



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.*

HUMILITY

The Bible describes humility as meekness, lowliness and absence of self. The Greek word translated "humility" in Colossians 3:12 and elsewhere literally means "lowliness of mind," so we see that humility is a heart attitude, not merely an outward demeanor. One may put on an outward show of humility but still have a heart full of pride and arrogance. Jesus said that those who are "poor in spirit" would have the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, humility is a prerequisite for the Christian.

When we come to Christ as sinners, we must come in humility. We acknowledge that we are paupers and beggars who come with nothing to offer Him but our sin and our need for salvation. We recognize our lack of merit and our complete inability to save ourselves. Then when He offers the grace and mercy of God, we accept it in humble gratitude and commit our lives to Him and to others. We "die to self" so that we can live as new creations in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). We never forget that He has exchanged our sin for His righteousness, and the life we now live, we live by faith in the Son of God who loved us and gave Himself for us (Galatians 2:20). That is true humility.

Furthermore, Jesus is our model, teaching us to live a life of humility. Just as He did not come to be served, but to serve, so must we commit ourselves to serving others in all lowliness of mind, always considering others better than ourselves (Philippians 2:3). The truly humble does not defend himself when falsely accused or unjustly treated. He defends the truth, but not his own ego or reputation. A Christian should be willing to put aside all selfishness and submit in obedience to God and His Word. True humility produces godliness, contentment, and security.

God has promised to give grace to the humble, while He opposes the proud (Proverbs 3:34; 1 Peter 5:5). Therefore, we must confess and put away pride. Paul is also to be our example of humility. In spite of the great gifts and understanding he had received, Paul saw himself as the "least of the apostles" and the "chief of sinners" (1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Corinthians 15:9). Like Paul, the truly humble will glory in the grace of God and in the cross, not in self-righteousness (Philippians 3:3-9).

Ministry Highlights

Announcements:

- ⇒ ***Tomorrow, 5/19 at 6:30 PM @ FCA – Men's and Women's Fellowship. SEE Gloria (Today) if you wish to attend.***
- ⇒ ***Sunday June 1- Philadelphia Teen Challenge Men's Home will visit FCA during our morning Worship Service. They will share testimonies and bless us with songs of praise. Please make every effort to attend to hear what God is doing in the lives of these men and to support this ministry.***

Missionaries - India

From Pastor Binu John:

Great to be back home **after fruitful mission trip**. We had two weeks of busy schedule, with lots of traveling, preaching, teaching and baptizing.

One of the Board members of Care India Mission, USA had joined me in this trip to see by himself what the Lord is doing in and through us. He reflects: "My understanding of sharing in the fellowship of Christ's sufferings, however, has increased after witnessing the willingness of local pastors and believers to step **out of their comfort zone** for the Gospel. Throughout the remote villages of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa, people travel long distances by auto rickshaw, train, bus, and even walking to spread the Good News. Additionally, there is a **genuine hunger** for the Word of God, in spite of extreme heat or the ever present reality of a power outage."

This time the weather was not favorable to us. The heat was soaring each day... Constant power outage disrupted the luxury of having a fan. [In one place, the power was supplied only for six hours a day]. Often we were bathed in sweat... But compared to the **number of people heard the message** of salvation and the **number of people baptized**, we consider the little challenges we had as nothing... I could not get the needed funds for this trip. Therefore more than half of the expense was covered from my pocket. As my wallet is close to empty, I trust God for His provision for the rest of this month.

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WEEKLY SERVICES /MEETINGS

| | FCA | PAC |
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| 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



- ❖ *Believer's Baptism being scheduled soon. Let Pastor know if you wish to be baptized.*
- ❖ *Sunday June 22, - Neal and Lois Semanision, FCA supported missionaries to Papua New Guinea, will be joining us during our morning Worship Service. They will have some pictures and a DVD presentation detailing God's work among the people of Papua.*

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.

