



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.

ABIGAIL

The story of Abigail in 1 Samuel 25 is an interesting one for many reasons. For one, her husband Nabal is a rather bizarre character. For no apparent reason, Nabal refuses David's request for food and shelter, despite knowing of David's previous benevolence to his shepherds. David's request was not unreasonable, but Nabal, who is described as "surly and mean", essentially spits in the faces of David's servants, saying, "Who is this David? Who is this son of Jesse?"

David did not take this rejection well. He swore to kill every male associated with Nabal's household. He had strapped on his sword and was on his way with four hundred armed men, when Abigail met him on the road. She offered David gifts of wine, grain, prepared meat, and cakes of figs. Then she fell down in front of David, pleading with him to show mercy to her husband. In her plea, Abigail shows that she understands Nabal's character: "Please pay no attention, my lord, to that wicked man Nabal. He is just like his name—his name means Fool, and folly goes with him".

Abigail's intercession saves the day. David thanks Abigail for staying his hand and repents of his own foolish and rash decision to slaughter Nabal's household. In fact, David sees Abigail's coming to him as a blessing from God, and he send her home in peace.

Meanwhile, Nabal, insensitive to his wrongdoing and the danger that he had been in, holds a kingly feast for himself and gets drunk. Abigail waits until the next morning for her husband to sober up, and then she tells Nabal everything. Upon hearing this news, Nabal falls ill: About ten days later, the LORD struck Nabal and he died. David then sends a message to Abigail asking her to become his wife, and Abigail responds affirmatively.

Scripture says that we should not seek vengeance for ourselves. Rather, we should "leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord" (Rom 12:19; cf. Deut 32:35). This is exactly what happened in Abigail's story. David was prevented from taking revenge, and the Lord Himself took care of the matter in due time.

In the end, Nabal's wealth, his wife, and his very life are taken from him. Abigail—a savior full of beauty, wisdom, and discretion—enters a loving relationship with David. In Abigail, we have a small picture of the ultimate Savior, the Source of beauty and wisdom, who desires a loving relationship with us forever.

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 – Papua, New Guinea

Well, yesterday I taught the kids at Polga the account of Elijah and the prophets of Baal and tied it into the false gods here in PNG, sangooma and witchcraft. Then on the PNV I had a chance to tell the story to the man next to me who claimed his church was AOG. He did not know the story so I read it to him on the PNV loud so others heard it too. Then I gave him my Bible after confronting him for his lack of desire to know God's Word. I told him people had been killed in bringing this message to PNG. I made him promise to read it. I told him God had sent me for him that day. In the face evangelism like my Mom used to do. He needed it. Man these people are going to hell without Jesus. When my Mom was alive and in her home, a man came to the house smoking a cigarette to read the electric meter. Big mistake to come into my Mom's house smoking. So my Mom confronted him with his need for the LORD. Later I told her that was not the way to witness. Really? He got saved and into their church. That was the last time I told my Mom how to witness. She was a front lines kind of person. At Halloween she used to put a sign on her door that said God's treat is Heaven and the devil's trick is hell. She would hand out tracts to the kids who came to the door along with the treats. Well the Catholic priest in town decided to forbid the kids in his church to come to our house one year. Well, that year more kids came than ever before. Mom was chased out of a Jewish nursing home by the social worker for witnessing. Well I know an elderly Jewish woman who is in Heaven today with Mom because God used Mom to carry the message to her home. So there you go. You be blessed.... Lois

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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. 29, 2015 | Laos: Pray for "Keo," Who Has Been Denied Public Utilities in His Village

"Keo" has been denied access to public utilities, such as water and electricity, because of his Christian faith and evangelism. Since January of this year, Keo has led more than 26 people to Christ. They meet regularly for worship and study in his home, and Keo has provided them with radios that receive Christian programs in a number of languages.