

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.

James Clerk Maxwell

"That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God" (1 Corinthians 2:5)

Albert Einstein said that James Clerk Maxwell made greater contributions to physics than anyone except Isaac Newton.

Maxwell developed complex theoretical and mathematical explanations for all the forces in the universe except gravity and nuclear forces. He also made scientific contributions in the fields of thermodynamics and mathematics. In other words, Maxwell was a scientist of gigantic proportions who remains greatly respected today.

By today's standards, Maxwell would be called a "fundamentalist." Maxwell lived at the same time as Charles Darwin and was very aware of evolutionary theory. He felt strongly that evolution was anti-scientific and wrote a powerful and important refutation of evolutionary writings. He also offered a very careful mathematical refutation of the theory that the solar system had evolved from a cloud of dust and gas.

The great scientist Maxwell believed that Jesus Christ is the Savior that God has provided to deliver humanity from the results of sin - including eternal death. A writing of his, found after his death, states that the motivation for his work was that God had created all things just as Genesis says. And since God has created humans in His image, scientific study is a fit activity for one's lifework. (From Berean Call July 25, 2014)

Ministry Highlights

Announcements:

⇒ Month of August – There will be **NO** Bible studies on Sunday, 9:45 AM or Thursday, 7:00 PM. These will resume the normal schedule after Labor Day.

Voice of the Martyrs

Original charges: May 15, 2014, a Khartoum court sentenced 27-year-old Sudanese Christian Dr. Meriam Yahia Ibrahim to death. She was found guilty of both apostasy and adultery. Initially, Meriam was charged with adultery because of her marriage to a Christian man, and the apostasy charge was added upon Meriam's insistence that she was a Christian. (Her daughter was born in prison on May 27 & her 20 mo. old son was with her in prison as his father, being a Christian, was seen unfit to care for him.)

Under Sudanese law, because Meriam's father was Muslim, she is considered Muslim. Though she explained to the court that she was raised by a Christian mother and never practiced Islam, in the court's eyes, her marriage to a Christian was void and she was guilty of adultery. The court later added the charge of apostasy.

Now: Meriam Ibrahim is still being sheltered in the U.S. embassy in Khartoum while sorting out various conflicts with the Sudanese government. She and her family are sleeping on cots in the embassy library, which prevents Sudanese courts with serving her with papers. On July 17, a lawsuit filed by Ibrahim's alleged father to establish her Muslim identity was dropped, but the family quickly filed another lawsuit seeking to annul her marriage to her Christian husband. The State Department verified that Ibrahim and her two children have all the documents needed to enter the U.S., though Sudan's government does not appear to have dropped the accusation of incorrect travel documents.

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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.*
- ❖ *Movie night being planned*

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.

