



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.

KOINONIA

Koinonia is a Greek word that occurs 20 times in the Bible. Koinonia's primary meaning is "fellowship, sharing in common, communion." The first occurrence of koinonia is Acts 2:42, "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Christian fellowship is a key aspect of the Christian life. Believers in Christ are to come together in love, faith, and encouragement. That is the essence of koinonia.

Philippians 2:1-2 declares, "If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose." Koinonia is being in agreement with one another, being united in purpose, and serving alongside each other. Our koinonia with each other is based on our common koinonia with Jesus Christ. First John 1:6-7 says, "If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin."

A powerful example of what koinonia should look like can be found in a study of the phrase "one another" in the Bible. Scripture commands us to be devoted to one another (Romans 12:10), honor one another (Romans 12:10), live in harmony with one another (Romans 12:16; 1 Peter 3:8), accept one another (Romans 15:7), serve one another in love (Galatians 5:13), be kind and compassionate to one another (Ephesians 4:32), admonish one another (Colossians 3:16), encourage one another (1 Thessalonians 5:11; Hebrews 3:13), spur one another on toward love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24), offer hospitality (1 Peter 4:9), and love one another (1 Peter 1:22; 1 John 3:11; 3:23; 4:7; 4:11-12). That is what true biblical koinonia should look like.

Ministry Highlights

Announcements:

- **Men & Women's Fellowships will be held on February 8. 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.**
- **Water Baptism – Will be held soon. See Pastor Joe after Service for details.**
- **Come participate in our Bible Studies! Learn more about the Lord...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**

Missionaries – John & Joy Cutts, Indonesia

Hanging out in Papua often reminds us of how extreme life can really be. After visiting some mega-churches both in the USA and abroad, my heart was warmed and humbled by a Papuan pastor who trekked for many hours to see me and request an 18 foot by 24 foot tarp to hold church services under since their village church had been seized by a religious cult. There was no stopping this man, and I would call his extreme dedication admirable.

Pastor Yakob Migau lost his four sons, his wife and all his meager earthly belongings in 2014. He was left with his 10 and 12 year old daughters to care for, a church to lead, and massive debt from trying to save the lives of his family members who were taken to government hospitals. Tears of relief, mixed with joy, splashed down his face as I handed him 200 dollars from Dr. Mark who recently visited Papua. That money felt like 2 million bucks, as it allowed him to pay off his remaining debt and have a little left over. I saw first hand the extreme difference a gift can make to a needy family.

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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 (on a hiatus)</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 a 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. 18, 2015 | Mexico: Pray for Cesar and Laura, Threatened for Sharing the Gospel

A Christian couple in southern Mexico was harassed and threatened on their way to a wedding celebration. "Cesar" and "Laura" were on their way to a wedding when they were stopped by a large group of people, who began insulting them because they were Christians. Locals had already threatened to stop the Christian wedding and had blocked roads in the village. Cesar and Laura asked police officers for help when they arrived, but the officers told them to handle the situation themselves and left. Two women then grabbed Laura by her arms, threatening that she would be the first person burned for sharing the gospel in their area. Cesar rescued his wife, and they fled in their car.