



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.

MESSIAH

There are a number of prophecies and allusions to Christ the Messiah throughout the Old Testament.

Think about that. God, in His infinitely glorious wisdom, had wonderfully planned the salvation of all peoples through the person and work of Jesus Christ—the only Son of God, God in the flesh. Ephesians 3 calls this God's "manifold wisdom." He wrote His great plan of salvation to save people in Christ "before the foundation of the world" (Ephesians 1:4-5). From the days of Adam, to Noah, to Abraham, to the prophets – God's grand story of salvation was being written. Below are a few of the Old Testament prophecies concerning the birth of Jesus Christ.

Worship as you read them.

ISAIAH 7:13-17

And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria."

ISAIAH 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

MICAH 5:2-4

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth – Reprinted from BLB Blog – 12-2-2015

Ministry Highlights

Announcements:

- **Tuesday, December 29 service is cancelled.**
- **TODAY, Please RSVP for the New Year's Eve fellowship/dinner to **Gloria Felicione**.**
- **Follow-up Ministry – This group assists in following up and checking in with new visitors and other attenders/members. If you are new to our church and have not filled out an information card, please do so. We'd like to know who you are and pray for you. Also, for those who have given this information previously, please make sure that is up to date. See Josie Pace to update your info.**
- **Please see Dave Gordon if you would like to be a part of an Evangelistic Team...another way to get God's Word out and show your love to people.**
- **Women's prayer group - Join in prayer Wednesday at 7 AM on the phone and leave prayer requests on their Facebook page, FCA Philly Womens Prayer Group. NOTE: Please contact Gloria Felicione (gif@mimco.com) to be added to the page and to get the phone number/access code for the group.**
- **Come participate in our Bible Studies! Learn more about the Lord, our past, and our future...what does God want your relationship to be with Him and others?**
 - **Sunday morning with Robert Melloni @ 9:45 at FCA**
 - **Sunday morning service with Pastor Joe @ 11:00 at FCA**
 - **Tuesday night with Pastor Joe @ 7:00 at FCA**
 - **Thursday night with Pastor Joe @ 7:00 at PAC**

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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.

From: Voice of the Martyrs

Dec. 04, 2015 | Uganda: Pray for Namusisi Birye, Beaten and Disowned for Christ

Namusisi Birye committed her life to Christ at an evangelistic crusade, leaving the Muslim religion of her family. When she returned from the crusade, she told her father about her decision. He immediately began beating her, with her mother's support. Namusisi's screams attracted a crowd of neighbors, and the believers among them rescued Namusisi. "[My parents] chased me away from home, saying that I am supposed to die," Namusisi told a VOM worker. She received injuries to her back and ribs and remains in a lot of pain. Although she is being cared for by Christians, she is still being watched; her village is 95 percent Muslim. Pray for Namusisi's healing and that those supporting her will determine a good plan for her long-term care.