



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.

Christian Missions

Christian Missions is following Christ's call: sharing the Gospel with the lost world through God's wisdom and strength. After Christ's death and resurrection, He commanded the disciples to share the Gospel, the message of His redemption.

This Great Commission (Matt 28:19-20) applies to Christians today. Rather than a burden, obeying His call brings joy and reward in heaven. We should fulfill our mission not out of duty but love: "For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf. (2 Corinthians 5:14-15).

God could convert everyone using a blinding light and the voice of Christ as He did with the apostle Paul. Instead, He gives Christians the mission of reconciliation (Acts 1:8-9). He works through us, calling sinners to turn to Christ in repentance and faith.

Our mission is proclaiming Christ as the only way to abundant, eternal life. Whom do we tell? Jesus made it clear that Christians are to reach out to "all the nations" (Matt 28:19). Instead of countries, he was referring to people groups, those ethnic cultures without a Gospel witness.

Christian missions, however, is not limited to overseas ministry. While believers should faithfully support those who go to the unreached, all Christians have the mission to share Christ on the home field with family, friends, coworkers, and the community.

The Christian mission of sharing Christ does not end with a sinner's salvation. The commission was to make disciples – not immature believers. Thus, Christian missions involves not only evangelism but also discipleship.

Please join with us as we pray for all missionaries foreign and domestic. First Christian Assembly supports several missionaries serving in places such as; Indonesia, Afghanistan, Philippines, New Guinea, South Africa and Zimbabwe and here in the USA. You can find specific prayer points on our website (fcaphila.org) under the heading Six weeks of Prayer.

Ministry Highlights

Announcements:

- **THANKS** to everyone who participated in the monetary donations to the Operation Christmas Child event. **What a blessing! We've exceeded our goal! Praise God!**
- **Next Men & Women's Fellowship, November 16, will be the Operation Christmas Child shoebox party. Please sign up TODAY with Gloria Felicione.**
- **Global Missions Frontier Missions Conference is November 17-20th @ 7:00 PM here at FCA.**

Missionaries - John Koehler

Goodbye Mongolia! Wow, I never realised how difficult it would be to say "Good bye" to Mongolia. But the last weeks in Mongolia were bitter sweet, besides incredibly busy! Sweet with realising how loved I am and how blessed I am with such incredible friends. But bitter in saying good bye to those who have become so dear to my heart! I will never forget the impact you have made on my life! You were God's instruments to reveal His grace to me. Thank you!

Hello Afghanistan! So After a much needed one week break in Istanbul Turkey, I arrived in Kabul last Sunday morning. The contrast between Istanbul and Kabul was startling to say the least. But I really felt a deep peace as we snaked our way through the unending traffic jams. I know I am suppose to be here for this time and that brings a settledness to my heart in the midst of the chaos and unsettledness of Afghanistan.

Prayer Needed

- 1.) Housing. I am currently at a great guest house and the people are amazing, but in the next few weeks to a month, I would like to find more permanent housing.
- 2.) Language studies. There are several options, so please pray for wisdom on which option to choose.
- 3.) Adjusting. Because of security concerns, I am not allowed to go anywhere on my own. It is a strange feeling to constantly need to report in and be taken anywhere and everywhere by one of the organisation's drivers. I understand the reason, but pray for me to adjust to this and the many other cultural and security things that I need to adjust to.

Continuing In His Radical Grace, John

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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. 25, 2015 | Nepal: Pray for Members of Two Churches Bombed by Hindu Radicals

Two churches in eastern Nepal were bombed on Sept. 15 by a Hindu radical group demanding that Nepal be a Hindu nation. Both the Jyoti Church in Damak-10 and Emmanuel Church in Khajurgachi were significantly damaged, while a bomb planted at a church in Gauradha did not detonate. The radical group, Hindu Morcha Nepal, left flyers at each church warning that all Christian leaders must reconvert to Hinduism. The bombings came after a constituent assembly rejected a proposal to revert Nepal to a Hindu state. Over 30 people have been killed in protests over the draft constitution since last month. After meeting with the pastors of the bombed churches, the VOM contact wrote, "Please pray for the peace and safety of the people."