



## CAC's Bulletin for Sunday, August 19, 2012

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### Sunday AM

Our special guest, Rev. Lane Coon preached "The Amazing Story of Louis Zamperini" using John 11 and Luke 15 as his texts. Zamperini was a record-breaking Olympic runner whose athletic career was interrupted by World War II. His B-24 bomber aircraft went down over the Pacific, but he and two others survived in a life raft. With little food and no water, the three (Zamperini, Phillips, and McNamara) subsisted on rainwater and raw fish, while fending off constant shark attacks and nearly being capsized by a storm. A Japanese bomber strafed them, puncturing their life raft; miraculously, no one was hit. McNamara died after 33 days at sea. On their 47th day adrift, Zamperini and Phillips reached land in the Marshall Islands and were immediately captured by the Japanese Navy. Both were imprisoned and severely mistreated until the end of the war in August, 1945. During his terrible time, Zamperini considered himself "a dead body breathing." In John 11, Lazarus' sister accused that if Jesus had only come sooner, Lazarus would not have died. Yet the Lord's timing was not an issue. In Luke 15, the prodigal son was in control of the timing, and it was an issue. Unlike Zamperini, the prodigal did not have to wait for the end of a war. He had only to see his need to go home. His father welcomed him, and "fell upon him" (perhaps to shield him from the stoning that the law decreed). Today we don't have to wait on anything to be set free from sin! As soon as we decide to come to Jesus, we can gain freedom!

### Sunday PM

Pastor Joseph preached "Change Me" using Jeremiah 17:5-14; 18:1-6 and Isaiah 30:1-3; 30:33 as his text. Modern folks are obsessed with self-help books, self-healing seminars, self-medicating and do-it-yourself psychiatry and popular psychology, courtesy of celebrities such as Oprah and Dr. Phil. The power of positive thinking and the intrinsic power we supposedly have within are practically worshipped as false gods. Meanwhile, wickedness abounds as situational ethics and amoral pluralism dominate the cultural landscape. Yet the Bible warns that "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jer. 17:9). The truly wise one realizes he cannot save himself; we need the Savior more with each passing day. We need to cry out to the Lord, "Thou art the potter, and I am the clay!" Our heart's cry to God of "change me!" is the only way to see true progress in getting ready for eternity. Don't trust/depend on Egypt!

### Wednesday

Pastor Joseph preached "The Winding Stairway of Sin" using I Samuel 15:22 ("to obey is better than to sacrifice") as his text. Once one has sinned, atonement must be made. Sacrifice has to occur. Sacrifice is the offering of an animal by shedding its blood unto death. By its very nature, sacrifice always follows disobedience (sin). Therefore obedience is better! Obedience removes the need for sacrifice. It removes the bad consequences that the sacrifice demands (death to someone or

something) as well as the detriments caused by the sin, which are not alleviated by the sacrifice itself. Sins not only can cause punishment in the hereafter, but also much suffering in the here and now. Sacrifice, when done properly and received by God, can alleviate the eternal punishment, but often aspects of suffering in the here and now are not alleviated. Obedience bypasses all the pain, and brings God's blessing directly without any need for detriment or punishment. Since there is no punishment called for, no sacrifice is required. The Book of Hebrews speaks of our *better* covenant and *better* promises. Better *why*? It thrives on obedience instead of on sacrifice! The New Covenant is described as "better" than the Old Covenant. The season? The Lord said, "I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people."

Natural Birthdays	Spiritual Birthdays	Anniversaries
Bro James Starkey (8/14) Sis Ann Matheny (8/20)	None to announce. Did we miss something?	Bro David & Sis Christina Ramsey (8/24/1992) – Congrats on 20 years!

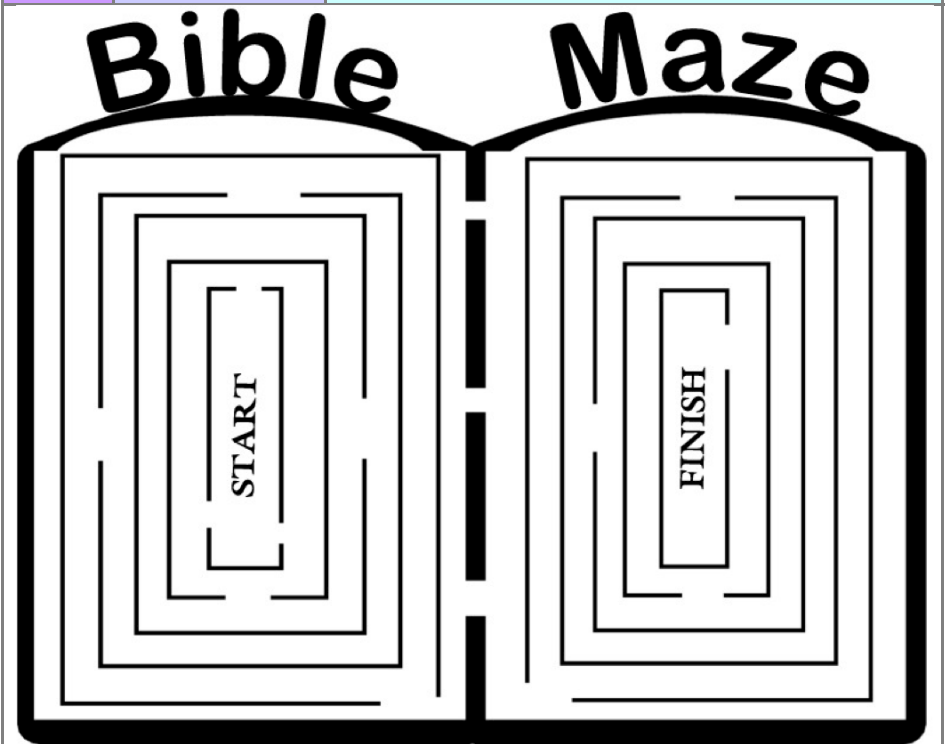
### Announcements / Events / Ministry Opportunities

- **Voice of Truth, on WAJR 103.3 FM**, is aired twice on Sundays: 11:30am & 11pm. **Today: Creation vs. Evolution, part 17 – Note: Steve & Dana Grohman** have agreed to come to Clarksburg for a **Creation Seminar Apr 28-May 1, 2013!**
- Sun, August 26, 10am - 4pm – **Sunday School Picnic**, Osborne Shelter, VA Park

Fun!

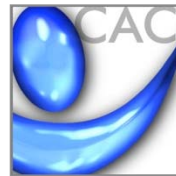
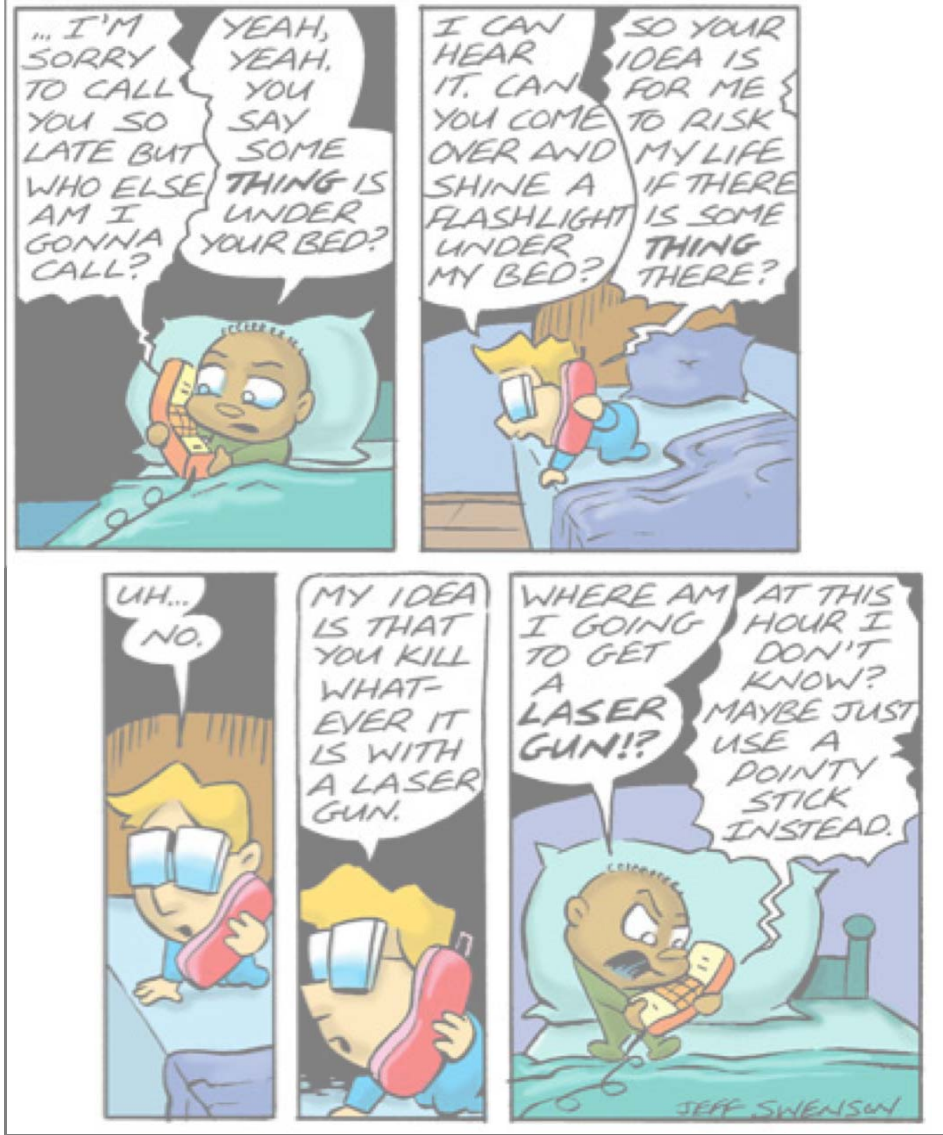
Kids Corner

Bible Maze



Special Prayer Needs		Featured Verse
Bro Zach Sandy Elder Charles Hoskins Sis. Charlotte Evans Sis. Bev Feathers	Bro. Jim Starkey Sis. Michele Pearce George Jones / kids Mark Matheny	"To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law" (1 Corinthians 9:21).

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



# Christian Apostolic Church

Where Miracles Live!

CAC & WV were represented in soulwinning efforts this weekend at the 'Rally On The River' biker event in Ironton, OH



ASRs from three states were represented at the Rally On The River. CAC's chapter president, Bro Adam Benedum, was one of them. Bro Jim Curley was also there.



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