



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.

PRA YING TOGETHER

We are just past the halfway point of our 6 weeks of prayer. I hope that you have been praying along with us. If you have not yet joined us it's not too late. Start now by making a commitment to pray.

Below, you will find all the information you need regarding this prayer initiative;

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"**.

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.

Prayer Points for the week of August 30th, 2015

1. Give us hearts to pray and visit the sick, disabled and the homebound members of our body.
2. Increase patience and develop in us a heart just like Jesus, so we might extend grace to one another.
3. Heal hurting marriages, causing spouses to want to seek and please You foremost and allow You to rule in their marriages.
4. Cause families to reunite in one mind according to Your word. Praying especially for the prodigals to return to You.
5. Empower us by your Holy Spirit to let our light shine as much outside of church as when we are inside the building.

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)**
- **Sunday morning and Thursday night Bible studies will resume on 9/10 and 9/13.**
- **SAVE THE DATE: Pray America event. September 19, 9 AM to Noon, Independence Mall area.**

Missionaries

John & Joy Cutts, Indonesia

Another vivid experience our team had recently was in our leadership and team-building sessions held with about 150 of our village pastors, their wives, and some other leaders. Actually, part of the time was more like a marriage encounter workshop. Picture, if you can some of the toughest, seasoned warriors, men and women, many who have walked for days through the jungle to get to the seminars. These pastor's wives are often just another member of the hunting party carrying staggering loads of potatoes, firewood, drinking water, and babies up and down some of the steepest terrain imaginable. Their culture teaches that men are the ones who matter and lead and women only do the menial physical labor, raise the kids and stay in the background of village life, and yet, here they are, eager to learn how they can become better teammates with their husbands and become leaders in their own right. In all my years of experiencing village life, I have not seen men giving their wives roses while promising to be a stronger leader in the home and committing to pray for their wife and family daily.

To be continued...

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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

Aug. 21, 2015 | Korea, South: *Pray for North Korean Defectors Who Are Learning Jesus’ Ways*

North Korean citizens are required to attend weekly self-criticism meetings, in which they report on what their neighbors have been doing. “We see these tendencies spill over into the lives of [new believers],” said a VOM Korea worker who runs a discipleship program for North Korean defectors. Members of the discipleship program join in order to deepen their spiritual lives and unlearn ideas that have been programmed into them by the North Korean regime. At a recent retreat, the VOM Korea worker noticed that when students spent time in small groups praying for and confessing to each other, the gossip and criticism between them stopped. “They came together, and God used each one of them to minister to someone else,” the worker said. Pray that God’s love will conquer their tendencies toward gossip and criticism.