



# 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.*

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## THE LORD'S SUPPER

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It was during the age-old celebration of the Passover on the eve of His death that Jesus instituted a significant new fellowship meal that we observe to this day. It is an integral part of Christian worship. It causes us to remember our Lord's death and resurrection and to look for His glorious return in the future.

During the Last Supper—a Passover celebration—Jesus took a loaf of bread and gave thanks to God. As He broke it and gave it to His disciples, He said, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you" (Luke 22:19-21). He concluded the feast by singing a hymn (Matthew 26:30), and they went out into the night to the Mount of Olives. It was there that Jesus was betrayed, as predicted, by Judas. The following day He was crucified.

He declared that the bread spoke of His body which would be broken. There was not a broken bone, but His body was so badly tortured that it was hardly recognizable (Psalm 22:12-17; Isaiah 53:4-7). The wine spoke of His blood, indicating the terrible death He would soon experience. He, the perfect Son of God, became the fulfillment of the countless Old Testament prophecies concerning a Redeemer (Genesis 3:15; Psalm 22; Isaiah 53). When He said, "Do this in remembrance of me," He indicated this was a ceremony that must be continued in the future. It indicated also that the Passover, which required the death of a lamb and looked forward to the coming of the Lamb of God who would take away the sin of the world, was fulfilled in the Lord's Supper. The New Covenant replaced the Old Covenant when Christ, the Passover Lamb (1 Corinthians 5:7), was sacrificed (Hebrews 8:8-13). The sacrificial system was no longer needed (Hebrews 9:25-28). The Lord's Supper/Christian Communion is a remembrance of what Christ did for us and a celebration of what we receive as a result of His sacrifice.

## Ministry Highlights

### Announcements:

- **Men & Women's Fellowships are tomorrow, Monday, Oct. 5. Both start at 6:30 PM. Men will be @ FCA and women will be @ Mrs. Melloni's house. See Gloria Felicione and Dominic Cesari if you are interested in attending.**

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### Missionaries - Papua, New Guinea

**In the Lion's Den.** Yes. Today, Lillian and I went again to Polga to the prep school to teach our Bible classes. Last time we went to the school it was closed due to a holiday, so we decided to try again today. Well, the school was closed again. Two men met us when we got off the pmv and told us that the men standing around were the enemy involved in the fighting there. They said 11 had died. Later I found out the many men standing around had guns concealed. I was told the police do not get involved as these men have better weapons than the police. The two men told us to go back. Lillian told them to contact us when it is ok to go back to the school. One of the deceased is an elder who was part of the church in Kuna, the church the Brasilians helped start. Three children in the school have lost their fathers. Well, just as Daniel was protected from the lions in the lion's den by angels, we were protected today.

Lillian told me that the little girl who ran away on Independence Day because the police and army were shooting in the air had been found by the police. They held her in a house and when a reward for K700 was offered for the girl, they released her and claimed the money. Huh?

So Monday I went to the market to buy produce for myself and this missionary in Wewak. Theirs would be flown to them the following day. A young man named Junior helped me with the bags. Another man, a rascal, was bothering Junior while I shopped, jealous he got the job, and I told him to get lost. I gave Junior a generous tip when we loaded the car. as the bags had been very heavy and he had been a big help. The next day I happened to run into Junior and he had a black eye. He said the rascal and a companion had followed him on his way home and had beat him up and taken the money I had given him. Mercy. Junior has completed grade 9 and is from another area. He is a wonderful help when I go to the market. He does not know Jesus yet. I prayed with him and plan to give him a Bible the next time I see him. -----Lois (& Neal)

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**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**

*Sep. 04, 2015 / Ethiopia: Pray for 15 Christian Students Beaten for Evangelistic Activities*

A group of Christian university students were physically assaulted, arrested and jailed for sharing the gospel in a predominantly Muslim Ethiopian town. After angry Muslims assaulted two of the female students, police arrested all 15 Christian students for causing a disruption. Authorities later released the students at the insistence of local church leaders, but they demanded that all evangelistic activities outside the church be stopped. The church leaders were told that while they can pray privately inside their homes, they are not allowed to invite others to such activities.