



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.

WHY CHURCH?

The Bible tells us we need to attend church so we can worship God with other believers and be taught His Word for our spiritual growth. The early church "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer" (Acts 2:42). We should follow that example of devotion—and to the same things. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts" (Acts 2:46). Wherever the meeting takes place, believers thrive on fellowship with other believers and the teaching of God's Word.

Church attendance is not just a "good suggestion"; it is God's will for believers. Heb 10:25 says we should "not [be] giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Even in the early church, some were falling into the bad habit of not meeting with other believers. The author of Hebrews says that's not the way to go. We need the encouragement that church attendance affords. And the approach of the end times should prompt us to be even more devoted to going to church.

Church is the place where believers can love one another (1 John 4:12), encourage one another (Heb 3:13), "spur" one another to love and good works (Heb 10:24), serve one another (Gal 5:13), instruct one another (Rom 15:14), honor one another (Rom 12:10), and be kind and compassionate to one another (Eph 4:32).

When a person trusts Jesus Christ for salvation, he or she is made a member of the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:27). For a church body to function properly, all of its "body parts" need to be present and working (1 Cor 12:14–20). It's not enough to just attend a church; we should be involved in some type of ministry to others, using the spiritual gifts God has given us (Eph 4:11–13). A believer will never reach full spiritual maturity without having that outlet for his gifts, and we all need the assistance and encouragement of other believers (1 Cor 12:21–26).

For these reasons and more, church attendance, participation, and fellowship should be regular aspects of a believer's life.

Ministry Highlights

Announcements:

➤ **Men's and Ladies' joint fellowship will be held on Monday, June 29 at 6:30 PM at FCA. Dinner will be served. RSVP to Gloria Felicione starting today.**

Missionaries – Binu John, India

I am busy and overwhelmed with summer programs, yet I can not skip reporting you how **one piece of tract** (cost us 1 cent only), has created **ripple effect**, rolling many hands, leading a **non believer to Christ**, a churchless **Christian to church**, causing **evangelism and church growth!**

On his way home from market, Mr. Rajendran first received one tract. He took it home and read it with his wife in one sitting. Something gripped their heart. Rajendran called us. Listening to his voice over phone I was suspicious; because his **name sounded he is a Hindu and I felt he was trying to trap me** (there are incidents of pastors caught and brutally attacked by the fake calls at the pretence of their interest to accept Jesus). Therefore when he visited me I was **careful and nervous too**. But having his wife with him was a relief. Before I shared anything, they started to open their heart, which signaled their **desperate need of a Savior!**

The couple said, they lost sleep for many nights. Prayed and offered sacrifices to their gods, but no change. And therefore **they lost belief in Hindu idols**. They used to seek the help of sorcerers, but **found them to be phony**. Hence they wanted to know the truth and they found the truth in Jesus. Afraid of society they wanted to remain secret Christians.

Rajendran returned home and passed on his tract to one of his neighbors, Mr. Das, another Hindu but had Christian experience. Das was encouraged by the tract and came to attend our church one day. Long story short, now, Das and his family are members of our local church!!

*Can you just believe with me **the wonder of one tract that cost us one penny?** This is the result of your faithful prayers and sacrificial giving.*

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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

Apr. 16, 2015 | Jordan: Pray for Iraqi Refugee Families in Jordan

Many Iraqis were forced to leave everything behind when Islamic State militants overran their cities. VOM is providing Iraqi refugees in Jordan with food and household necessities like mattresses, pillows, blankets, carpets, fireplaces and cookers. A VOM partner has asked that we pray for the refugee children who cannot attend school.