



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.

GRACE OF GOD

Grace is a constant theme in the Bible, and it culminates in the New Testament with the coming of Jesus ([John 1:17](#)). The word translated "grace" in the New Testament comes from the Greek word *charis*, which means "favor, blessing, or kindness." We can all extend grace to others; but when the word *grace* is used in connection with God, it takes on a more powerful meaning. Grace is God choosing to bless us rather than curse us as our sin deserves. [Eph 2:8](#) says, "For by grace are you saved, through faith, and that not of yourselves." The only way any of us can enter into a relationship with God is because of His grace toward us. Grace began in the Garden of Eden when God killed an animal to cover the sin of Adam and Eve ([Gen 3:21](#)). He could have killed the first humans right there for their disobedience. But rather than destroy them, He chose to make a way for them to be right with Him. That pattern of grace continued throughout the Old Testament when God instituted blood sacrifices as a means to atone for sinful men. It was not the blood of those sacrifices that cleansed sinners; it was the grace of God that forgave those who trusted in Him [Heb 10:4](#).

The apostle Paul began many of his letters with the phrase, "Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" ([Rom 1:7](#); [Eph 1:1](#); [1 Cor 1:3](#)). God is the instigator of grace, and it is from Him that all other grace flows. Grace can be easily remembered by this simple acronym: **God's Riches At Christ's Expense**.

God shows both mercy and grace, but they are not the same. Mercy withholds a punishment we deserve; grace gives a blessing we don't deserve. In mercy, God chose to cancel our sin debt by sacrificing His perfect Son in our place. But He goes even further than mercy and extends grace to His enemies ([Rom 5:10](#)). He offers us forgiveness ([Eph 1:7](#)), reconciliation ([Col 1:19-20](#)), [abundant life](#) ([John 10:10](#)), eternal treasure ([Luke 12:33](#)), His Holy Spirit ([Luke 11:13](#)), and a place in heaven with Him some day ([John 3:16-18](#)). Grace is God giving the greatest treasure to the least deserving—which is every one of us.

Ministry Highlights

Care India Mission

Beloved:

A few young men chased one of our pastors while distributing Gospel tracts. Sensing the danger, the Pastor ran away for life. But these young men followed up with his phone number found in the tract and threatened him to stop the distribution that talk about Jesus.

Please pray for his protection as he continues to serve the Lord in that sensitive region. When I talked with the pastor yesterday, he also said, he is running out of Gospel tracts. Therefore I am praying to print **hundred thousand tracts** in October. We also plan a mass evangelism and outreach in November with the Ignite Bible Institute students. Therefore we need to get this tract ready by then.

Each tract will cost about 1cent. This one penny can change some one's life, as this Gospel pamphlet can further than a missionary can go. If you wish to join this venture, you can sponsor **100, 1000 or ten thousand tracts**.

100 tracts for \$1/- 1000 tracts just with \$10/ and ten thousand tracts with \$100/-

Sacrificial gifts can be mailed to **Care India Mission, PO Box 52294, Philadelphia, PA, 19115**.

God bless you. Love to hearing from you.

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PS: Please pray that I urgently need a computer for the ministry needs.

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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



Please check our Website (fcaphila.org) and Facebook page for up coming events.

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.

