

# Christian Apostolic Church

Weekly Bulletin for December 17, 2006

## Last Sunday Morning...

Pastor Joseph taught on “The Tongue.” As Christians, our speech must be godly (Col. 4:6, Titus 2:7-8). We each need God’s help to control the tongue (James 1:26, 3:8). Of all the body’s members, the tongue is the most difficult to tame (see James 3). If one cannot control his tongue, his religion is in worthless (James 3:12-13). The tongue is small, yet has a huge impact on our lives. The good or evil in one’s heart will overflow into his speech (Matt 12:34-37). In the Day of Judgment, all will have to give account for idle words spoken. We should not slander (Psalm 101:5), gossip (Prov. 26:20), bear false witness (Exo. 20:16), or be busybodies, meddling in others’ business (1 Peter 4:15). We must not sow discord (Prov. 6:14, 19), but rather be peacemakers (Mat. 5:9). We should do all things without murmuring and disputing (Phil. 2:14). We are to be truthful (Ps. 15:1), and, as a general rule, avoid lying (Prov. 6:16). A lie is defined as (1) “False statement with intention to deceive when there is an expectation of truth” and (2) “Withholding truth when someone has a right to the whole truth.” However, we took note of some Bible passages where other principles took higher priority. For instance, in the Bible, deception that prevented someone from being wrongfully killed was not denounced but rather was honored. The Bible’s concept of “precept upon precept” guides us whenever general rules are in conflict with higher principles. For example: We are to obey the laws of the land (Rom 13:1); however, a higher principle is that human civil government is to be a terror to evil, not to the righteous (Rom 13:3). Pharaoh commanded the Hebrew midwives to murder the male children, but they disobeyed him, and deceived him when questioned about it. Both their disobedience and their deception were honored instead of denounced.

## Last Sunday Night...

Pastor Joseph’s message was entitled “Life Support.” He took his text from Psalms 20:6. We need to seek God for our daily strength and bread. *How can you get your spirit strong? PRAY!* Pray to the Lord every day. One’s current “prayer life” can help sustain him in the future if a difficult challenge prevents him from praying for a while. “Life support” can see us through a dark time when we’re unable to pray. But we cannot survive on life support forever. We need a consistent, strong, daily prayer life!

Babies need the support of their parents until strong enough to stand on their own. Are we mature enough in our prayer life to stand on our own? Does someone have to “pump” us up to get us to serve God? That should not be. If we are mature, we will serve God even if we don’t “feel” like it. As we mature, we move beyond “life support only” to full function. Our confidence is not in money, jobs, etc. Those things come and go, but Jesus comes and stays. Always trust in God; never lean on the arm of flesh. Build an altar of daily prayer in your life.

## Last Wednesday Night...

Pastor Joseph preached “Mary, Did You Know?” He used Luke 2:34-35 as his text. We are so glad that society takes time to celebrate the birth of Jesus. If you don’t have any traditions in your family—start some (such as reading the Christmas story in Matthew and Luke). Make memories. When Mary and Joseph took baby Jesus to the temple, Simeon took him in his arms and blessed him. He told Mary “Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” *Mary, did you know that your little baby is the Lord of all creation?* As Jesus grew, Mary wondered at her boy. When He was twelve years old, He told her He was on a higher mission. Her heart was pierced through when He was on the cross. The last mention of Mary is in Acts 1:14 where she was in the Upper Room with the disciples and received the Holy Ghost. Then Mary had the Spirit of Jesus (the Holy Ghost) living inside of her. We can also let Jesus live inside of us the same way Mary did, by receiving the Holy Ghost. (After the preaching this night, Sis Elizabeth Todd was baptized in Jesus name!)

## Birthdays & Anniversaries:

<i>Natural Birthdays</i>	<i>Spiritual Birthdays</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sis. Adena Joseph (12/14)</li> <li>• Bro. Adam Benedum (12/18)</li> <li>• Sis. Helen Sandy (12/21)</li> <li>• Bro. David Todd (12/21)</li> <li>• Sis. Becky Moore (12/22)</li> <li>• Pastor Doug Joseph (12/24)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bro. John Todd (12/5/1999)</li> <li>• Sis. Elizabeth Todd (12/13/2006)</li> </ul>
<i>Wedding Anniversaries</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pastor &amp; Sis. Joseph (12/17/1988) – 18 years!</li> </ul>	

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**Note:** Please be sure that Sis. Reneé Bargo knows each of the following:

- Your natural birth date: \_\_\_\_\_
- Your wedding anniversary: \_\_\_\_\_
- Your \*spiritual birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*The date you completed your new birth of water baptism and Spirit baptism.*

## Important Announcements

- CAC **will** have morning service (10am) on Sunday, Dec.24
- CAC **will not** have an evening service on Sunday, Dec. 24.
- CAC **will** have both services on New Year's eve, Dec.31, but the evening service should be slightly abbreviated. Everyone that is in town can be in church with time to get home to family celebrations.
- **Thank you**, church, for helping the Food Pantry Ministry with the Christmas Food Baskets! We are set to finalize the project this week. If you have not yet given money or donated food, it is not too late. Consider **either** (1) Donating \$20 so the Pantry can buy the needed items, **OR** (2) to buy **some or all** yourself, take this bulletin to the store, and help by purchasing as much as you can of a full basket's list. Your help is appreciated!

<input type="checkbox"/> Frozen Turkey	<input type="checkbox"/> Instant Potatoes	<input type="checkbox"/> Package of Stuffing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sweet Potatoes	<input type="checkbox"/> Canned Pumpkin	<input type="checkbox"/> Frozen Rolls
<input type="checkbox"/> Green Beans	<input type="checkbox"/> Frozen Pie Crust	<input type="checkbox"/> Gravy Mix

## Today's Featured Bible Verse:

“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 KJV).

Did we miss a birthday, anniversary, or other event or information?  
Please let Sister Rhonda DeMoss know at: [news@clarksburgcac.com](mailto:news@clarksburgcac.com)

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## Christian Apostolic Church Community of the Redeemed



**Sis. Elizabeth Todd baptized in Jesus name! (12/13/06)**

Submit your CAC-in-action photos to [paster@clarksburgcac.com](mailto:paster@clarksburgcac.com)