

# FIRST CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY



**WELCOME** to First Christian Assembly, an independent church whose mission is articulated by Jesus in Mark 16:15 when he said "...Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature". Following this great commission, First Christian Assembly preaches and teaches the gospel of Jesus Christ. In so doing, we trust that God, working through His Holy Spirit will draw souls to salvation in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Standing on God's Promises

**2 Peter 1:4** And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires.

**Jeremiah 29:11** For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

**Matthew 11:28-29** Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

**Isaiah 40:29-31** He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless. Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion. But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.

**Philippians 4:19** And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

**Romans 8:37-39** No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**John 14:27** I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid.

**Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Romans 10:9** If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

## Ministry Highlights

### Announcements:

⇒ **Bible Study: Sunday morning @ 9:45 at FCA and Thursday night @ 7:00 at PAC**

### Missionaries

#### **Binu John in India**

**My parents forced me to reject Jesus. They made an arranged marriage with a Hindu girl. My mother stopped giving me food.** Panchanan, joined the training to become a Pastor, shares his story:

"I was driven out of my home for my faith in Jesus. I was born in a Hindu family. At the age of 15, I heard big news that one of the villagers is being excommunicated from the village. The reason was that he accepted Jesus. Until then I did not know Jesus. I wanted to know who this Jesus is and why the villagers renounce Christian.

One day I heard a programme in radio about Jesus. The preacher said, if you have Bible, read the chapter he was preaching on. I began to ask what is Bible?

After some days, one of my Hindu friends happened to get a New Testament that he shared it with me. In that evening, I went to a lonely place to read the Bible. With the bare light of mobile phone, I read John chapter 20. Then I sensed the Lord speaking to me. I accepted Jesus as my Savior. Since then my life was never the same.

The villagers conspired to drive me out of the village if I followed Jesus. By the pressure of the village heads, my parents forced me to reject Jesus. They made an arranged marriage with a Hindu girl. My mother stopped giving me food. Since I did not forsake Jesus even after these attempts, one day my father told me this hard truth: **"You need to leave the home."** (more next week)

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**The Philadelphia Access Center** is a ministry of First Christian Assembly. Our mission is *revealing Christ through compassionate service*. Services available at PAC include social services information and referrals, biblical counseling, support groups, volunteer training, and community outreach. All services are free of charge and available to anyone. To learn more, visit us in person (across the street from FCA) or online at [www.philaccess.org](http://www.philaccess.org) or [www.facebook.com/philaccess](http://www.facebook.com/philaccess).

### **WEEKLY SERVICES /MEETINGS**

	<b>FCA</b>	<b>PAC</b>
Sunday	9:45 AM <i>Bible Study</i> 11:00 AM <i>Worship Service &amp; Children's Sunday School</i>	
Monday		7:00 PM <i>Stepping Stones</i>
Tuesday	6:30 PM <i>Prayer (Sanctuary)</i> 7:00 PM <i>Worship (Sanctuary)</i>	
Wednesday	6:30 PM <i>Men's Fraternity (on hiatus)</i>	1:00 PM <i>Women at the Well</i> 1:00 PM <i>Coram Deo</i>
Thursday		6:00 PM <i>Prayer Service</i> 7:00 PM <i>Bible Study</i>
Friday		7:00 PM <i>Right Path</i>

- *Coram Deo*: A men's Bible study and Christian fellowship.
- *Right Path*: A Christ centered support and recovery group for people whose lives have been affected by drug and alcohol addiction. In a warm and friendly atmosphere, we provide loving support and fellowship; in genuine confidential sharing, coupled with a Biblical twelve step model of recovery.
- *Stepping Stones*: A Christ centered support group for men and women impacted by a loved one's addiction. In a warm and friendly atmosphere, we provide loving support, fellowship, confidential sharing, and intercessory prayer.
- *Women at the Well*: This group is Biblically based and promotes hope, healing, and fellowship for women impacted and struggling with brokenness.

***"The Bible is a Book of precious promises; all the way we have to travel, they seem to be like a series of stepping-stones across the stream of time, and we may march from one promise to another, and never wet our feet all the way from earth to heaven, if we do but know how to keep our eyes open, and to find the right promise to step upon."***

*~ Charles Spurgeon, Baptist preacher*

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Ministries (present and future) at First Christian Assembly and the Philadelphia Access Center
- Christians around the world being persecuted for their faith.
- Our supported missionaries
- For our Pastor and his family.

