



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.

The Angel of the Lord

The precise identity of the "angel of the Lord" is not given in the Bible. However, there are many important "clues" to his identity. There are Old and New Testament references to "angels of the Lord," "an angel of the Lord," and "the angel of the Lord." It seems when the definite article "the" is used, it is specifying a unique being, separate from the other angels. The angel of the Lord speaks as God, identifies Himself with God, and exercises the responsibilities of God (Genesis 16:7-12; 21:17-18; 22:11-18; Exodus 3:2; Judges 2:1-4; 5:23; 6:11-24; 13:3-22; 2 Samuel 24:16; Zechariah 1:12; 3:1; 12:8). In several of these appearances, those who saw the angel of the Lord feared for their lives because they had "seen the Lord." Therefore, it is clear that in at least some instances, the angel of the Lord is a Theophany, or a Christophany an appearance of God in physical form.

The appearances of the angel of the Lord cease after the incarnation of Christ. Angels are mentioned numerous times in the New Testament, but "the angel of the Lord" is never mentioned in the New Testament after the birth of Christ. It is possible that appearances of the angel of the Lord were manifestations of Jesus before His incarnation. Jesus declared Himself to be existent "before Abraham" (John 8:58), so it is logical that He would be active and manifest in the world. Whatever the case, whether the angel of the Lord was a pre-incarnate appearance of Christ (Christophany) or an appearance of God the Father (theophany), the phrase "the angel of the Lord" usually identifies a physical appearance of God

To learn more, come and join us on Thursday Evenings 7:00 PM as we continue our study of Jesus.

Ministry Highlights

Announcements:

- ⇒ **Bible Study - BE BLESSED with some in depth Bible Study! – Sunday morning, 9:45 @ FCA & Thursday night, 7:00 @ PAC.**
- ⇒ **The OTHER service – Tuesday nights, 7:00 @ FCA. Good stuff happening here! Praise and worshiping God on Tuesday nights TOO!**

Missionaries – Papua, New Guinea

One of our guards, who is also a pastor, just went to the funeral here in Mount Hagen for his 6 year old uncle. Witchcraft is being blamed as the child was never sick before. They believe a woman changed herself into a dog and came in and ate his liver (the seat of emotions here.) When he died, blood came out of his nose and mouth. So in revenge, 3 women have been accused of witchcraft. One has been caught and she was tortured all over her body with hot wires. The guard and his family said they were church people and this revenge should not be, but the other women will be hunted down. Since we have been here, 3 women locally have been killed due to being accused of witchcraft, according to our guards. Stunned.

Please pray.

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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

From: Voice of the Martyrs

When VOM founder Pastor Richard Wurmbbrand spoke of his experience in communist prisons, his words carried instant credibility. It was *his* story. Today, the ministry launched by Pastor Wurmbbrand continues to share the powerful stories of the persecuted in their own words.

Now — with the launch of VOMRadio — you can hear directly from today's persecuted Christians through a weekly half-hour program available online at www.vomradio.net