

## CAC's Bulletin for Sunday, December 23, 2012

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#### Sunday AM

Pastor Joseph preached "King of the Mountain" from Genesis 37:23. Young men, when presented with a hill, have often resorted to a physical contest to determine who can stay on top while others try to dethrone him. It's a struggle to declare superiority and defend the claim by defying challengers. In a similar way, George Mallory desired to be the first man to climb Mt. Everest. Likewise, the United States sought to beat the Russians in the great Space Race. In the Bible, Joseph's brothers saw him as the mountain to be defeated. They hated him because he was Dad's favorite. Also Joseph's dreams from God revealed that they would all be ruled over by him and would bow down to him. Their desire to not be ruled over by their brother, combined with the fact that they "saw" him as one who would be "King of the Mountain" over them caused them to view him as the enemy that needed to be beaten. First they threw him into a dry cistern, and plotted to kill him. Then they sold him to a caravan of merchants on their way to Egypt to be a slave. Joseph was not faced with climbing a peak like Everest. He was faced with maintaining a right heart toward God, and living his new life of slavery without being consumed by bitterness, without losing hope in God and in the dreams God had given, and without giving in to the same hatred that his brothers had. He found through God's help, through the wisdom and self-discipline granted by God, the ability to make the ascent. Each one of us must seek to conquer his own sin-cursed nature as opposed to seeking to conquer or rule over some other man. We can ascend an even higher peak by ridding ourselves from the immaturity of hatred and ill will, and refusing to be coopted by those who would sow discord among us.

#### Sunday PM

Pastor Joseph preached "Joseph's Coat" from Genesis 39:1-23. Joseph made good choices throughout his life in spite of terrible circumstances. Although evil was intended against him, God meant it for good, to save much people alive. All things work together for the good to those who love God. Joseph was betrayed, yet refused to be bitter. When he was a slave, he maintained his integrity, and was eventually promoted to be chief of the slaves and head of the house. When he was again betrayed, and sentenced to prison indefinitely, he refused to be bitter. He maintained his integrity and was eventually promoted to be chief of the prison. Joseph's coat was used in betrayal twice. "Day by day" the devil will throw snares in our path, but we must refuse to give in to him. Keep yourself pure. When we got baptized, we put on Jesus (our coat of righteousness); therefore we must keep ourselves free from all sins. Pursue after righteousness, love and peace. Chase after everything that is in Jesus Christ.

#### Wednesday

Jr. Elder Zach Sandy preached "What is My Purpose?" from John 9:4-5 & Matthew5:14-15. Our purpose here on earth is to live for God. Material things are temporary. Only what we do for God will last. We need to sell out to this world.

Give God more of your time and effort. Be a witness for God. Our objective is to see souls saved. Do more than what is expected of you. Ask yourself: What more can I do for God? He's done so much for me. Elder Baron Claypool preached "How Will You Be Remembered?" from Luke 32-36 and Genesis 24-30. When God told Abram to leave and get out of his country, he took his nephew, Lot, with him. Abram sacrificed and built altars unto God but there is no mention of Lot doing so. When Abraham and Lot separated, Lot chose to go the way pointing toward evil. After they were separated, God began to work in Abraham's life. God won't work in your life unless you are separated from the world. Lot pursued after the world. Remember Lot's wife. How do you want to be remembered?

	Natural Birthdays		
Pastor Doug Joseph (12/24)	Sis. Katrina Sutton (12/29)	Sis. Pam Harris (12/29)	

### Announcements / Events / Ministry Opportunities

- Voice of Truth is aired each Sunday at 11:30am on News/Talk WAJR 103.3 FM. Today: "Christmas Special" by Pastor Joseph
- Today: special Christmas presentations (one service only!)
- Today: Missions offering via "Christmas Cards for Christ"
- Sun. Jan. 20, 2013 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SOHLS)
- Sun. Jan. 20, 2013, 2-5pm West Virginians for Life at Bridgeport Conf. Center.
- Sun. Jan. 27, 2013, 10am Super Church (special kids event, for all the G-Kids)





Submit your funny things to news@cac.us.com

At Grandma's: Two little boys went to their grandparents' place for Christmas. At bedtime, the youngest one began to pray at the top of his lungs. "I PRAY FOR A NEW BICYCLE... I PRAY FOR A NEW BICYCLE... I PRAY FOR A NEW BICYCLE ... " The older brother exclaimed, "Why are you shouting? Do you think God is deaf?" The little one promptly replied, "Nope! But Grandma certainly is!"



Special Prayer Needs		Featured Verse
Bro. Roger Blaniar	Sis. Shirley Cole	"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is giver
Bro. George Jones	Bro. Ron Moss family	and the government shall be upon his shoulder:
Bro. George's kids	Bro. Bill Pearce	and his name shall be called Wonderful,
Bro. Zach Sandy	Sis. Charlotte Evans	Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting
Bro. Jim Starkey	Sis. Bev Feathers	Father, The Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6).



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# Unto us a child is born!



"For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead" (I Corinthians 15:21).