

August 23, 2015



# 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.*

## *PRAY AMERICA*

We want to let you know about our plans for what we believe will be a significant prayer meeting in September 2015. The meeting, which we are calling **PRAY AMERICA**, will be open to all. Our theme verse is 2 Chronicles 7:14, *"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."* We hope you and a significant number of people from your congregation, your organization, or your network will be able to attend.

The meeting will be held on **Saturday, September 19, 2015, from 9 a.m. to Noon.** The location will be on **Independence Mall** on the block bounded by Market and Arch Streets and by Fifth and Sixth Streets.

We are a group of Christian believers and are calling those from every church, denomination, racial and ethnic group, city, township or borough in the Philadelphia region, all those who lift up the name of Jesus, to join us on September 19th for a time of prayer and worship. Our agenda is simple. We will be praying:

For our City and region, our pastors and congregations, our political, business and social leaders, and our schools, communities, and families.

For peace and protection, for justice and mercy, and for reconciliation, racial and otherwise.

For God's work throughout our region.

There are some financial costs associated with running the event, and there are many tasks that need to be done both to prepare for the event and at the event itself.

If you would like to volunteer your services, please contact: *Pastor Joe Melloni* by email at [joemimco@comcast.net](mailto:joemimco@comcast.net). Please use "Pray America" in your subject line. Or contact Pastor Melloni by telephone at 215-389-1985.

If you would like to make a contribution, please contact: *Philadelphia Leadership Foundation*

Address: 2210 South 71st Street Philadelphia, PA 19142. Email:

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Phone: 215-729-0248. Website: [www.philadelphialeadershipfoundation.org](http://www.philadelphialeadershipfoundation.org)

Whether or not you will be able to attend **PRAY AMERICA**, we ask that you pray for our preparations and for God's blessing as we gather to pray on September 19th.

Please also feel free to forward this email to others who may be interested in attending. Thank you. (*Reprint of Pray America letter by W. Wilson Goode*)

## Ministry Highlights

### Announcements:

- Six Weeks of Prayer began the week of Aug. 2. Please see FCA's website for details & prayer lists. ([www.fcaphila.org](http://www.fcaphila.org))
- 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.

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### Missionaries John & Joy Cutts, Indonesia

Joy and I would like each of you to know that you have been so vital and instrumental to our being able to hang in for the long haul in Papua. Yes, God ultimately calls the shots, but you have been used in amazing ways to encourage us and our Papuan extended family. Your notes of encouragement, prayers and support have been used by God in ways you would not believe. (*more to follow from their update*)

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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**

	FCA	PAC
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**

The group of Pakistani Christian men knew the risks when they entered an Islamic festival where fanatical Muslim leaders preached jihad and attendees renewed their religious zeal. Quietly, they initiated conversations about Jesus, who is considered a holy prophet in Islam. By the end of the evening, they had distributed several hundred flyers telling about Jesus Christ and had exchanged phone numbers with people who wanted to learn more.