

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.

LESSONS FROM THE FLOOD

Genesis 6 gives the sad account of the state of humanity prior to the worldwide flood during the days of Noah. The level of sin and corruption among the human population was staggering: people thought about doing evil "all the time." In addition, "The sons of God saw that the daughters of humans were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose" (Genesis 6:2). In the Hebrew language, these "sons of God" were "*bene elohim*." This term is usually applied to angels (see Job 1:6). Genesis seems to be stating that, somehow, there was a physical union between angels and human women. The unnatural offspring of this union were the "Nephilim" (Genesis 6:4). Scripture describes the Nephilim as "the heroes of old, men of renown." Some theologians believe that God could simply not allow this corrupt offspring to exist on the earth, and that was part of the reason for the flood.

What can be understood without question is that the world that was then, the world of Noah, was incredibly corrupt and perverted. Genesis 6:6 tells us that "The LORD regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled. God responded to man's sin in a holy and righteous manner, but also in a way that salvaged mankind. "So the LORD said, 'I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them.' But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD" (Genesis 6:7, 8). Yes, all people on earth died except the eight people who were found righteous in the eyes of God: Noah, Noah's wife, and Noah's three sons and their wives. Scripture indicates that Noah testified to the world about the coming flood for 120 years. The people who perished in the flood died because they refused to acknowledge God or seek His forgiveness. Noah, on the other hand, is described as righteous, blameless, and obedient in that he "walked with God" (Genesis 6:9). Mankind was salvaged, and from the line of righteous Noah came the Son of Man, Jesus Christ our Lord, who died to save those who call upon His name.

Ministry Highlights

Announcements:

- ⇒ **ATTEND & INVITE!** - *Worship & Watch will reconvene on next Sunday, April 6 at 6:00 PM at Calvary Temple (3301 S. 20th St.).*
- ⇒ ***Bake sale and open house for FCA and PAC – Saturday, April 12. Volunteers needed for: Baking goods to be sold (all proceeds go to the Access center), set up and tear down, working the tables, and acting as information/tour guides. Sign up after Service TODAY, Sunday 3-30-2014.***

Missionaries – Mongolia

Here is another bio of a woman from Streams in the Desert's ministry.

Tina – born 10.8.1982, Current Seamstress (a ministry based business of Streams in the Desert)

Tina lived in the Streams shelter for a year plus. In September 2011, she was able to get a loan to buy and move into her own ger. She works as a seamstress with Streams. Before living at the shelter, she lived with her mom and step father (who died in Nov. 2010), an older sister, pregnant 19 y.o. sister and 2 adult brothers in a ger. The brothers are alcoholic, abusive and violent. Tina has been raped and beaten and suffers from venereal disease. Tina has a history of being trafficked to China where she made about \$3,000 over the summer of 2010. Her family pressured her to return for the money but she didn't want to, & came to Streams instead. Due to these family issues, she was invited to move into our shelter. Tina has dyslexia and was kicked out of school in the countryside after failing 1st grade, twice. She has begun to learn to read while studying with a professional teacher here at Streams. She has a generous and soft heart.

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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



- ❖ Lord's Supper – Sunday, April 13
- ❖ *To blessings and fellowship at Worship & Watch. Stay tuned for details of future gatherings of God's people. PRAY & ATTEND*

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.

