



# 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.

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## ***FREEDOM IN CHRIST !***

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God is doing amazing things in the prisons across the nation!

One story of how God can work in the hearts and lives of inmates is being lived out in Angola Prison.

Recently, 25 church leaders had dinner with Governor Bobby Jindal and his wife Supriya to discuss an upcoming prayer event in Louisiana. The next morning they visited Angola Prison to minister and see what great things are taking place there with the inmates. Angola Prison system has become known for their rodeo, but more than that, it is now becoming known for its Christian influence!

The transformation that's taking place there is being used as an example and prototype to other prison systems across the nation.

During the visit, the group also stopped at a church the inmates had built and met with some of the inmate pastors. Most of these inmates are in for life or on death row; but God has transformed their lives and they are truly new creations in Christ Jesus. They take seriously a mandate from the Lord to share their faith and challenge younger inmates to make right life choices and to commit their lives to Christ.

Although they are behind prison walls, these men have truly been set free!

One visitor talking about the day, said "Throughout the day, I found myself often teary eyed as I sensed the presence of God and saw the transforming power of the Holy Spirit in authentically changed lives through Christ."

Please pray for these inmates who are so open to the Gospel! And as Christmas approaches please help us **continue to share the message that Jesus was born to die for them!**

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## **Ministry Highlights**

### **Announcements:**

- ⇒ **LADIES' CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION** – Monday night, December 1 @ Gloria Melloni's house. Please RSVP with Gloria Felicione.
- ⇒ **All audios of the Missions Conference are on the fcaphila.org website. The first Discipleship class is up too.**

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### **Missionaries-Philippines**

My last class teaching health to the second year students at the LRF (Life Resource Foundation, a training school for national missionaries) was completed last week. However, on Wednesdays and Thursdays I will continue teaching English to the first year students and interacting with all the students on their outreach experiences.

On Mon. & Tues. I will work with the K-team down the coast from Iligan. One community close to the K-town center that Lea and Nerlene visit weekly and in which they have many M friends will be helpful to us as I coach and we learn more Maranao by telling Bible stories. We visited there in the last weeks to help with some health issues and will now ask them to help us.

This week we will visit in several of the mountain communities as a part of the teams volunteer help to a government community development program. Our prayer and hope is to peak interest in hearing what God's words were when He spoke to . . . " fill -in -the-blank", Adam, Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Moses, etc.

In my last update, I mentioned a young woman dying from breast cancer. Please keep Janis in prayer. Her faith is new. Her pain now is great. I pray for God's comfort to her as she leaves this world of death and enters His world where there is only life.

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 &amp; 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.



**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.

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**Excerpt from the song "People Need the Lord" by Greg Nelson and Phil McHugh**

We are called to take His light to a world where wrong seems right  
 What would be too great a cost for sharing life with one who's lost?  
 Through His love our hearts can feel, all the grief they bear  
 They must hear the words of life only we can share

People need the Lord, people need the Lord  
 At the end of broken dreams, He's the open door  
 People need the Lord, people need the Lord  
 When will we realize that we must give our lives?  
 For people need the Lord, people need the Lord