



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.

ANXIOUS ?

Historians will probably call our era "the age of anxiety." Anxiety is the natural result when our hopes are centered in anything short of God and His will for us. —Billy Graham

When Billy Graham wrote those words in 1965, no one knew how true they would be 50 years later.

At its best, anxiety distracts us from our relationship with God and the truth that He is "Lord of heaven and earth" (Matthew 11:25). At its worst, anxiety is a crippling disease, taking over our minds and plunging our thoughts into darkness.

But God wants so much more for us than to walk through life full of fear, worry and anxiety. "Do not be anxious about anything," the Bible tells us in the book of Philippians, chapter 4, "but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Our instructions don't stop there. The chapter goes on to tell believers exactly what we should focus on. And it's **not** fear, terrorism, illness, death or evil.

"Finally, brothers, whatever is **true**, whatever is **honorable**, whatever is **just**, whatever is **pure**, whatever is **lovely**, whatever is **commendable**, if there is any **excellence**, if there is **anything worthy of praise**, **think about these things**. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—**practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you**" (Philippians 4:8-9, ESV, emphasis added).

The first step to an anxiety-free mind is to **give your life to Jesus Christ**. Once you've taken that step, it's important to fix your thoughts on Jesus and the promise that He is preparing a place for His followers in heaven (John 14:2-3). – *Reprinted from BGEA May 15, 2015*

Ministry Highlights

Announcements:

- **Friday, May 29, 2015 @ 7PM we will gather for prayer and worship at FCA with other churches in anticipation of what the Lord will do on Global Outreach day! I hope you will join us in prayer & preparation for that day.**
- **Saturday, May 30, 2015 is Global Outreach Day! We will be at First Christian Assembly greeting the neighborhood with some treats, giveaways and of course ready with the gospel and prayer for their needs. We hope you can join us as we need many volunteers for a variety of jobs. We will start at 9:30 preparing and the day will end around 3PM. If you can help in any capacity please let Gloria Felicione know asap. There are all sorts of volunteer opportunities like baking, setting up, prayer, clean-up, walking the neighborhood giving out information.**

Missionaries – Prayer Requests

- (Binu John) Last two months our well was dry. But with the additional help of some generous friends, we were able to survive in the mission field. We continue to face the shortage of funds this month. Please pray for provision so that we can help the missionaries and pay bills.
- (from Lois-PNG) Lillian, the young girl who goes with me to Polga, had a seizure on the van when we drove back from Polga. She has had these seizures since puberty. She is on medication. She has severe heart pain as well. If Lillian cannot continue to go, I will have to stop as it is not safe to go alone. (*This will leave a gap in the missionary field as the Brazilian couple who ministered there is leaving the end of the month.*)
- (Neal/Lois-PNG) Pre-school children & families affected by tribal fighting/killings in Polga. Also, the founder of the school is asking the LORD to send some qualified teachers to this school from overseas. Please pray about this need and the stronghold the enemy of our souls has on this location.

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 (PAC) Philadelphia Access Center, 1832 S. 11th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148

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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.

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