

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.

The Fruit of the Holy Spirit

Gal 5:22-23 tells us, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." The fruit of the Holy Spirit is the result of the Holy Spirit's presence in the life of a Christian. The Bible makes it clear that everyone receives the Holy Spirit the moment he or she believes in Jesus Christ (Rom 8:9; 1 Cor 12:13; Eph 1:13-14). One of the primary purposes of the Holy Spirit coming into a Christian's life is to change that life. It is the Holy Spirit's job to conform us to the image of Christ, making us more like Him.

The fruit of the Holy Spirit is in direct contrast with the acts of the sinful nature in Gal 5:19-21, "The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God." This passage describes all people, to varying degrees, when they do not know Christ and therefore are not under the influence of the Holy Spirit. Our sinful flesh produces certain types of fruit that reflect our nature, and the Holy Spirit produces types of fruit that reflect His nature.

The Christian life is a battle of the sinful flesh against the new nature given by Christ (2 Cor 5:17). As fallen human beings, we are still trapped in a body that desires sinful things (Rom 7:14-25). As Christians, we have the Holy Spirit producing His fruit in us and we have the Holy Spirit's power available to conquer the acts of the sinful nature (2 Cor 5:17; Phil 4:13). A Christian will never be completely victorious in always demonstrating the fruits of the Holy Spirit. It is one of the main purposes of the Christian life, though, to progressively allow the Holy Spirit to produce more and more of His fruit in our lives—and to allow the Holy Spirit to conquer the opposing sinful desires. The fruit of the Spirit is what God desires our lives to exhibit and, with the Holy Spirit's help, it is possible!

Ministry Highlights

Announcements:

Next Sunday, June 22...

- ⇒ Water baptism is scheduled in the morning.
- ⇒ 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.

Missionaries

From Binu John, India:

Some of our missionaries are totally devoted to the Lord. They recklessly throw their life on the line. One of them, Pastor Laban, from the state of Odisha called me and requested our prayers. As usual while he was on his way to evangelism some Hindu fanatics have stopped him and threatened him. They denied his entry to that particular village and challenged him never to return. Tension was going on between Christians and Hindus for some time and therefore one of the meetings arranged in this village was cancelled in my recent mission trip. The issue is now more intense. Please pray for the safety of believers and Pastor Laban.

From Donna (& Phyllis), Philippines:

Phyllis has been in the US since mid-April. Her parents, Sara and George, are 92 and 93 and with Phyllis' help made the move to assisted living quarters last week. On a sad note, while in the process of helping them complete health check-ups, it was found that Sarah has an inoperable lung tumor and will "go the way of all flesh" in a few short months. Please keep them in your prayer for the Lords comfort to them.

My mom, now 86, has been having some trouble with arthritis in her back affecting her sciatic nerve. I'm thankful for the improvement she has had through therapy and so glad she is near family down there in Florida.

Thank you for praying for me as I venture into finding ways to build up the new C-star national missionaries. We will be going over the principles of "entering a community" as two of the teams are praying and planning to go to work among the Maguindanaons and the Kalagans.

I need your prayer to keep eyes fixed on Jesus, remember His love in circumstances, make a level path for my feet.

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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



- ❖ *A church picnic is being planned for Saturday September 20, 2014, 12 Noon to 5:00 PM. Details will follow. See Gloria if you are interested in attending.*

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.

