



CAC's Bulletin for Sunday, December 30, 2012

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Sunday AM

The Sunday School classes did Christmas presentations. It was an awesome Christmas tribute to Jesus. Several commented that it was the best Christmas tribute we have ever had at CAC. Everyone was touched and many wept. At the conclusion of the service, the families and ministries of CAC brought forward their missions pledge payments for the annual Christmas For Christ offering. **We are so excited to report that just over \$4,400 has come in! This is the best CFC missions offering we have ever had during the Joseph's tenure here, and perhaps the largest CFC offering in the church's 42 year history!** There are still a few more families that pledged to give and have indicated they still intend to fulfill their pledges. If you have yet to give, it is not too late. Please try to get your offering in soon. If you have yet to pledge, consider what you can do to be a part of a record-breaking year for missions giving in WV in general, and at CAC in particular! **Thank you!**

Wednesday

Pastor Joseph preached a Christmas-related message entitled "The Sign of His Coming" from Matthew 12:39, 16:4, 24:3 and other verses. In particular, he led us in an expositional reading of Luke chapters 1 & 2, after expounding about the Bible's doctrine regarding signs. On one hand, Jesus denounced the wicked people that demanded a sign from Him, yet on the other hand, the Bible lists quite a few occasions when believers asked for a sign, and they were suffered to receive explanations, details, and tolerance in their weakness of needing a sign or more information. The Bible's overall message about signs is nuanced in that God takes note of one's attitude, reasoning, and motivation in asking for a sign. It seems that in His consideration, He weighs very differently those who refuse to believe without a sign vs. those who already believe yet struggle to have a better grasp. God also seems to weigh whether one's current level of maturity and knowledge means that he or she ought to be able to trust and understand without additional signs or explanations. In summary, it's not always evil to ask God for a sign, but sometimes it clearly is, and the wicked generation around us is clearly in no position to demand a sign, yet they vehemently do so any way. In Luke 1, Zachariah the priest, who was to become the father of John the Baptist, questioned in doubt when the angel prophesied John's birth, and the angel smote Zachariah with dumbness until after the miracle came to pass. Clearly Zachariah was expected to handle the good news better. One preacher has noted that Zachariah was forced into silence so he would not talk himself out of a miracle! By contrast when Marry, the lowly and humble maid who was to become the mother of the Christ, inquired as to how it could be, she was met with more tolerance. Later, the angel who addressed the lowly shepherds did not even wait for them to ask for a sign or explanation. The angel preempted the question by telling them what their sign was to be: They would find the wrapped newborn laying in a feeding trough. The signs God gives often seem "plain" or mundane, but such is His way! Be thankful you know Jesus, and don't *demand* glorious signs in order to believe!

Natural Birthdays	Spiritual Birthdays	Anniversaries
Destaney Bargo (1/3) Isabella Bargo (1/3) Grant Hoskins (1/5)	David Lee Claypool (1/1/2000) Sis. Pat Hoskins (1/1979)	None to be announced.

Announcements / Events / Ministry Opportunities

- **Voice of Truth** is aired each Sunday at 11:30am on **News/Talk WAJR 103.3 FM**.
Today: "The New Birth part 2" interview w Pastor Phillip Zook & Pastor Joseph
- Sun. January 20, 2013 – **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SOHLS)**
- Sun. January 20, 2013, 2pm – **West Virginians for Life** at Bridgeport Conf Center
- Sun. January 27, 2013, 10am – 11am – **Super Church (special day for kids!)**
- **CAC having a record year for missions giving through CFC! Over \$4,400!**

Fun! Kids Corner Wise Men – Find the differences.

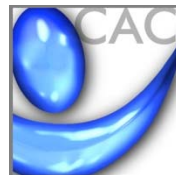
Compare the two drawings of wise men visiting Jesus and circle the differences between them



Fun! Humor Submit your funny things to news@cac.us.com

New Year's Dinner

As in many homes on New Year's Day, my wife and I faced the annual conflict of which was more important - the football games on television, or the dinner itself. To keep peace, I ate dinner with the rest of the family, and even lingered for some pleasant after-dinner conversation before retiring to the family room to turn on the game. Several minutes later, my wife came downstairs and graciously even brought a cold drink for me. She smiled, kissed me on the cheek and asked what the score was. I told her it was the end of the third quarter and that the score was still nothing to nothing. "See?" she said, continuing to smile. "You didn't miss a thing."



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Special Prayer Needs		Featured Verse
Bro. Jim Starkey	Sis. Shirley Cole	"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14).
Bro. Roger Blaniar	Bro. Ron Moss & family	
Bro. George Jones &	Bro. Bill Pearce	
Bro. George's kids	Sis. Charlotte Evans	
Bro. Zach Sandy	Sis. Bev Feathers	



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Congratulations to Bro. Levi McClain, who recently passed his Fire Fighter's Exam!