



# 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.*

## TYPES OF PRAYER

**The prayer of faith:** James 5:15 says, "And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up." When we pray, we are to believe in the power and goodness of God (Mark 9:23).

**Corporate prayer :** After Jesus' ascension, the disciples "all joined together constantly in prayer" (Acts 1:14). Later, after Pentecost, the early church "devoted themselves" to prayer (Acts 2:42). Their example encourages us to pray with others.

**The prayer of request/supplication:** We are to take our requests to God. See Phil 4:6. Part of winning the spiritual battle is to be "praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication" (Eph 6:18).

**The prayer of thanksgiving:** We see another type of prayer in Phil 4:5: thanksgiving or thanks to God. "With thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

**The prayer of worship:** The prayer of worship is similar to the prayer of thanksgiving. The difference is that worship focuses on who God is; thanksgiving focuses on what God has done. See (Acts 13:2-3).

**The prayer of consecration:** Sometimes, prayer is a time of setting ourselves apart to follow God's will. Jesus made such a prayer the night before His crucifixion: (Matt 26:39).

**The prayer of intercession:** Many times, our prayers include requests for others as we intercede for them. We are told to make intercession "for everyone" in 1 Timothy 2:1. John 17 is a prayer of Jesus on behalf of His disciples and all believers.

**The prayer of imprecation:** Many found in the Psalms. They are used to invoke God's judgment on the wicked and thereby avenge the righteous. However, Jesus teaches us to pray for blessing on our enemies, not cursing (Matt 5:44-48).

The Bible also speaks of praying in the Spirit (1 Cor 14:14-15) and prayers when we are unable to think of adequate words (Rom 8:26-27). In those times, the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us. Prayer is conversation with God and should be made without ceasing (1 Thess 5:16-18).

As we grow in our love for Jesus Christ, we will naturally desire to talk to Him.

## Ministry Highlights

### Announcements:

- **Six Weeks of Prayer began the week of Aug. 2. Please see below for more details**
- **Sunday morning and Thursday night Bible studies will resume on 9/10 and 9/13.**
- **SAVE THE DATE: September 19 for the Pray America event. More info to follow.**

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### Six Weeks of Prayer

As a church, we want to claim our dependence on God together and see how He works when we pray together for the same thing. According to Ephesians 3:20, God is "able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think" (NKJV).

### **Here's how you can join us in prayer:**

- Join us as we gather to pray on Tuesday nights @ 6:30 in the sanctuary, Wednesday morning prayer call @ 7AM and Thursday nights @6:00 at PAC.
- Get each week's prayer requests from the handouts at church, our Facebook page or our website (fcaphila.org).
- If you can't join us please continue to pray on your own or with your prayer circle.
- The last week of prayer requests will be the week leading up to **Pray America**. Continue to pray for that gathering and how you will participate at the event.

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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**

##### **From: Voice of the Martyrs**

*Aug. 07, 2015 | Syria: Pray for a Family of Believers Who Escaped Islamic Militants*

A Christian family was forced to flee their home in Syria when Islamic militants raided their village. The militants took the family's belongings, destroyed crosses and demolished their home. The family was among a group of 10 people who walked for days through the wilderness, eating grass to survive because there was no food. They finally arrived in another village approximately 15 miles away, where they met up with a VOM partner who has helped them get into shelter. The family has very little, but refused to give up their faith. Pray for the family, especially their children who are very discouraged by the living conditions.