



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.

GIFT OF FAITH

As we continue our series on Faith, we remember that we previously learned that Faith is both a fruit and gift of the Holy Spirit. Today we will look at the gift of Faith. 1 Corinthians chapter 12 verse 9 says that some people are given the gift of faith, but the gift is not specifically explained. All believers have been given saving faith by God as the only means of salvation (Eph 2:8-9), but not all believers are given the spiritual gift of faith. Like all the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the spiritual gift of faith was given for the "common good," which means the edifying of the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:7).

The gift of faith may be defined as the special gift whereby the Spirit provides Christians with extraordinary confidence in God's promises, power, and presence so they can take heroic stands for the future of God's work in the church. Examples of people with the gift of faith are those listed in Hebrews chapter 11. This chapter, often called "the hall of faith," describes those whose faith was extraordinary, enabling them to do amazing exploits. Here we see Noah spending 120 years building the ark when up to that time, rain was non-existent. We also see Abraham believing he would father a child when his wife's natural ability to do so had ended. Without the special gift of faith from God, such things would have been impossible.

As with all spiritual gifts, the gift of faith is given to some Christians who then use it to edify others in the body of Christ. Those with the gift of faith are an inspiration to their fellow believers, exhibiting a simple confidence in God that shows in all they say and do. Extraordinarily faithful people show a humble godliness and reliance on God's promises, often so much so that they are known to be quietly fearless and zealous. They are so convinced that all obstacles to the gospel and to God's purposes will be overcome and so confident that God will secure the advancement of His cause, that they will often do far more in the promotion of His kingdom than the most talented preachers and teachers.

Ministry Highlights

Announcements:

- *Next Men & Women's Fellowship, November 16, will be the Operation Christmas Child shoebox party. In preparation for that, please note the collection box in the back of the church. Donations in that box will be used for purchasing the items for the boxes and the per box fee requested by Samaritan's Purse for shipping and handling.*
- *Global Missions Frontier Missions Conference is November 17-20th @ 7:00 PM here at FCA.*

Missionaries

Philippines – Donna Schaber

Three families I'd like you to know are first the Jovita family. **Jun and Eden Jovita** with their 3 girls...work with the M&M people in Marawi City. The second is **Harold and Jonnie Rosabal** who have 2 sons, Micah, 5, and Abram, 2. They recently had confirmed that Micah is nearly deaf. The family is now learning sign language to expand their communication with each other. They've been working with our M&M friends but are planning to move to the Kalagan people, one of the other 13 M-tribes of the Philippines. The third family is **Pastor Efren and his wife, Alice**, with their 2 children. In their many trips in and out of the Iligan while pasturing a church in a nearby town, they witnessed a disrespect and sometimes mistreatment of the Badjao people who beg on the streets of Iligan. This brought them to the decision to work with these the poorest of the M-tribes and nominally M with an active spiritistic worldview. They are "boat people" and fisherman (non-land owners) who live on the edge of the sea on city-donated land.

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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

Sep. 19, 2015 / Nepal: Pray for Shyam, Christian Worker Targeted by Hindu Radicals

Shyam Darji, a Christian worker in Nepal, is being targeted by Hindu radicals because of his ministry activities. The radical group Shiva Sena Nepal published his name and photo in a local newspaper, "outing" him as a Christian convert. In a notice dated Aug. 8, the radical group warned him that they will "take actions in financial, physical, social or moral forms whichever is possible against you and your family wherever and whenever we find you; therefore, do give up such activities or be ready to face our action against you."