

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.

SWIMMING IN SAND

"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements, and his ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? or who hath first given to him and it shall be recompensed unto him? For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen" (Romans 11:33-36).

Their crystalline world might seem like another planet as they swim past monolithic crystals larger than themselves and down channels lined with nearly clear, often form-fitted boulders. But this exotic world is not on another planet. It may be below your feet.

While the wet sand of the beach may sometimes appear to be completely lifeless, it is literally saturated with life. Under a microscope, you would see countless creatures, some of them so small that they can actually swim in the small amounts of water between grains of sand. There might be tiny sand fleas which were washed ashore, appearing as giants next to the single-celled dinoflagellates which swim freely between the grains. The microscope can also show tiny marine worms and crustaceans of unimagined shapes navigating channels that may be smaller than a human hair. And even if you were to take dry sand from high above the water line and add water, you would soon find it teeming with the same kind of life.

Man's sin has caused untold destruction of the perfect form of God's creation. However, that original creation was so vibrant and wonderful that even the present shadow of what God originally made is saturated with life and beauty. While even our best science cannot hope to create anything like this, who among us creatures could even imagine creating such wonders!

(Excerpted from creationmoments.com)

Ministry Highlights

Announcements:

⇒ **Prayer meetings on Tuesday night @ 6:30 before 7:00 service at FCA. Also, on Thursday night @ 6:00 at PAC before 7:00 Bible study.**

Missionaries – Papua, New Guinea

In the last month or so the pool of applications for the Aircraft Enineer Trainee position has risen from about fifty to almost eighty. Through much prayer and effort we got that down to a short list of 10 and by God's grace we were able to finish interviewing those candidates this week. Pray that God will give us guidance and wisdom as we move on to selecting the four we would like to go into our evaluation course.

Coming to PNG I now see how little I knew about the culture here. There are two ways to live.

In the village the tribe lives on subsistence farming but there is very little income to pay for education or medical care. Or in the city where you must have a job but most of your income is expected to go for the support of the village. Either way it is a hard life and a good job is highly prized. Education and employment are in short supply and hard to get so bribes and deceit are quite the norm when trying to get a grade 12 diploma or a job.

... God in a miraculous way has allowed my application [for a license] to go through CASA PNG and it has been approved. Not many Yanks have been blessed with that privilege in so short a time.

PRAYER POINTS:

- Lois fell the other day hitting her head on a rock. She is OK but she has scrapes on her cheek and a black eye that need to heal. Please pray that she will heal quickly. She maintains a good testimony to the nationals she ministers to.
- Pray that I will have the time I need to prepare for and teach the courses I have planned before we leave for furlough this coming May.
- Pray that my Volunteer Work Permit comes through quickly so that our Visas can be processed before we plan to leave on furlough.

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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 or www.facebook.com/philaccess.

WEEKLY SERVICES /MEETINGS

	FCA	PAC
Sunday	9:45 AM <i>Bible Study</i> 11:00 AM <i>Worship Service & 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 6th 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.

