrel." The offering is collected yearly, generally in a [special service](#) on the first Sunday in May. Forty percent of the monies received will be disbursed at the Regional level (for us, that would be our Eastern Regional Conference) and sixty percent will be disbursed to the General Conference level of CGWM. The General Conference portion is distributed to the following ministries of the church.

General Conference CGWM Thank Offering Distribution

Cross Cultural Ministries	30%
Winebrenner Seminary	20%
Youth and Family Ministries	17%
Administrative Office	10%
Church Planting	10%
Publications	7%
The University of Findlay	5%
Archives	1%

The total Thank Offerings from 1953 through 2010 have amounted to \$1,836,192.14. The CGWM goal is to reach \$2 million by the 60th year of Thank Offering in 2013! Men and women are invited to participate in this outreach of thanksgiving. New Thank Offering Barrels will be in the lobby in the near future and you are welcome to pick one up for use in the coming year.

TODAY IN OUR CHURCH

- 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 for children age 4—Grade 6
- Youth and Adult classes

- 3:15 p.m.** - **CV Missions Celebration** at the Chambersburg First Church of God. Everyone is invited to attend. Pastor Don Dennison (Director of Churches of God General Conference Cross Cultural Ministries) will be our featured speaker. As part of his presentation he will interview John and Toni Thumma, pastor of our Hooghan Nizhoni and Gamerco Churches. Pastor Dennison will also interview Andy and Theresa Snyder missionaries to Haiti and update us on General Conference Missions. The Project Goal for Missions is \$45,000.00 to be divided between (1) Church Planting in the Eastern Regional Conference, (2) the chapel renovation at our Church of God Home (the last major renovation was 21 years ago), and (3) the support of Andy and Theresa Snyder (and family), missionaries to Haiti. Also, any local church's Mission Team who has a display at the rally regarding involvement in a mission project since the 2010 Mission Celebration will receive \$500.00 towards their next mission team event. *If you would like to make a contribution towards the Mission Project it is not too late. Simply place the contribution in the offering plate and mark the envelope MISSION PROJECT (or checks may be made out to "Carlisle First Church of God" and write MISSION PROJECT on the memo line). All donations so marked will be added to our church's offering at the Mission Celebration.*

THIS WEEK—May 1-7

Monday—Wednesday -10th Annual Session of the Eastern Regional Conference at Doubling Gap Center Mrs. Bonnie Neidigh and Mrs. Nancy Rea will be serving as delegates to Conference from our Church.

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

Tuesday - 7:00 p.m.—CGWM meeting

Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.—Jr. Hi. EDGE
- 6:30 p.m.—Jr. Hi. Meeting
—**NO** Adult Bible Study

Thursday - 12:15-12:45 p.m.—National Day of Prayer meeting at the Old Courthouse—**THEME:** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God". Our country really needs our prayer support now more than ever before. Millions of Americans will be meeting all across our land to pray for our nation. We need your help!

Saturday - Camp YoliJwa Hike-n-rock-r-thon. The whole family is invited to come and participate in our annual event here at Doubling Gap Center. This is a great opportunity to come and enjoy a day at camp, all the while earning credit towards a week of 2011 summer camp. The 6-mile hike begins at Camp, travels through Colonel Denning State Park and follows an old, but level, logging road in the

Doubling Gap. Hikers return to camp via a flat, mountain trail. This round trip hike takes 3-4 hours at an easy pace. Bring a day pack to carry provided snacks and water. This is a great hike for all ages. Anyone not wishing to participate in the six-mile hike is welcome to join in the 4-hour rock on the camp porch. . To hike or rock, bring a completed sponsor sheet with you on May 7 when you check in. The day will conclude with the Camp serving their famous BBQ chicken for supper. You won't want to miss out! Sponsor sheets are available from Jim Heinbaugh at church or go on the computer to www.campyolijwa.org.

NEXT SUNDAY—May 8, 2011

- 9:30 a.m.—Worship Service
 - Junior Church for children age 4 through Grade 4
 - Communion Class for youth in Grades 5 and 6
 - Nursery
- 10:40 a.m. —Sunday School hour
 - Nursery
 - Rotation for children age 4—Grade 6
 - Youth and Adult classes
- 4-6 p.m. —Volleyball Youth Group
- 6:00 p.m. —Senior High EDGE

LOOKING AHEAD

May 12 - 12 noon—The Jolly Olde Timers will meet. Bring a covered dish and enjoy the food along with some good entertainment which will be a travelogue of five European countries. (Holland, Germany, Slovakia, Austria and Hungary) while cruising three rivers. You won't want to miss this.

May 15 - 9:30 a.m.—Worship Service with recognition of graduates

May 22 - 9:30 a.m.—Youth Sunday

MISSION MOMENT—Pray for the 10th Annual Session of the Eastern Regional Conference at Doubling Gap Center meeting this Monday through Wednesday. Pray for those who will be leading the business and devotional sessions, that the Lord will be glorified.

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.

SPRING CLEANING —If you come across gently used blankets/sweatshirts which you no longer use, please remember our upcoming collection for the Fruitbelt Farmworkers. Beginning in June, a receptacle will be placed in the Narthex for your donations.

MRS. ANNA EVELHOCH is now back in her apartment at 35 Eastgate Drive (Apt. #217), Carlisle, PA 17013, following rehab at Thornwald Home. Husband Frank remains a resident at the Home.

MAY 8 INFORMATION

Greeters: Mr. and Mrs. Lee Diehl
Nursery Miss Amanda Hench
Muggers: Col. and Mrs. Terry Mitchell
Head Usher: Mr. Wally Walters
Ushers: *Mr. Justin Kuhn Mr. Larry Bigham
 Mr. John Sheriff Mr. Bob Ilgenfritz

APRIL 24 REPORT

Attendance

Worship	315
Sunday School	78
Nursery	11

APRIL 20

Jr. High ED	34
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APRIL 21

Maundy Thursday	101
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APRIL 27

Prayer Meeting	27
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Bulletin information should be provided to Nancy Rea by 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday by telephone 258-3363 or e-mail nancycog@yahoo.com