



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.

P R A Y I N G T O G E T H E R

We have arrived at our last week of our 6 Weeks of Prayer. I hope that you have been praying along with us. If you have been praying with us you probably have noticed that this is really the 7th week. That is because we added a week so that we can pray for Pray America that is taking place on Saturday September 19th, 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon at Independence Mall 6th and Market St.

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 weeks 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.

Below you will find the Prayer Focus for the week of 9-13-2015;

1. Praying for protection for all who would come to Pray America this weekend.
2. Praying for your Word as it is given, that it would touch many lives for Your kingdom and many would be saved.
3. Praying for all the volunteers that they would be protected by You and have Your heart & love while serving others today.
4. Praying for good weather for the event and for travelling mercies.
5. Praying that our Lord would hear and answer the theme of our prayer for the Philadelphia Region; [2Ch 7:14 KJV] *If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*

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)
- **SAVE THE DATE: Pray America event. September 19, 9 AM to Noon, Independence Mall area. Talk to Pastor about volunteering.**

Missionaries

John & Joy Cutts, Indonesia

As we explore what perseverance mixed with faith looks like in the lives of Papuans living a day's walk past the end of the earth, I must include another unforgettable experience I just had. The Turu tribe exists in the sweltering swamps, an exhausting 10-day slog to the mission post through clouds of mosquitoes, lurking snakes and leeches and a latticework of uncrossable rivers. Fifty years ago eleven warriors made the trek to the mission post in order to beg Mom and Dad Cutts for a full-time missionary to live with them and translate the Bible into their language. No family was available full-time, so a few missionaries were tasked with making trips through the years, and Joy and I have been privileged to be part of that team.

I was invited recently along with some other older generation missionaries to a massive celebration which the Turu organized to commemorate the efforts of the pioneer missionaries who helped open this area. It was also a huge welcome party for three new missionary families who had moved in from their respective countries and were now a part of the Turu tribe. As I stepped off the mission plane I was surrounded by a mud-covered mob dancing to the beat of their drums and was carried off on their shoulders through the village, where each person was free to take a handful of the most putrid smelling mud and smear it all over me as I dangled helplessly in mid-air... The ones that hung in there never gave up hope, and what a feast we all had celebrating their faith and perseverance

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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 or www.facebook.com/philaccess.

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. 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.