



# 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.

## How Many Smells Can You Smell?

"All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad" (Psalm 45:8).

Until recently it was commonly thought that humans can smell approximately 10,000 different odors. But that's no longer thought to be true. So how many different odors can that nose in the middle of your face detect?

Scientists at Rockefeller University in New York set out to test the idea of 10,000 different odors. The number dates back to 1927, but it was never scientifically investigated. So they asked 26 people to identify a scent from three samples containing 128 molecules - two that were the same and one that was different. From this, they were able to tell how many different scents the average person would be able to distinguish if they were presented with all the possible mixtures that could be made from the 128 molecules.

So what was the official number? One trillion different odors - and even this, they say, is most likely an underestimate! Now, why would our Creator endow us with such an amazing sense of smell? Could He have been showing us how much He loves us? After all, the sense of smell enables us to appreciate the delightful aroma of flowers and food. In fact, we couldn't enjoy the food we eat if it weren't for our ability to smell.

Our sense of smell is one example of what is called God's common grace. He has given this gift to everyone, believers and unbelievers alike. But only believers can appreciate this as a gift from God and not an evolutionary accident of nature. – From Berean Call Update May 4, 2015

## Ministry Highlights

### Announcements:

- **Men and Women's Fellowships – Monday, May 18 at 6:30 PM. The men will meet at FCA and the women will meet at Gloria Melloni's house. Please let Gloria Felicione and Dominic Cesari know if you will be attending.**

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### Global Outreach Day – May 30, 2015

#### **What is it about? .....**

It is about **YOU** sharing the gospel in any possible way to people who never heard it or are not yet born again Christians.

All you need is a willingness to go. Share the gospel according to your personal gifting and calling as the Lord leads you.

#### **What can I do? .....**

- Reach at least **ONE** person with the Gospel on Global Outreach Day!
- Sign up at FCA and commit to **share the Gospel** on **Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup>**. Also, if you are able and willing, commit to help out at FCA. We will be holding an **open house** on May 30<sup>th</sup>, we will be giving away food, literature, and of course the Gospel. In addition, **Evangelizing Teams** will be organized and sent out into the neighborhood.
- Attend a **night of prayer** on **Friday May 29**, 2015 in preparation of the Global Outreach. Prayer meeting will be held at **FCA beginning at 7:00 PM**

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### **WEEKLY SERVICES /MEETINGS**

	<b>FCA</b>	<b>PAC</b>
Sunday	9:45 AM <i>Bible Study</i> 11:00 AM <i>Worship Service &amp; 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**

Apr. 24, 2015 | Senegal: *Pray for Pastor Dilson, Facing Possible Imprisonment for Missions Work*  
 Pastor Jose Dilson, a Brazilian missionary who has worked in West Africa for 25 years, faces a possible prison term in connection with the Christian conversion of a Muslim leader's son. The pastor spent five months in a Senegalese prison before being released in April 2013, pending final resolution of his case. While in prison, Pastor Dilson distributed 350 Bibles and witnessed to many fellow prisoners. The final ruling on Pastor Dilson's case is expected soon. He and his family have asked us to pray that they will not be fearful but will "give a good testimony of our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ."