



# 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.

## THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT ?

Whether or not we realize it, we all have been influenced by the entertainment industry more than we might think. Like a frog in boiling water, our culture has been so desensitized to immorality that we have lost even the semblance of a moral compass. The Bible says, "But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come": 2 Tim. 3:1-9 is a description of our world today and its godless entertainment. Are we turning away or applauding what Hollywood is pumping out?

Have you ever gone to a movie and felt out of place when a scene flashed across the big screen and you asked yourself, "What am I doing here?" Or perhaps you've been home watching television when all of a sudden lewd language or erotic behavior causes you to raise an eyebrow at these despicable acts that celebrate lifestyles void of morality. Such scenes should trigger righteous anger, but many parents do not regulate entertainment for their children or themselves. Do we willingly spend our hard-earned money on Hollywood films that instill in us the opposite of what the Bible commands? Do we welcome into our homes the flaunting of sin that glorifies the flesh and curses the name of Jesus while on Sundays we glorify Him at church (Matt. 22:37)? Is it possible to obey God with the whole mind while feeding on godlessness? The answer is no, yet we do let strangers creep into our homes and minds.

The late Michael Landon, often described as the paragon of family entertainment, once said to the Hollywood elite at a Dean Martin roast, "Let's face it, television is an invention where you're entertained in your living room by people you wouldn't have in your house!" Truth yanks out of us what we try to hide - the reality that carnal minds find corruption amusing.

A Bible verse my mother helped me memorize as a boy is still engraved in my mind "My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not" (Prov. 1:10). But my mother had her own paraphrase: "If bad boys try to get you to do bad things, say no." Do we let God's Word permeate our thinking, or do we let the follies of Hollywood take up space in the control center - the mind? Christians are told to be guided by God, who will guard our hearts and minds (Phil. 4:7). Scripture tells us how to be self-controlled-by thinking on whatever is true, noble, just, pure and lovely, and to "meditate on these things" (Phil. 4:8). – *Excerpts from Berean Call (4-11-2014)*

## Ministry Highlights

### Announcements:

- ⇒ **Monday, May 19, 6:30 PM @ FCA – Men's and Women's Fellowship.** *Let Gloria know if you will be attending.*
- ⇒ **If interested in the Voice of Martyrs video (a portion of which was seen on Easter), please provide \$2.00 (\$1 for the video and \$1 for a donation to VOM's work).** *FCA will request the videos based on orders received*

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### Women at the Well

On Wednesday June 4, Women at the Well begins a study of one of the most powerful and profound passages in Scripture - the Beatitudes. The series is based on the Selwyn Hughes devotional 'Every Day Light', and will continue throughout the summer.

The Beatitudes form the first part of our Lord's teaching in the Sermon on the Mount and were addressed to His disciples. As we study these eight principles, we can expect to be richly impacted and blessed by the discoveries we make together. Selwyn Hughes tells about a well-known and widely traveled psychiatrist who went throughout the world looking for the positive qualities that make for good mental health. He dreamed of writing a handbook that would be simple, practical, easy to understand and easy to follow; it would tell people how to live - what thoughts and attitudes and philosophies to cultivate, and what pitfalls to avoid in seeking mental health. And quite by accident he discovered that such a work had been completed – by Jesus - the Beatitudes. They are the best prescription for mental and spiritual health it is possible to find. What an amazing thought! We hold in our hands the blueprint for healthy and abundant living. As we absorb the principles which underlie the Beatitudes and live by them, we will be changed indeed. All ladies are welcome to join us from 1:00 to 3:00 at the Philadelphia Access Center.

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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](http://www.philaccess.org) or [www.facebook.com/philaccess](http://www.facebook.com/philaccess).

### **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



❖ *Believer's Baptism being scheduled soon. Let Pastor know if you wish to be baptized.*

### **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.

