



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.

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

Christianity is meant to be relational. Small group Bible studies move us from being spectators in a weekly church service to active participants in a like-minded community dedicated to spiritual growth.

As we encounter God's Word together, we have an opportunity to share our different perspectives and insights. More information is retained when there is active involvement, so biblical literacy is enhanced. Transformation is encouraged (Rom 12:2), and our lives are changed. When our lives are changed, the lives of those around us are changed as well.

Relationships don't just happen, and friends require an investment of time and a level of vulnerability and trust. Heb 10:24-25 says we should "***consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another.***" Where better to accomplish this than in a group Bible study setting?

A group Bible study can be a place to celebrate life's victories, get prayer support, be encouraged in tough times, and keep ourselves accountable in our personal growth. Group Bible studies offer a structured time to focus on topics that address our needs or interests.

Believers are the Body of Christ (Rom 12:5); as such, we are His hands and feet on earth, the ones who will continue His work. As we gain in our knowledge of the Bible and deepen our relationship with God and other believers (Col 2:7), we become better equipped to live and share the gospel with those in our schools, neighborhoods, and workplaces.

God designed us to need Him and each other. His word to us is to reach out and love one another. Col 3:16 says we should allow "***the message of Christ [to] dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.***" What better place for that than in a small Bible study group

There are several opportunities to participate in small group Bible study at FCA. Sunday Morning 9:45 AM – Tuesday Evening 7:00 PM – Thursday Evening 7:00 PM (Meets in PAC conference room). Please join us.

Ministry Highlights

Announcements:

- ⇒ **PLEASE see Gloria for details on *Operation Christmas Child*. We will be accepting completed shoeboxes ONLY on 11/9 & 11/16.**
- ⇒ **Sunday, 11/9, Pastor Ed Gross will be speaking in the 11 AM service on the *Renewal of Biblical Discipleship***
- ⇒ **Global Missions Frontier Conference at FCA on Nov. 11 – Nov. 14 at 7:00 PM. (Log onto fcaphila.org for more details on the conference.)**

From: Voice of the Martyrs

Help Is Reaching Christians Who Are Facing Islamic Extremists "It is like a puzzle. God puts us together and the final picture will amaze everyone, because His plan is perfect."—Front-line worker who distributes help to Iraqi Christians

... horrific suffering of our brothers and sisters in Mosul, Iraq. They had been given the choice of converting to Islam, paying a high tax, leaving the area or being killed. Islamists had spray-painted an Arabic "N" on their homes to mark them as Christians ("N" for *nasara*, meaning Nazarene to indicate Christians). Nearly every Christian family chose to flee, some with only the clothes on their backs.

VOM has continued to increase support to those who have been forced from their homes, offering food, shelter, clean drinking water and medical support. We have also increased support to front-line workers, who are taking every opportunity to share Christ with Muslims, most of whom are opposed to the brutal assaults of the "Islamic State" (IS).

Our workers are ministering around the clock. However, as one worker told us, when they see people come to Christ in the midst of this crisis, they are energized to push forward.

Because of increased need, VOM has broadened giving opportunities to include Christians under attack by Islamists in countries like Syria and even Nigeria...

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The Philadelphia Access Center is a ministry of First Christian Assembly. Our mission is *revealing Christ through compassionate service*. Services available at PAC include social services information and referrals, biblical counseling, support groups, volunteer training, and community outreach. All services are free of charge and available to anyone. To learn more, visit us in person (across the street from FCA) or online at www.philaccess.org or www.facebook.com/philaccess.

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



- ❖ *Saturday November 15 and 22nd – Renewal of Biblical discipleship training – 10AM - 12:00 noon each day*
- ❖ *Celebration of the Lord's Supper will be on November 16 in the 11 AM service.*

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.

