



# 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.

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## EPHESIANS

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Paul intended that all who long for Christ-like maturity would receive this Epistle. Enclosed within the Book of Ephesians is the discipline needed to develop into true children of God. Furthermore, a study in Ephesians will help to fortify and to establish the believer so he can fulfill the purpose and calling God has given. The aim of this epistle is to confirm and to equip a maturing church. It presents a balanced view of the body of Christ and its importance in God's plan.

Doctrine occupies the greatest portion of the Book of Ephesians. Half of the teaching in this epistle relates to our standing in Christ, and the remainder of it affects our condition. All too often those who teach from this book bypass all the foundational instruction and go directly to the closing chapter. It is this chapter that emphasizes the warfare or the struggle of the saints. However, to benefit fully from the contents of this epistle, one must begin at the beginning of Paul's instruction in this letter.

First, as followers of Christ, we must fully understand who God declares us to be. We must also become grounded in the knowledge of God's accomplishment for all humanity. Next, our present existence and walk must become exercised and strengthened. This must continue until we no longer totter or stagger back and forth with every spirit of teaching and subtlety of men.

Paul's writing breaks down into three main segments. (1) Chapters one through three introduce principles with respect to God's accomplishment. (2) Chapters four and five put forth principles regarding our present existence. (3) Chapter six presents principles concerning our daily struggle.

**Practical Application:** Perhaps more than any other book of the Bible, the Book of Ephesians emphasizes the connection between sound doctrine and right practice in the Christian life. Far too many people ignore "theology" and instead want to only discuss things that are "practical." In Ephesians, Paul argues that theology is practical. In order to live out God's will for us in our lives practically, we must first understand who we are in Christ doctrinally. *Join us during our Sunday Morning Worship Service as we continue our Series in Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Previous messages from this series can be found on our website –www.fcaphila.org*

## 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.***

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### Philadelphia Access Center

The Philadelphia Access Center is pleased to announce that we will be partnering with and hosting the Christian Legal Clinics of Philadelphia (CLCP) beginning July 11<sup>th</sup>. CLCP provides free legal services to low-income clients. Their mission is to do justice with the love of God by advocating for those in need in Philadelphia. The clinic will be open on the first Saturday of each month from 9 am to 12 pm. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call the Philadelphia Access Center. The following paragraph from the CLCP helps explain their mission in more detail.

In a system that is easily corrupted, people may feel intimidated by the court system and often feel guilty before being proven innocent. They may suffer at the mercy of an unfair justice system and often feel like their lawyers do not want to fight for them. Often, out of anger and frustration, they take plea deals and do jail time at a huge cost. According to Reverend Zach Rivaltsky of Sweet Union Baptist Church, a CLC partner, "Justice is blind to their circumstances and issues. The amount of people being taken advantage of in the absence of the ability to qualify for a good attorney is staggering" (2014).

The Philadelphia Access Center exists to reveal Christ through compassionate service, and this partnership continues to enhance the services that the Access Center provides at no cost to our community. To God be the glory.

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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](http://www.philaccess.org) or [www.facebook.com/philaccess](http://www.facebook.com/philaccess).

### **WEEKLY SERVICES /MEETINGS**

	<b>FCA</b>	<b>PAC</b>
Sunday	9:45 AM <i>Bible Study</i> 11:00 AM <i>Worship Service &amp; 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**

"If what they are saying about you is true, mend your ways. If it isn't true, forget it, and go on and serve the Lord."

-- Henry (Harry) Allan Ironside (1876-1951, American Bible teacher, writer, and pastor).