



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 FOR PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia has a long tradition of prayer. It goes back to our City's founder. William Penn, who was a Christian believer, wrote a prayer for Philadelphia in 1684.

Here is a re-print of his prayer;

"And thou, Philadelphia, the virgin settlement of this province - named before thou were born – what love, what care, what service and what travail there have been to bring thee forth and to preserve thee from such as would abuse and defile thee.

Oh that thou mayest be kept from the evil that would overwhelm thee; that faithful to the God of thy mercies, in the life of righteousness, thou mayest be preserved to the end.

My soul prays to God for thee that thou mayest stand in the day of trial, that thy children may be blest and thy people saved by his power."

Over 330 years later, Philadelphians are still praying. Maybe you're part of this praying tradition. Or maybe you'd like to become part of it. Churches and prayer groups throughout the Philadelphia area regularly pray for the City, its suburbs and surrounding area, for our churches, our leaders, and the issues we all face.

Here at First Christian Assembly we have many opportunities to join together for corporate prayer.

Please visit our website (fcaphila.org) for more information on how you can be part of this praying tradition.

Ministry Highlights

Announcements:

- ***Bible Studies are back in full swing. Please join us on Sunday morning at FCA @ 9:45 AM and Thursday night at PAC @ 7:00 PM.***

Missionaries

Neal & Lois-Papua, New Guinea

We have gotten some rain, but it is still critical in the villages and outstations for some of the missionaries. No evacuation for us. When I go to Polga, they have to go down to a river to collect water so there is no water at the school. Typhoid is very common here. We plan to stay here till the visa runs out in 2017 and maybe we will renew...

I have a growth on my right wrist. I had the doctor at the Nazarene Hospital look at it. It was all a mystery to him what it was... I wear a brace at night. I have lost some feeling in my right hand. I was helping out on a team scraping the paint in the home of some German missionaries who are going to paint before they move in. They are new to Mount Hagen, but had been in Wewak before, coastal town where we went before. Anyway, my hand was worse after. Pins and needles frequently. Once I come to the US, I hope to have this attended to.

Another missionary from NZ and I hope to start a little class for 3 and 4 year olds once a week in a church out of town. It is a K1 pmv ride to get there. That would be about 50 cents...

Down in Wewak the only doctor in the hospital was killed as he resisted someone stealing his phone. So this missionary family down there had to fly up here to get some treatment for their kid. More pilot missionaries coming up here, but still a critical shortage of airplane mechanics. Thanks for praying. Lois

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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

His face is marked with a vicious scar and a brilliant smile. Thirteen year old Danjuma Shakaru was critically injured during an attack on his village in northern Nigeria. Muslim militants struck Danjuma on the head, arm and body with their machetes. Thinking he was dead, the villagers who found him dug his grave.

But Danjuma's grave is empty. He is alive in part because of the care he received through VOM's medical program. Violence against Christians in Nigeria continues to rise, and VOM helped more than 500 believers with serious medical injuries during the past year. VOM pays for travel costs, hospital bills, prostheses, tests and medicines for severely injured Christians.