



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.

DAVID and GOLIATH

David was a shepherd, the youngest of the eight sons of Jesse of Bethlehem. King Saul and his men were battling the Philistines, one of which was a 9-foot giant named Goliath. The men of Saul's army were afraid of Goliath, and there was no one to stand up to him. But David, filled with faith and a passion for God's name which was being blasphemed by Goliath, slew Goliath with a stone and a sling. Then he cut off Goliath's head with the giant's own sword. When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled before the Israelites, who had a great victory over them.

An important point in this story is that Goliath was taunting the sovereign Lord of the universe. He was challenging God's people to stand up to him and demonstrate that their God was more powerful than he was. There was no one who was willing to step out in faith and face the giant. However, David's faith was so strong that he was willing to believe that the Lord would go with him and enable him to defeat Goliath. David's faith was born out of his experience of God's grace and mercy in his life up to that point. The Lord had delivered him out of dangerous situations in the past, proving His power and trustworthiness, and David relied on Him to deliver him from the Philistine.

From the story of David and Goliath, we can learn that the God we serve is capable of defeating any of the giants in our lives whether it's fear, depression, financial issues or doubts of faith. When we do not know what the future holds, we have to trust Him. But we can't trust someone we don't know, so knowing God through His Word will build our faith in Him.

As Christians, our battle with the giants in our lives will result in victory if we cling by faith to God and His power. The illustration of David and Goliath is only one of many examples of the supernatural power of our Lord. He cares deeply for His children and wants only our best. Sometimes that involves trials and battles, but these are ultimately for our good and His glory. James tells us to consider it pure joy when we encounter trials because they test our faith and develop patience and perseverance (James 1:2-4). When we are tested by these trials, we can, in the power of the Lord, stand up against any giant, trusting our Savior to win the victory.

Ministry Highlights

Missionaries

John & Joy Cutts, Indonesia

Ben (Ben Martin, 6'6"), who was way too tall for the tribe, added this: "I have a feeling of wonderment for what I experienced in Papua. I was infused with a sense of awe when considering what God has done and is doing to expand His kingdom in 'Moni-Land". It made me glad and privileged to have been a part of this medical team... that I was given this opportunity to share the love we all possess for Jesus. What an honor it was to allow God to transform us all into attendants to the bride of Christ.

The moments of quiet I experienced during my walkabouts were spellbinding. God astounded me with His power, majesty, and beauty. Weeping with my Savior, Jesus, while perched over this wilderness vista is something I hope to remember forever. In Zombandoga, John led me to a hut where I huddled with a family of believers. As we sat around their fire to stay warm, their faces glowed with kindness and love for me... a large stranger from the far side of the planet. This was the epitome of my Moni experience. I look forward to sharing their fire once again with them in heaven, together, loving Jesus with them for eternity. I was blessed by our entire team and will always love each one. Sign me up first if this kind of opportunity knocks again!"

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Ben Martin surrounded by a wonderful group of kids.

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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. 26, 2015 | Uganda: Pray for Pastor James, Threatened for Leading a Muslim to Christ
 A group of angry Muslims destroyed Pastor James's church and threatened to kill him because he prayed for a man thought to be suffering from a demon attack. When the man later decided to follow Christ, the Muslims took him to a mosque, where they forced him to say prayers and lashed him 30 times as punishment for leaving Islam. The group of Muslims also threatened Pastor James's wife and children when they were unable to find the pastor.