

# 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.

## BLOOD MOON MADNESS

Blood Moon? No Big Deal!...Every few years some well-meaning Christian pops up with the latest Bible "proof" that the world will end, or Rapture will happen, on a certain date. Of course, the date comes and goes, and nothing happens. These date-setters do great harm to the Body of Christ, and are poor witnesses to the world about what Christianity is really about. And they ultimately look like fools while giving great fodder to the enemy.

Mark Biltz, a pastor in Washington State, first began pushing this bunk to unsuspecting Believers a couple of years ago. Biltz is apparently not a dispensationalist and thus horribly misapplies several Old Testament scriptures to make his theory plausible. Biltz's date-setting theory is based on Joel:2:31: "*The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.*" Biltz takes Joel:2:31 to be referring to solar and lunar eclipses. When he compared previous eclipses on NASA's website, he honed in on the lunar tetrads, a rare series of four lunar eclipses in a roughly two-year time period. Biltz noticed that some of these tetrads fell on past Jewish Feast days and also around the time of some significant Jewish historical events. From those past events, Biltz further concluded that the future tetrad of 2014--2015 will herald in major Biblical events fulfilling Joel:2:31.

Of course, there are many problems with that wild conclusion. [Here are just a few.]

**Problem #1:** Joel 2 is referring to the Second Coming of Jesus. And that event happens seven years after the Rapture. Therefore, we're at least seven years and a split-second away from the Second Coming so it's impossible for it to happen in 2014-2015.

**Problem #2:** When you compare other verses that also discuss the sun, moon and stars at the end of the age there are other events that coincide with the moon turning to blood. Like Rev:6:12 and Matt:24:29)

**Problem #3:** Some 40% of the previous tetrads did NOT coincide with Jewish Feast days or major events in history.

**Problem #4:** The tetrads that DID match up (Inquisition, Jewish Independence and recovering control of the Old City of Jerusalem) actually happened months or years after the events. So not much of a warning there!

## Ministry Highlights

### Announcements:

⇒ **The church's new website:**  
**www.fcaphila.org also visit us on Facebook. You can look on the website for notices of cancelled services due to inclement weather.**

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### Voice of the Martyrs

#### **Pray for Family of Murdered Pastor (Kenya)**

Assistant Pastor Lawrence Kazungu Kadenge was murdered in the early morning hours of Feb. 2 while guarding the Glory of God Ministries Church in Mombasa. Although police are still investigating the murder, it is believed that radical Muslims may have killed the 59-year-old assistant pastor for alerting police about security threats and for preaching the gospel close to a mosque. Kadenge's death has increased fears among pastors in the area. Several pastors have been murdered recently in the Mombasa region, and churches along the coastal area have been attacked by radical Muslims who are trying to create an independent state there.

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### **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.

## Looking Ahead



❖ *Worship and Watch will reconvene. We will meet at Calvary Temple on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. More details to follow.*

### **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.

