



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.

MIRACLES

In the New Testament, Jesus performed numerous miracles beginning with His first one at the wedding in Cana where He turned water into wine (John 2:1-10). His most spectacular miracle, of course, was the raising of Lazarus after he had been dead four days (John 11). All the miracles He did were to prove that He was indeed who He said He was—the Son of God. When He calmed the storm in Matthew 8, even the disciples were astonished: "The men were amazed and asked, 'What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!'" If Jesus' miracles were not real, then the gospel accounts of Jesus' healings were just nice stories, and those people remained afflicted by diseases, calling into doubt His compassion (Matthew 14:14; 10:34; Mark 1:41). If He didn't really feed thousands of people with a few loaves and fishes, those people remained hungry and Jesus' words "I tell you the truth, you are looking for me, not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate the loaves and had your fill" (John 6:26) have no meaning at all. But Jesus did heal, He did create food for thousands, He did turn water into wine, and He did raise Lazarus from the dead. John 2:23 tells us that many believed in Him because of the miracles.

All the miracles had a purpose—to prove that God is like no one else, that He has complete control of creation because He is its source, and to convince us that if He can do all these miraculous things, nothing in our lives is too hard for Him to handle. He wants us to trust Him and know that He can do miracles in our lives as well. If the miracles did not occur, then how can we trust anything the Bible tells us, especially when it tells us eternal life is available through Christ? When we begin to call any part of Scripture into doubt, all of God's marvelous plan is suspect, and we open the door for the lies and distortions which are Satan's plan to destroy our faith (1 Peter 5:8). The Bible is to be read and understood literally, including the miracles.

Please join us at 7:00 PM on Thursdays as we continue in our study of Jesus (Christology). We meet in the PAC conference room.

Ministry Highlights

Announcements:

- **Ladies' Bible study will resume at Meg Melloni's house at 6:30 on June 1 for those who are already taking part in the current program.**

Missionaries – John Koehler

Afghanistan or Delhi?

I continue to wait on the Lord for His direction concerning Afghanistan. Tajikistan turned out to not be an option due to the school only teaching Tajik and not Afghan Dari. Now it comes down to either going directly to Kabul or going to Delhi first to learn Dari there and then go on to Kabul. The decision is in the hands of the team in Kabul and what they feel is best for the current team that is there. They will make a decision soon. I am fine to go whatever route they think is best. I believe I will be in one of these two places by the beginning of July. In the meantime I will work on getting some training for the Living Free curriculum. Please keep these things in prayer. Thank you for your amazing support!

In His Radical Grace, John



*Teen Challenge Mongolia Staff
(now also running an orphanage)*

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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

May. 22, 2015 | Mexico: Pray for 15 Christian Families Who Were Evicted from Their Homes
 Zapatista rebels evicted 17 families from their homes in Chiapas, Mexico, last year after the families became Christians. A VOM partner heard about their situation and, despite warnings, brought clothing and food to them. The families prayed that God would provide land where they could live and start a church. Their prayers were answered when the government helped them purchase several acres of land near where they had lived for more than a year.