



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.

I PROMISE

"Exceeding great and precious promises." — 2 Peter 1:4

If you would know experimentally the preciousness of the promises, and enjoy them in your own heart, *meditate much upon them*. There are promises which are like grapes in the wine-press; if you will tread them the juice will flow. Thinking over the hallowed words will often be the prelude to their fulfillment. While you are musing upon them, the boon which you are seeking will insensibly come to you. Many a Christian who has thirsted for the promise has found the favour which it ensured gently distilling into his soul even while he has been considering the divine record; and he has rejoiced that ever he was led to lay the promise near his heart.

But besides *meditating* upon the promises, *seek in thy soul to receive them as being the very words of God*. Speak to thy soul thus, "If I were dealing with a man's promise, I should carefully consider the ability and the character of the man who had covenanted with me. So with the promise of God; my eye must not be so much fixed upon the greatness of the mercy-that may stagger me; as upon the greatness of the promiser-that will cheer me. My soul, it is God, even thy God, God that cannot lie, who speaks to thee. This word of His which thou art now considering is as true as His own existence. He is a God unchangeable. He has not altered the thing which has gone out of His mouth, nor called back one single consolatory sentence. Nor doth He lack any power; it is the God that made the heavens and the earth who has spoken thus. Nor can He fail in wisdom as to the time when He will bestow the favours, for He knoweth when it is best to give and when better to withhold. Therefore, seeing that it is the word of a God so true, so immutable, so powerful, so wise, I will and must believe the promise." If we thus meditate upon the promises, and consider the Promiser, we shall experience their sweetness, and obtain their fulfillment. — *Reprinted from Spurgeon's Morning and Evening – Morning July 27, 2015*

Ministry Highlights

Announcements:

- **Sunday morning and Thursday night Bible studies will not be held during the month of August.**

Missionaries Binu John, India

(As of 7/18) Greetings! I trust you are keeping well. I reached USA safely. I had a blessed time in Ohio. I am in Dallas right now. The next destination is Houston and from there to Kansas and to Tulsa and to Philadelphia before I head to India on 25th August. Please keep me in your prayers.

Update on BUILDING

After ten years of changing rented properties, we urgently feel the need of buying our own property for the ministry of Care India Mission.

The building is still available for sale. Initially the owner was asking for \$ 250 thousand, but for ministry purposes, she is willing to give to us for 180 thousand US dollars. After talking to her recently, she is willing to minus another twenty thousand for Care India Mission. We can't beat this offer.

I sense the Lord's hand on this. Would you please pray with me? I believe this is the best offer, suitable for all our ministry purposes and located in the heart of the city which means ideal for administration, access to good transportation, walking distance from bus and railway station. There is internet and water facility available.

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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

They beheaded her husband in front of her and locked her inside her own home. After al-Shabab beheaded Anna Eboni's husband for refusing to convert to Islam, the 50-year-old widow was left to grieve alone. She can barely talk about the attack without being overcome with emotion. Like more than 3,000 other Kenyans who have fled attacks from Islamic extremists, Anna received immediate help through VOM's Families of Martyrs Fund. Many Christians find themselves in similar positions every day, and VOM responds by providing assistance such as food, bedding, mosquito nets, temporary shelter and other means of support.