



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.

I RESOLVE

There is just something about the start of a new year that gives us the feeling of a fresh start and a new beginning. In reality, there is no difference between December 31 and January 1.

The most common resolutions are physical in nature and include things like desiring to stop smoking, to eat better and exercise more, and to manage money and time better. In addition, many Christians make New Year's resolutions to pray more, to read the Bible every day, and to attend church more regularly. These are fantastic goals. However, these New Year's resolutions often fail because there is no power in a New Year's resolution. Resolving to start or stop doing a certain activity has no value unless you have the proper motivation for stopping or starting that activity. For example, why do you want to read the Bible every day? Is it to honor God and grow spiritually, or is it because you have just heard that it is a good thing to do? Why do you want to lose weight? Is it to honor God with your body, or is it for vanity, to honor yourself?

Philippians 4:13 tells us, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." If God is the center of your New Year's resolution, it has chance for success, depending on your commitment to it. If it is God's will for something to be fulfilled, He will enable you to fulfill it. If a resolution is not God honoring and/or is not in agreement in God's Word, we will not receive God's help in fulfilling the resolution.

Here are some suggestions: 1-Pray for God's wisdom to fulfill His purposes in your life (James 1:5). 2-Resolve to know God's will by allowing Him to transform your mind (Romans 12:1-2). 3- Desire to become more like Jesus by growing in grace and knowledge of Him (2 Peter 3:17-18). 4-Rely on God's strength and not your own (Phil 2:13 & Col 1:29). 5 -Find an accountability partner who will both pray for and encourage you (Heb 10:24). 6- Don't become discouraged with occasional failures; instead, allow them to motivate you further; also, don't become proud or vain, but give God the glory. Psalm 37:5 says, "Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring (it) to pass.

Ministry Highlights

Announcements:

⇒ **REMEMBER** – *We have other services during the week. Sunday 9:45 Bible Study, Tuesday 7 PM service (with prayer @ 6:30), Thursday 7 PM Bible Study @ PAC (with prayer @ 6:00)...several opportunities to worship, praise, and learn.*

Voice of the Martyrs

A Syrian family is committed to working with a Christian ministry that is reaching out to other Syrians who have fled into Lebanon. Both "Hakim" and his wife, "Yara" and their children care for those in Syria and are part of a team that have helped distribute food, blankets, stoves and oil to those in their city. During a recent distribution to fifty families, Yara was concerned that some families might only take the blankets being offered and leave the other materials behind. Hakim and Yara ensured that each of the families also received a New Testament and children's books with Bible stories.

A VOM contact who has established relationships with about 200 families asks for ongoing prayers for the ministry workers and "all these families that God will open their hearts through the literature they have taken."

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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

“O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth. Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.”

~ Psalm 96:1-3