



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.

SAMUEL

At a time when prophecies and visions were rare, a young boy named Samuel heard God calling him during the night. This calling happened three times before Samuel answered the Lord the next time he heard Him calling. Samuel took his first leap of faith, and the following day he described the vision to Eli the High Priest in which God confirmed to him about what had been prophesied to Eli regarding the downfall of his family. Samuel's credibility as a prophet spread throughout Israel, and God continued to reveal Himself through His word to him.

There is much to learn from the life of Samuel. We can imagine how daunting it must have been for the young Samuel to give an honest account of his vision to Eli. However, it appears that even from a young age, Samuel's absolute allegiance was to God first. There may be times when we feel intimidated by those in authority, but as Samuel proved more than once, it is God who must always remain our priority.

The main theme throughout Samuel's life is that God alone should receive the glory and honor. After making his sons judges, it must have been the saddest thing for Samuel to learn that they were unfit to lead. When he consulted God about the people's request for a king, nothing was said in defense of his sons. Samuel was obedient to God's instructions to give the people what they wanted.

There isn't much to criticize in the life of Samuel, save perhaps one issue. We can only imagine that, due to the time and effort Samuel spent in his service to the Lord and His people, he afforded little time to spend with his sons. This may well have been a factor in their going astray. No matter how high a calling we receive from God, we must never neglect our family's needs (1 Timothy 3:4-8).

The key verse in the life of Samuel contains his words to King Saul: "But Samuel replied: 'Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the Lord? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams'" (1 Samuel 15:22). No matter how great our ministry, obedience to God's Word must always be our top priority.

Join us on Tuesday evenings as we continue our study in 1 Samuel.

Ministry Highlights

Announcements:

⇒ **Worship and Watch** – Will be held **TONIGHT, 6:00 PM City Life Church – Penn's Landing Caterer – 1301 South Columbus Blvd., Phila, PA 19147. Please make every effort to join the Body of Christ from various parts of South Philadelphia for an exciting night of prayer, worship and fellowship.**

Missionaries – John Cutts, Indonesia (more in upcoming weeks)

I missed the excitement of Madilyn's (granddaughter) birth, but found myself in some villages scattered in massive swampy lowland areas, celebrating with over 800 excited kids the arrival of another baby in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago. They were reminded of the very special name the baby was given, Immanuel, which means God with us. They were all smiles to hear that this promise of God being with us is made to everyone, even to those who live in some very distant jungles. A present for each child given by the ANJ company working in that area made for a memorable day for these many families living a survival-style existence.



John/Joy Cutts, daughters, grandchildren, son-in-law

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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.



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

From: Voice of the Martyrs

Supported evangelists are reaching out to Muslims as part of Ebola education teams that travel into rural areas and teach residents how to prevent spread of the deadly virus. The teams have met with pastors, evangelists, imams and sheiks from 20 denominations and 15 mosques.