



CAC's Bulletin for Sunday, December 18, 2016

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Sunday AM

Pastor Joseph preached "Wise Men Still Seek Him" from Matthew 2:1-2. The wise men, scholars from the east, were wealthy and well educated. They weren't Jews, but they had studied Daniel's prophecies and his Torah, and they knew that a King of the Jews was to be born. The wise men recognized the sign of the star, and were drawn to follow it. "There shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel" (Numbers 24:17). Jesus was born of the tribe of Judah. These wise men didn't know where they were going but followed the star by faith. When they found the child in a house, these men of great stature and authority bowed down and worshipped him. Wise people still seek after the truth of God's Word. We must diligently seek truth and be hungry for God. "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled" (Matthew 5:6). God will help a person who is truly hungry for His Word. We must completely give ourselves to God. Every man must encounter and seek God for himself.

Sunday PM

Pastor Joseph preached "The Greatest Commandment" from Mark 12:28. The Lord our God is one Lord. We must love God with everything we have – all our heart, all our soul, our entire mind, and all our strength. Serving God must be the greatest priority in our lives. Some people miss church, claiming "it's too cold" or "I'm too busy." Yet when one completely loves God he or she will sell out to Him and let nothing keep them from going to church. When we truly love God, we will love people. We need to love our neighbor as ourselves. Fallen humans are prone to hate "others" (which can be any kind of other—a different skin color, religion, or whatever). The devil is good at splitting people apart. People murder "others," and even babies are killed. This world is so wicked. We need to dedicate ourselves to God. While we need to remove ourselves from relationships that hinder us from loving God, still we must continually have love for God and others as our priority and guide all our thoughts, words, and actions by the love of God in our hearts.

Wednesday

Jr. Elder Matt Anderson preached "Just Do It" from Luke 8:9-15. The world offers many distractions that could keep us bound, but we must stay focused on God. We mustn't be too busy to pray, study God's Word, or to be faithful to church. Worries, riches, and pleasures can get us down if we don't seek God. Just do it! Pastor Joseph preached "The Wonderful Name of Jesus" from Isaiah 9:6. Jesus is Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace. Jesus is the Savior of the world. Jesus is the fulfillment of the Messianic prophecy about Emmanuel, which means "God with us." He is God with us to save us. The name of Jesus is highly exalted and is above every other name. Jesus is the personal fulfillment of the prophetic name of God. Jesus literally means "Yahweh-Savior" (Jehovah-Savior). The name of God, born by Jesus Christ, represents all of God's character, attributes, power, authority, and presence!

Special Prayer Needs		Featured Verse
<i>Sis. Rachel Claypool</i> <i>Sis. Jeannette Joseph</i> <i>Bro. Bill Pearce</i> <i>Sis. Helen Sandy</i> <i>Bro. Jim Starkey</i> <i>Bro. Bud Sandy</i> <i>Bro. Donald Tucker</i>	<i>Sis. Pauline Scheuvront</i> <i>Bro. Terry Null</i> <i>Sis. Bev Feathers</i> <i>Sis. Penny Benedum</i> <i>Sis. Cindy Murphy</i> <i>Sis. Brenda Hudson</i> <i>Sis. Carol Money penny</i>	"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us" (Matthew 1:23).

Natural Birthdays		Spiritual Birthdays
Bro. Adam Benedum (12/18) Sis. Helen Sandy (12/21) Bro. David Todd (12/21)	Mila Grace Parrish (12/22) Pastor Doug Joseph (12/24)	Elder Zach Sandy (12/22/2002)

Announcements / Events / Ministry Opportunities

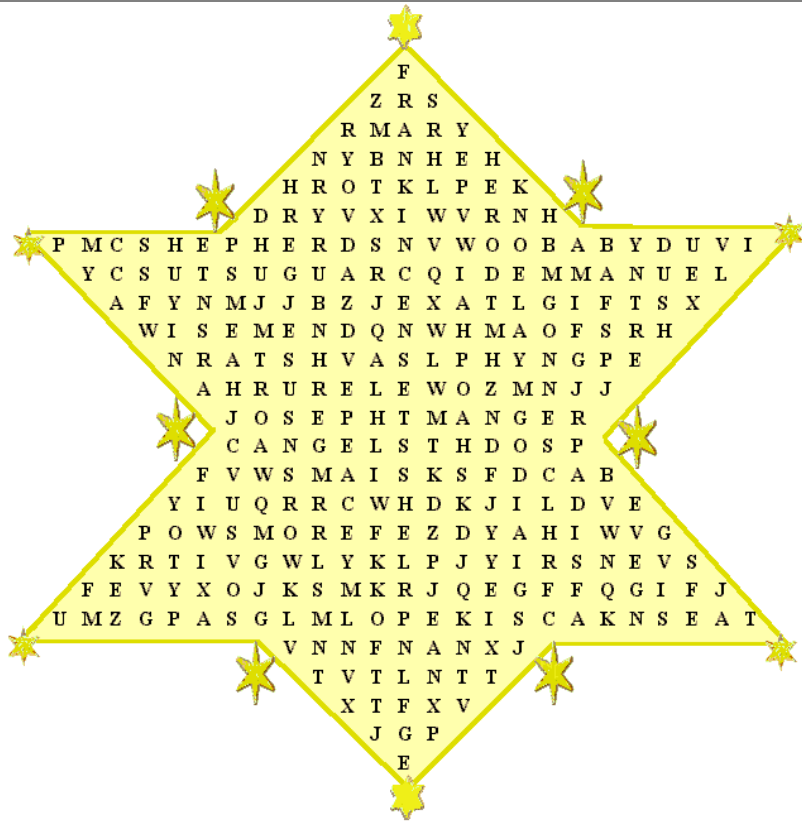
- **Voice of Truth** is aired each Sunday at 11:30am on **News/Talk WAJR 103.3 FM**. Today: "**Anthony Mangun preaching at a General Conference, part 3**"
- Mondays at 6pm – **Family Prayer** at CAC, all members attend and help pray!
- **This evening at 6pm – Rev. Terry Null (our former pastor) at CAC**
- Sun, Dec. 25, 10am – One service only on **Christmas Day** – Celebrate the Savior!
- Wed, Jan. 4 – **Youth Service** (for all ages – let our students minister to you).
- Sun, Jan. 15 – **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday**
- Fri, Jan. 27 – **March For Life in D.C.**, bus from Morgantown. Info: 304-282-5756
- Thur-Fri, Feb. 2-3 – **Capital City Youth Congress** at Charleston Civic Center

A suggestion for parents: During your Christmas family devotion, just tell the story. Tell the story with faithfulness and respect. Tell it accurately and fully, bringing in the accounts of Matthew and Luke, drawing from the prophecies of old. Tell it with gusto and love. Tell the story of the birth of Jesus with all the excitement of someone hearing it for the first time. Tell the story without detouring into theories and guesses and myths and controversies. A Christmas devotion is probably not the time to conjecture on how planets may have aligned themselves into creating that wandering star which led the Magi to Bethlehem. Keep in mind that it "went before them until it came and stood over where the child was" (Matthew 2:9). (Try doing that with planets.) Stay on the subject. Avoid the history of Augustus' census and such like, unless you've found something worthwhile to bring up. Stay on the subject. Your Christmas devotion should not bother about non-biblical things. Tell the story with imagination and appreciation. Try to imagine how **Mary** must have felt, how **Joseph** must have felt, and how their **families** must have felt. Imagine how the **shepherds** must have felt, and how the **citizens of Jerusalem** must have felt when some foreign visitors show up asking, "Where is He who has been born king of the Jews?"

Fun!	Humor	Submit your funny things to news@cac.us.com
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What Are The Three Gifts?

While participating in a church Christmas pageant many years past, I had the good fortune to be chosen as the narrator. Each rehearsal went off well and then on the night of the show, I, in a loud and penetrating voice announced the gifts of the Magi as "gold, frankenstein and myrrh."



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| Angels | Gold | Nativity | Virgin |
| Augustus | Herod | Noel | Wisemen |
| Baby | Inn | Peace | |
| Bethlehem | Jesus | Promise | |
| Elisabeth | Joseph | Savior | |
| Emmanuel | Manger | Shepherds | |
| Frankincense | Mary | Star | |
| Gifts | Myrrh | Swaddling | |



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