



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.

LOYAL LOVE

The primary reason David was loyal to Saul was the anointing King Saul had received from the Lord. In other words, the Lord was the One who chose Saul to be king, and David refused to go against God's will. On one occasion when David had the opportunity to kill Saul, he refrained, saying, "*As surely as the Lord lives . . . the Lord himself will strike him, or his time will come and he will die, or he will go into battle and perish. But the Lord forbid that I should lay a hand on the Lord's anointed*" (1 Sam 26:10-11). David believed Saul was in God's hands and that he was forbidden to put Saul to death himself.

In addition, David considered Saul's life precious and of tremendous value, even though David had also been anointed as the future king of Israel. Though it would be many years before God would place him as the official king, David had great faith in God's plan and timing. As long as God wanted Saul to be king, David would wait. He would not take matters into his own hands.

On another occasion, David and his men were hiding in a cave that Saul entered to relieve himself. David was near enough to Saul to cut off the edge of his robe, yet he would not kill him (1 Sam 24:6). Saul was the one God had selected to lead the nation of Israel. David respected God's choice.

Eventually, Saul did fall in battle, in God's own timing. This event was bittersweet, as both Saul, who wanted to take David's life, and Jonathan, who was David's best friend, were killed on the same day.

Instead of rejoicing in the death of his enemy, David showed amazing forgiveness and love as he writes a beautiful song of lamentation for the fallen Saul and Jonathan (2 Samuel 1:17-27).

Following Saul's death, David was appointed king of Judah for seven years before becoming king of all Israel. In total, David would rule for 40 years, serving as the Lord's anointed. David's loyalty first to God and then to an undeserving Saul, is one of the reasons that David was called a man after God's own heart (1 Samuel 13:14).

Join us on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM as we study the life of David in 2 Samuel

Ministry Highlights

Announcements:

➤ ***Believers' water baptism will be scheduled soon. Anyone interested in being baptized, please see Pastor Melloni.***

Missionaries – Papua, New Guinea

From Lois Semanision:

After being punched a second time from behind on the public motor vehicle, I turned around and confronted the man and told him he needed Jesus. Well, he must have been high or mentally disturbed and that set him off. (I was on my way to the airport to meet Neal for lunch at a little restaurant as I felt I needed a break from all the drama here.) Well, my puncher started a tirade saying he was a citizen of PNG, a Christian country, and a Lutheran, and therefore he felt he was going to Heaven. Then he went on and on about PNG should not let in strangers, lumping me in with the Chinese and everybody else, as we are just here to get rich and to make PNG persons slaves. He went on and on and agitated everyone on the van. The man next to me held my hand and prayed and a lady who works as a maid at MAF moved up next to me.

Yesterday a young woman who came by to see me, who will remain nameless, told me of when she had been raped in town this year. Young women are afraid to go to town alone here with good reason. We spent some time together processing the experience and prayed and claimed a Bible portion over her life. I believe providing a sanctuary for hurting women is a very important role that the Lord has entrusted to me. Thank you for covering us both in prayer.

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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

Jul. 09, 2015 | Pakistan: Pray for Asia Bibi, Still Suffering on Death Row

Asia Bibi remains on death row more than six year after she was arrested, despite multiple calls for her release from the highest levels. According to her lawyer, her legal team is ready to fully present her case before Pakistan's Supreme Court, but the court is busy. Her case has worked its way up through the legal system, but so far, the charge of blasphemy remains in place.