



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.

REDEMPTION

Everyone is in need of redemption. Our natural condition was characterized by guilt: "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Christ's redemption has freed us from guilt, being "justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Romans 3:24).

The benefits of redemption include eternal life (Revelation 5:9-10), forgiveness of sins (Ephesians 1:7), righteousness (Romans 5:17), freedom from the law's curse (Galatians 3:13), adoption into God's family (Galatians 4:5), deliverance from sin's bondage (Titus 2:14; 1 Peter 1:14-18), peace with God (Colossians 1:18-20), and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). To be redeemed, then, is to be forgiven, holy, justified, free, adopted, and reconciled. See also Psalm 130:7-8; Luke 2:38; and Acts 20:28.

The word redeem means "to buy out." The term was used specifically in reference to the purchase of a slave's freedom. The application of this term to Christ's death on the cross is quite telling. If we are "redeemed," then our prior condition was one of slavery. God has purchased our freedom, and we are no longer in bondage to sin or to the Old Testament law. This metaphorical use of "redemption" is the teaching of Galatians 3:13 and 4:5.

Related to the Christian concept of redemption is the word ransom. Jesus paid the price for our release from sin and its consequences (Matthew 20:28; 1 Timothy 2:6). His death was in exchange for our life. In fact, Scripture is quite clear that redemption is only possible "through His blood," that is, by His death (Colossians 1:14).

The streets of heaven will be filled with former captives who, through no merit of their own, find themselves redeemed, forgiven, and free. Slaves to sin have become saints. No wonder we will sing a new song—a song of praise to the Redeemer who was slain (Revelation 5:9). We were slaves to sin, condemned to eternal separation from God. Jesus paid the price to redeem us, resulting in our freedom from slavery to sin and our rescue from the eternal consequences of that sin.

See our redemption come alive. Join us in our study of the book Ruth on Thursday evenings 7:00 PM in the Access Center conference room.

Ministry Highlights

Announcements:

- ⇒ **PLEASE see Gloria for details on Operation Christmas Child. We will be accepting completed shoeboxes on 11/9 & 11/16.**
- ⇒ **Bible Studies: Sunday 9:45 AM in FCA fellowship hall & Thursday 7:00 PM in PAC conference room. TRY them both out. You will be BLESSED!**

Missionaries - Binu John, India

Dear beloved:

Greetings! After seven weeks of trip through US, I reached home safely. I am humbled by a number of friends who hosted me, provided me ride, arranged appointments and served meals etc. I thank the Lord for their love, time and passion to touch India with their dedicated efforts.

My wife and daughter were anticipating my return and we enjoyed the family reunion. Without much break, we are getting ready to host three days of Missions Conference from 22nd of this month. This will be an exciting time for our pastors from three different states, cultures and language groups, to come together for fellowship and ongoing training. The minimum expense per person is \$50 that includes food, accommodation, travel expenses and study materials. 22 pastors have requested our help. This conference will enhance their vision and nourish the seeds God has instilled in them to plant churches.

Another cyclone, just around the same time as last year, hit the coastal districts of two states - Andhra Pradesh and Odisha..with heavy rain and winds of almost 120 miles per hour that killed nine people. As a precautionary measure, the government had evacuated around 350,000 people to safe places. We have our missionaries in both of these states. They are safe, but some of them struggle with its aftermath, facing shortage of essential commodities. Please **pray** for those who are impacted by it that they will be back to normal life. Thanks: Binu

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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



- ❖ *Operation Christmas Child – see Gloria for details...we will be accepting completed shoeboxes on 11/9 & 11/16.*
- ❖ *FCA will be holding Discipleship Training classes soon. Details to follow.*

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.

