

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.

911

Can anything be done to stem the tide of wanton destruction in America? Our land was once strong and thriving under the banner of "In God we Trust!" Some say our land is now weak and dying under the banner of "Yes we Can!" It seems that as in the days of old, everyone is doing what seems right according to their own eyes.

Does God have anything to say about what is happening in America? If so, what is He saying and what must we do to save her? God said that those who reject Truth (the Word of God) are rejecting Him; and because they have He will reject them and their children ([Hosea 4:6](#)). But, God is merciful and will heal our land if we will humble ourselves, pray, repent, and seek His face ([2 Chron 7:14](#)).

What are the odds America will wake up in time to humble herself? After 9/11 there was a brief time of religious fervor followed by prayer and increased patriotism; but, it faded over time. Most have gone back to their worldly ways of greed and depravity. Worse yet, many churches have lost their light and crumble under the weight of their own wantonness and fabricated gospels.

The nation of Israel went through similar cycles of warning and judgment followed by repentance and restoration. But in 70 AD God withdrew His protection for the last time and the nation fell into enemy hands, losing its national autonomy for more than 1800 years.

So who can we call for help? The Bible has a 911 number you can dial at any time. [Ps 91](#) is a direct line to God, as is all scripture but this one especially. Verse 1 begins with this promise, "He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

The literal meaning in the first verse is the psalmist's earnest desire for those who trust in God to know they abide under His endearing promise of kindness and eternal protection. Each verse is unique and rich in promises of safe keeping and reassurance regardless of what is going on around us.

Therefore, let us resolve in our hearts to pray for our nation and live according to God's word.

Ministry Highlights

Philippines

Dear praying friends, Thank you for your time in prayer for me/us here, I enjoy seeing many of your requests also on the email and follow with you to the King.

Life is precious and each day is a gift. -- I have the privilege of teaching at the LRF, (Life Resource Foundation) a training school for cross-cultural workers. I teach the health section for the 7 eager-to-learn seniors. It's health with a B-town accent as many of my examples stem from there. Sadly, however, last week-end an ambush in a mostly non-M community near the school took the young life of a cousin of one of the workers at the school and put another relative in the hospital with abdominal wounds. Their Maranao friend who saw the danger coming, thinking he would be exempt from harm and told them to run, was shot in the chest and killed also. The perpetrators (Maranao) are in hiding and the communities of both Maranao and Cebuano (non-Muslim) are helping police to stop them.

A gift of life given and received-- Nancy, one of our B-town kids grown up, who had the open heart surgery to replace her 2 rheumatic-heart-diseased valves came to Iligan with Cindy and Robert. We had some good chat time together in which she told me that Simeon, her husband, had returned the week before after being away because of getting involved with drugs and causing trouble. PTL for this reconciliation in the family. In our chats, Nancy and I reviewed some of the "I Am" statements of Isa (Jesus) i.e. the Way, the Truth, the Light, the Good Shepherd, the Door. She smiled. We prayed for the Lord's work in her family and her faith to grow.

I thank the Lord for the team continuing to serve in B-town with our many friends: that is an answer to prayer from the first days of living, working, teaching, storytelling, and receiving night calls in there; that the word of the One who loves us the most would go out and around the coast, that many would hear and believe and be **free** to worship the Lord in Spirit and in Truth.

Thanks for praying for me as I adjust to this big change.

With love and prayer, Donna

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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.*
- ❖ *FCA will be showing the movie God's Not Dead on Friday evening September 26, 2014 at 7:00 PM. There is no cost but reservations are required.*

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.

