



# CAC's Bulletin for Sunday, December 11, 2011

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## Last Sunday AM

Elder Lorren Godwin preached, using for his text the words of the Lord Jesus found in John 16:33: "In this world you will have trouble, but be of good cheer. I have overcome the world." Life happens. Too often we allow the cares of this world to defeat us. But the troubles of life happen to everyone. The same wind that drives the boat from the shore out onto the ocean, is the same wind that will bring it home. It all depends on which way the sails are set. Jesus said, "blessed is he that is not offended in me." There are always things we don't understand, but if we will trust God then He will see us through. This is true even when life doesn't make sense. Every one wants to live on the mountaintop, but true growth and strength is received when we are in the valley. It is in the valley that we get strength to climb and serve. Elder Godwin said that the first question he wants to ask Jesus when he gets to Heaven is, "Why did you make it so easy on me to get here? Why wasn't the price of admission higher?" All the cares of this world, everything we get bent out of shape over, the things that frustrate us and hold us back.... It will all seem so minuscule when we enter the gates of Heaven.

## Last Sunday PM

Pastor Joseph preached on unity—specifically on how to stand for one's convictions while maintaining unity in the church. He ministered using Revelation chapter 3 and Romans chapter 14 as his texts. In Romans chapter 14, the Apostle Paul gave great guidance to the church as the Lord inspired him with wisdom on how to have unity even while other members of the church have differing views. This teaching is especially important when there is opposition over differing convictions. The devil loves to get God's people caught up in fighting with one another, and he especially loves to get God's people to do his work of sowing discord between church members. He will use unsaved people to carry lies back and forth between church members. He will also use backslidden people to do the same thing. If permitted, he will even use church members to do so too. The damage that is caused during such times of wounding can cause the church to lose members, or at the least cause members to become emotionally scarred and demobilized. Why would God ever allow the devil to gain such access? Why would God allow people to do such things? God gave the devil permission to wreak havoc in Job's life. God can do the same in our day. The end result explains why. He desires for His church to be pure gold that is purified by fire. He melts the gold in the crucible, which allows the dross to float to the top. He then scrapes away the dross. It is essential that we be determined to be the gold that remains, not the dross that is carried away from the church.

## Last Wednesday

The evening service was cancelled out of safety concerns because of icy weather.

Birthdays & Anniversaries		Submit yours to us today!
Natural Birthdays	Spiritual Birthdays	Anniversary
<i>Bro James Bargo (12/6)</i> <i>Sis Betty Murphy (12/7)</i> <i>Elder John Sandy (12/9)</i> <i>Sis Tammy Channel (12/11)</i> <i>Sis Adena Joseph (12/14)</i> <i>Jamie Wiley (12/15)</i> <i>Bro Adam Benedum (12/18)</i>	<i>None to be announced. Did we miss yours? Please let us know.</i>	<i>Pastor and Sis Joseph (12/17/1988) 23 wonderful years!</i>

Fun!	Kids Corner	Christmas Word Search
		<p>Find and circle these words:</p> <p>BABY GABRIEL GLORY GOD IMMANUEL INNKEEPER JESUS JOSEPH MARY NIGHT PEACE PROPHET REDEEMER SHEPHERDS SON</p>
<p> M E T E H P O R P E A C E B S  C G Q Z L V U T S M U W P U J  N L E I R B A G C J K L L U X  J Y R O L G H S H Z E K U B Z  E J O S E P H H K M C Q X M J  S R E D E E M E R I J T A P R  U U Q A L H K P B N U R O C I  S C J A Q O J H A N Y R N A J  N Y T P E X W E B K X X Q N G  I W K P B Z Y R Y E Y D S O L  G O O V J S P D O E T O O S M  H M I J Q Q S S A P T M B G J  T I M M A N U E L E Q L D T L  U V X X U S I B N R N F Q S S  H D R M R P E V J A H V E M K </p>		

Announcements / Events / Ministry Opportunities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CAC's radio broadcast, <b>Voice of Truth, on WAJR 103.3 FM</b>, is aired twice on Sundays: 11:30am &amp; 11pm. <b>Today: "Building Your Altar" Part 2</b></li> <li>• Sun, Dec. 18, 2011 – <b>Christmas Presentations</b> by CAC Sunday School Classes</li> <li>• Thursday, Dec 22, 2011 – <b>ACA Home School Day</b></li> <li>• Dec 23, 2011-Jan 2, 2012 – <b>ACA Christmas &amp; New Year's Break</b></li> <li>• Sun, Dec. 25, 2011 <b>at 10:00 am</b> – <b>Christmas Day service</b> at CAC</li> <li>• Friday, Dec. 30, 2011 – <b>All Night Prayer Meeting</b> at CAC</li> <li>• January 1-30, 2012 – <b>30 Days of United Prayer (U.P.)</b> with daily praying at CAC</li> <li>• Thursday, Jan 12, 2012 – <b>ACA – End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter</b></li> </ul>

**Fun!** Humor Submit your funny things to [news@cac.us.com](mailto:news@cac.us.com)

After being away on business for a week before Christmas, Tom thought it would be nice to bring his wife a little gift.  
 “How about some perfume?” he asked the cosmetics clerk. She showed him a bottle costing \$50.  
 “That’s a bit much,” said Tom, so she returned with a smaller bottle for \$30.  
 “That’s still quite a bit,” Tom grouched.  
 Growing disgusted, the clerk brought out a tiny \$15 bottle.  
 Tom grew agitated, “What I mean,” he said, “is I’d like to see something real cheap.”  
 So the clerk handed him a mirror.

What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?  
 It’s Christmas, Eve!

Last Christmas, grandpa was feeling his age, and found that shopping for Christmas gifts had become too difficult. So he decided to send checks to everyone instead.  
 In each card he wrote, “Buy your own present!” and mailed them early.  
 He enjoyed the usual flurry of family festivities, and it was only after the holiday that he noticed that he had receiving very few cards in return. Puzzled over this, he went into his study, intending to write a couple of his relatives and ask what had happened. It was then, as he cleared off his cluttered desk that he got his answer. Under a stack of papers, he was horrified to find the gift checks which he had forgotten to enclose with the cards.

The pastor was looking over the crèche (a.k.a. the nativity) the day after Christmas when he noticed that the baby Jesus was missing. He went outside and saw a little boy pulling a new red wagon. In the wagon was baby Jesus.  
 We walked up to the boy and said, “Hi, there. Where did you get the baby Jesus?”  
 The boy answered honestly, “In the church.”  
 “Why did you take him?” the pastor asked.  
 “Well,” said the boy, “I prayed to the Lord and asked him for a wagon for Christmas. I told Him that if He gave me one, I’d take Him for a ride in it.”

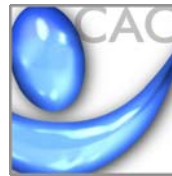
**Special Prayer Requests**

- Sis. Bev Feathers
- Sis Tracy Sandy
- Bro. Jim Starkey
- Jim Sprouse
- Melanie Mick

**Featured Verse**

- Linda Martin
- Frank Matheny
- Ann Matheny
- Eld. Chuck Hoskins
- Elverson Hopkins

“Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost” (Matthew 1:18).



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**Our District’s First Lady, Sister Brenda Hudson, had a birthday yesterday. Consider stopping by her Facebook and wishing her well! (Username: Brenda Hudson)**

**A special thank-you from Pastor Joseph**

Long ago the Lord permitted Satan to attack a man named Job. The Lord knew what He was doing. Job passed the test. In recent months, the Lord granted permission for the enemy of our souls to hit us with clever demonic attacks. The devil has really worked hard to sow discord (and to get people to sow discord) between members, against our church’s leadership, and between our church and other churches. **The Lord is going to have a pure church.** He wants saints that can pass a test called “discord.” He calls for saints who will be able to serve Him for all of eternity without getting caught in a trap called “offense.” Whenever someone’s words cause you to feel angry at another brother or sister, stop and consider the test! May God richly bless you with wisdom and strength to escape the traps being laid! To all who have held onto truth and kept a right spirit, **THANK YOU!** To all who held onto your composure and did not fall into the trap of offense, thank you for not letting the enemy’s efforts succeed in your life. If you did fall prey to the trap, realize it and let God release you from it! The devil is called the accuser of the brethren. Let’s not take his job! I love you all, and I am very thankful for you. Let’s get into the upcoming “30 days of United Prayer” (U.P.) from January 1-30, 2012. Great things are ahead! Let’s see what God will through us when we serve Him with our whole heart and refuse to be trapped by discord and offense!



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