



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.

O HOLY NIGHT

- 1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.
 - 2 ([And] this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)
 - 3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.
 - 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)
 - 5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.
 - 6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.
 - 7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.
 - 8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
 - 9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.
 - 10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
 - 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
 - 12 And this [shall be] a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
 - 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,
 - 14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
- (Luke 2:1-14)

Ministry Highlights

Announcements:

- ⇒ **Schedule Changes - No Service Tuesday evening December 30th (Due to New Years Eve celebration). Also no Bible study Thursday December 25 and January 1.**
- ⇒ **Water Baptism & Child Dedication – These will be held on Sunday, December 28.**
- ⇒ **Philadelphia Access Center – FUNDRAISING DRIVE - A corporate sponsor will match every donation dollar for dollar through December 31.**
- ⇒ **New Years Eve - We will continue our tradition by holding a New Years Eve service and dinner on December 31st . We will begin at 6:30 PM. Everyone is invited, however reservations are required. See Gloria Felicione for information and reservations.**

Missionaries – PNG

“The Lord gives the command; The women who proclaim the good tidings are a great host: “Kings and armies flee, they flee, and she who remains at home will divide the spoil.” Psalm 68:11-12 NASV

This week a group of about 3,000 to 4,000 women came to Mount Hagen from all over Papua New Guinea for a conference sponsored by the Christian Apostolic Fellowship. (This is the denomination to which Leti belongs.) They used the school facility across the street. The first night the music was so loud and so late that we were dreading the rest of the week. However, one of the MAF pilots went over and talked to them and things improved.

Today the women marched from the school to the field across the street and then into town, praising Jesus all the way. I was in tears. What a wonderful sight to see the praise and worship taking place where so much death and violence has taken place. I believe that God is going to use the women of this country to change this nation. They are sensitive to the things of the LORD and will take what they have learned back to their places. After the march, I had 4 women over for a time of fellowship and a chance to eat something as they were very hungry and tired. God sent them. I had been concerned about so many women marching and no chance to eat or drink in the heat. Well, God knew I could not feed all of them, so he sent 4. They committed themselves to pray for us as they have a prayer warrior ministry in their church. God be praised. ---Lois

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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.



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.

This and That

"Settle the centre, and the circumference is secure: peace with God is universal peace."

~ Charles H. Spurgeon, Baptist preacher