



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.

GAINING THE WORLD ?

During the temptation in the wilderness, Satan offered to give Jesus "all the kingdoms of the world...and the glory of them" (Lk 4:5-6). He was not bluffing. This world really is Satan's to give to whom he will. Jesus did not dispute Satan's boast that this world had been "delivered unto me [by God]; and to whomsoever I will I give it." The conditions upon which Satan offered this world to Christ were clear: "If you bow down and worship me" - which, of course, Jesus refused to do. Beware! For the kingdoms and glories of this world are still the favors Satan bestows in order to entice today's recipients into worshipping him.

Like their Lord, Christ's true followers refuse the kingdoms and glories of this world. This refusal includes the highly touted new world order, which will still be under Satan's control. Christ has promised believers something far better - an eternal and heavenly kingdom procured through His defeat of Satan at the cross. As a result of that victory, "the kingdoms of this world [will] become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ" (Rev:11:15). Worldly kingdoms will soon pass away, and in their place the kingdom of God will come to earth. Then Christ, together with those who have shared in His rejection and suffering (Acts:14:22; Rom:8:17; 2 Tim:2:12), will reign in glory and ultimate joy forever.

It would be a denial of their Lord for Christians to bask in the popularity and honors which this present world may bestow upon them. That is not to say that a Christian should never be successful in business, science, the academic world, sports, etc. Indeed, Christians should be the very best they can possibly be at whatever they do. But their skill, talent and diligent efforts are expended for God's glory, not for their own. This world has no attraction for believers; they neither love it nor its plaudits. They are not swayed from the course they must run (1 Cor:9:24-27; 2 Tim:4:7-8) either by the world's criticism or its compliments. They know that ultimately nothing matters except God's opinion of them. – **From The Berean Call Newsletter -May 12, 2015**

Ministry Highlights

Announcements:

- Men and Women's Fellowships – **TOMORROW, 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.**
- Global Outreach Prayer & Worship – **Friday, May 29 at 7:00 PM, here at FCA**
- Global Outreach Day – **Saturday, May 30 at FCA (see back for more details)**

Missionaries-John & Joy Cutts, Indonesia

(cont.) Jaime Cutts Koch added these comments: "I am always so excited for a trip home to Papua, and this one was no exception. I was especially looking forward to sharing this experience with our medical team from my church in the States who had been talking about this trip for several years now. One of the unexpected things that I was able to experience on this trip happened in the last village we went to, which was Bugulo. As we were walking to the clinic, I was saying hello to different people and shaking hands. All of a sudden, my eyes locked with a familiar face and as we looked at each other, we began to weep and embraced each other. Standing before me was one of my dear childhood friends whom I hadn't seen in over 15 years. She had left Pogapa, the village we both grew up in, after being married off while I was in high school. As long as it had been, we still recognized each other immediately and the old familiarity of my childhood came rushing back. She introduced me to her baby as I introduced her to Alina. She told me that this was her sixth child, and I shared with her the devastation of my divorce and we wept together. What an incredible surprise it was to come across one of my best friends from my childhood and help provide medical help to her children and learn about her life now. It was such an unexpected blessing and a memory that I will cherish from this trip, as there is no telling if and when our paths will cross again in this lifetime."

Alina Koch, the youngest of the team at 3 years old, kept us all young with her zest for life and her energy level. This is what she had to say. . . .and these are her actual words!
 "They went to the villages with us and they were helping all the people and checking the little babies. Don't forget to say that I love the Monis! I am happy they came!"

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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.

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 30th. Also, if you are able and willing, commit to help out at FCA. We will be holding an open house on May 30th, 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