

# 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.

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## PRAY FOR UKRAINE

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A Baptist minister has been elected as Ukraine's interim president, prompting calls for Christians to pray for the beleaguered nation and its new leader.

New interim president Oleksandr Turchynov was the right-hand man of Yulia Tymoshenko, the former prime minister imprisoned by Viktor Yanukovich when Yanukovich became president in 2010. The former prime minister was released immediately following Yanukovich's removal from office Feb. 23, an ousting that came on the heels of a three-month-long protest movement in Kiev, the nation's capital.

Parliament voted Turchynov interim president until early elections take place in May.

"We need to pray for him," said Nik Ripken, an expert on the persecuted church and 25-year veteran with the International Mission Board.

Christians in Ukraine have a reputation, a moral base, that dates back to their witness to the government during the days of the Soviet Union, said Ripken, who visited with many of Ukraine's Christian leaders in 1998 to hear and record the stories of their faith and persecution in that era.

"Now they are reaping the rewards of that witness and moral fiber," he said. "We must pray that they do not lose in power what they held so dear in opposition."

Turchynov has been in touch with the leaders of Ukraine's churches, and they are supportive of his appointment and committed to pray for him, Johnson said.

In the midst of changes on the political front, Ukrainian believers continue to share Christ faithfully in Independence Square. The evangelical prayer tent remains busy and continues to provide a venue to comfort the brokenhearted and give hope to the grieving in the name of Jesus.

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## Ministry Highlights

### Announcements:

- ⇒ **ATTEND & INVITE! - Worship & Watch TONIGHT, April 6 at 6:00 PM at Calvary Temple (3301 S. 20<sup>th</sup> 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. If you haven't already, SIGN UP today.**

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### Voice of the Martyrs

**Asia Bibi's** (Pakistan) death-sentence appeal has again been delayed, this time because a prosecutor failed to appear for the March 26 hearing. A new appeal hearing has been scheduled for April 14. This is the third court hearing that has been delayed because of an absence. Hearings scheduled for Feb. 14 and March 17 were postponed because one of two presiding judges was absent each day. Pakistani law requires that two judges be present for all court proceedings in death penalty cases. Asia Bibi was arrested in June 2009 as a result of an argument with Muslim co-workers in which she defended her Christian faith. She was subsequently convicted of blasphemy and sentenced to death. Her lawyers filed an immediate appeal, but a variety of political and religious pressures have prevented the courts from hearing her case. ***Prayer cards are available for those who wish to specifically pray for individual prisoners.***

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**WEEKLY SERVICES /MEETINGS**

	FCA	PAC
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



- ❖ 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.

