



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.*

PALM SUNDAY

The story of the triumphal entry is one of the few incidents in the life of Jesus which appears in all four Gospel accounts. Putting the four accounts together, it becomes clear that the triumphal entry was a significant event, not only to the people of Jesus' day, but to Christians throughout history.

On that day, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the back of a borrowed donkey's colt, one that had never been ridden before. The disciples spread their cloaks on the donkey for Jesus to sit on, and the multitudes came out to welcome Him, laying before Him their cloaks and the branches of palm trees. The people hailed and praised Him as the "King who comes in the name of the Lord.

Jesus' purpose in riding into Jerusalem was to make public His claim to be their Messiah and King of Israel in fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy. Matthew tells us that the King coming on the foal of a donkey was an exact fulfillment of Zechariah 9:9. "No longer does He tell His disciples to be quiet about Him, but to shout His praises and worship Him openly. Jesus was openly declaring to the people that He was their King and the Messiah they had been waiting for.

Unfortunately, the praise the people lavished on Jesus was not because they recognized Him as their Messiah. They welcomed Him out of their desire for a deliverer, someone who would lead them in a revolt against Rome. But when He failed in their expectations, when He refused to lead them in a massive revolt against the Roman occupiers and those who collaborated with them, the crowds quickly turned on Him. Within a few days, their Hosannas would change to cries of "Crucify Him!". Those who hailed Him as a hero would soon reject and abandon Him.

The story of the triumphal entry is one of contrasts and those contrasts are the application to believers. It is the story of the King who came as a lowly servant on a donkey, not a prancing steed, not in royal robes, but on the clothes of the poor and humble. If Jesus has made a triumphal entry into our hearts, He reigns there in peace and love. As His followers, we need to exhibit those same qualities, in the hope that the world sees the true King living and reigning in triumph in us.

Ministry Highlights

Announcements:

➤ ***IT'S NOT TOO LATE** to get tickets to the Philadelphia Access Center's Seventh Annual Fundraising Banquet, Friday, April 10, 2015 from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Doors open at 6:30 PM; silent auction checkout at 9:30 PM. Free parking in the IATSE Ballroom lot adjacent to the building. Please contact PAC – first come, first serve.*

Missionaries- John Koehler

The Big News!

The big news is that there new is direction concerning Afghanistan. It has been a long wait and things are still very uncertain. Morning Star is not bringing on new candidates like myself until their team is more established in Kabul as they have had many changes take place within the team. So what they would like me to consider is to go to either Delhi India or Dushanbe Tajikistan starting in June for 6-8 months of language learning there. It is not ideal, but there are Dari language schools in both locations and Afghans in both locations. Would you pray with me as I consider these two options and also pray for discernment about some other ministry opportunities that have come to me recently.

Continuing In His Radical Grace,
John



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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

Mar. 12, 2015 | Uganda: Pray for Pastor Umar Mulinde's Healing from Acid Attack

Pastor Umar Mulinde, who was severely burned in a Christmas Eve 2011 acid attack by radical Muslims, recently spoke with VOM workers about his recovery. He continues to wear specialized bandages on his face and will require more follow-up treatment and surgeries at a hospital in Israel. Pastor Umar lost his right eye in the attack and underwent extensive facial reconstruction.