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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.

THE INVISIBLE MOUSE

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18).

It looks like H.G. Wells' *The Invisible Man* has just come closer to becoming a reality. A group of Caltech researchers recently announced they have succeeded in making a mouse transparent. The researchers said that their new scientific technique - called Perfusion-assisted Agent Release in Situ, or PARS for short - will help scientists study organs and tissues in the lab, and could even help diagnose illnesses in humans.

So how did they pull this off? They did it by pumping a detergent through the dead mouse's tissues to remove the fat cells. Sure enough, this made the mouse transparent. However, it also caused the mouse to quickly decompose. To solve this problem, the researchers replaced the fatty lipids with a transparent gel to maintain the mouse's body structure. By pumping this cocktail of detergent and gel through the mouse's circulatory system, they were able to make the mouse's body transparent and ready for research.

According to *The Washington Post*, labs have already begun using the lipid-clearing technique on tissue from human biopsies. Using the technique for finding cancerous cells, said one researcher, is a no-brainer.

Truly, we live in an age when it seems as if science can solve any problem. But there's one big problem that science will never be able to solve - the problem of sin and death. Only Jesus can take a person's sin-stained heart and turn it white as snow. Only Jesus can make our sins vanish from God's sight!

Notes: "Why a see-through mouse is a big deal for scientists", *The Washington Post*, R. Feltman, 7-31-14. "Single-Cell Phenotyping within Transparent Intact Tissue through Whole-Body Clearing," *Cell*, 5-6-14. Photo: A comparison of optical transparency of mouse brains and major organs before and after PARS clearing. © 2014 Elsevier Inc. Published by Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. Used for educational purposes under U.S. fair use doctrine.

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Ministry Highlights

Missionaries – Binu John, India

Each day is a gift of God and I am excited about various things we do. But the most rewarding day of the week is **Wednesday!**

That is the day I am out there, standing on the market, passing through the bus stop, getting in and out of shopping malls and visiting every home, telling people about Jesus and distributing Gospel tracts.

Few people reject, few others refuse the tract, some people curse and a few others tear the tract and throw it in front of me. Yet none of those disappoint me.

I am blessed by a majority of people who stop to inquire more about Jesus. I am inspired by those who request our prayers. I am overjoyed by the phone calls from people of other faiths who would not have called if they are not serious to know Jesus. People everywhere need the Lord.

It is such an untold joy of fulfilling the Great Commission. The tracts are getting all over. We will be reaching a hundred thousand people before the end of this year. Appreciate your prayers and support that help us to stay on the course to finish the task. Thank you so much. God bless you!

We are here for you - we are fasting for three days starting tomorrow, Friday (7/3). Some of the reasons I am fasting for three days:

1. Salvation of those who received the Gospel tracts
2. Deliverance of the families we visit every Wednesday
3. For God to touch those who threaten and oppose our ministry here
4. Financial breakthrough for the ministry; urgently we need a place for training leaders and church planters
5. For my safe trip to USA and for God to anoint and use me while I am there (landing in USA on July 10)
6. Protection of my family and our missionaries while I am gone
7. Blessings of all our ministry partners and their families who sacrificially support the work in India

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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

Jun. 12, 2015 / Middle East: Pray for Christian Siblings Orphaned and Pursued by Muslim Relatives
 After "Ahmed" and his family converted from Islam to Christianity, their Muslim relatives had "Ahmed" killed. A pastor took in Ahmed's orphaned children and raised them with his family. Although it has been seven years since Ahmed's murder, Muslim family members continue to harass and pursue his three children in an attempt to make them return to Islam. When Ahmed's son turned 18, the Muslim relatives had him arrested and charged with leaving Islam, but he was released after police changed the charges against him. The pastor asks for prayer for each of the children, now young adults, as their relatives continue to harass them.