

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.

Pray for the Suffering Church

In a shocking new attack on Christians in Egypt, a Muslim mob dragged a young Coptic Christian woman out of her car, beat her and stabbed her to death — reportedly because of a cross hanging from her rear-view mirror.

The attack occurred in the Cairo suburb of Ain Shams after mosque prayer services in late March, when Muslim Brotherhood supporters clashed with police. An eyewitness said 25-year-old Mary Sameh George was attacked in her car near a church, where she planned to deliver medicine to an ailing elderly woman. The Islamists climbed onto her car, collapsing the roof, then dragged her from the vehicle, beating and mauling her. She was stabbed multiple times, her throat was slit, and after she died the mob set her car on fire, CNS News reported.

The young woman's murder garnered little attention in the Egyptian press. One report quoted an Interior Ministry spokesman as saying protesters had "stabbed a Christian woman to death," and blaming the Muslim Brotherhood. The Australian Coptic Movement Association called the attack a "callous, vicious, and unprovoked" killing. "Mary George was targeted for her faith in what is becoming an increasingly intolerable and inhospitable region for Christians, given that Ain Shams is a known stronghold for the Muslim Brotherhood," the organization said. "The Egyptian government must send a clear message that this behavior will not be tolerated and that the culprits will be held to account under the full force of the law."

Egypt's Coptic Christians, who comprise less than 10 percent of the population, suffered increased persecution when Mohammed Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood came to power, CNS News observed. In August 2013, after Morsi was ousted, supporters vented their rage on Coptics and there were widespread attacks on Coptic churches and institutions in Egypt by Muslims. *Insider Report from Newsmax.com – 4-6-2014*

Ministry Highlights

Announcements:

- ⇒ **TODAY – The Lord's Supper remembered.**
- ⇒ **Bible Study – Sunday 9:45 AM in the fellowship hall at FCA and Thursday 7:00 PM in PAC's conference room.**

Missionaries

From the Philippines (Donna & Phyllis):

I received notice this morning that our beloved Sultan was taken to a nearby city hospital because of having severe chest pain -- probably a heart attack. He has a long standing weak heart and coronary arteries, and we have prayed that this day would be postponed as long as possible.

Pray for wisdom for the doctors. He's not in the optimal heart facility right now, that is about 6 hours away but it seems it would be dangerous to transport him at this time. Donna may travel there soon. Thanks for lifting this man of peace up to the Savior, who has cared for us for 28 years. He has not yet claimed our Lord as his Lord.

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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



❖ *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.

