

September 27, 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.

PRA YING FOR PASTOR SAEED

As we continue with our theme of prayer, we remember to pray for the persecuted church. Below you will find a reprint from Samaritans Purse that reminds us to continue to pray specifically for one of our persecuted brothers.

It's been nearly three years since Pastor Saeed Abedini, an American citizen, was imprisoned in Iran for his faith in Jesus Christ. His wife Nagmeh, who lives in the U.S. with their two young children, is calling for Christians worldwide to join her in a prayer vigil at noon on September 26—the third anniversary of his imprisonment.

Pastor Saeed has been repeatedly beaten and denied medical care, yet he continues to be a beacon for the Gospel among his fellow prisoners. Please pray for his health and that he will be released soon.

Please remember Pastor Saeed, his family, and persecuted believers around the globe. We can be assured that our God hears the prayers of His people: **"Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us"** (1 John 5:14).

You can learn more about Pastor Saeed's story and how you can be involved in this year's prayer vigil by visiting the Samaritan's Purse website www.samaritanspurse.org. Thank you for praying.

Ministry Highlights

Missionaries India

Dear beloved: I have some **exciting news** to share with you, regarding the proposed building:

1. The landlord **reduced another \$40 thousand** price down (160-40 = 120). Miracle of \$40 thousand.
2. God has **supplied \$40 thousand** in cash so far. Another miracle of \$40 thousand.
3. **We need another \$80 thousand** in three months. That is the deadline the landlord has given us.

Friends, would you join me in continued prayer for buying this property for God's service? As I think of it, I can't imagine that we are getting this multi-stored building for such a low rate in the heart of the city.

- 100 meters from railway station and hardly 1 mile from the bus station
- Majority of Indians depend on public transportation, it is conveniently located for people to come easily from anywhere in India.
- With the increasing population, the land value is going high quickly and we can't get it anywhere near \$200 thousand. God has placed it in our hands for \$120 thousand only.

Unbeatable price and God has supplied 1/3 of the budget already. Can you please generously give a one time gift towards this project? All your gifts are tax deductible. Please mention as 'building fund' in the memo. Let us own it and maximize it for His service until Jesus' return. Blessings! With much anticipation:

Pastor Binu John

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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

Masked gunmen burst into Christian leader Yousuf Bhat's home late on a Wednesday evening and shot him to death. Yousuf Bhat, a respected Christian leader in India's volatile Kashmir region, left Islam and became a follower of Christ more than 16 years ago. He could not keep his faith to himself. Yousuf distributed thousands of Bibles and JESUS films, planted churches and taught new Christians. And earlier this year, he paid the price with his life.