



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.

SOLOMON

Solomon was the son of David and Bathsheba, she being the former wife of Uriah the Hittite whom David had killed to hide his adultery. Solomon wrote the Song of Solomon, the book of Ecclesiastes, and much of the book of Proverbs.

When he ascended to the throne, he sought after God and God gave him opportunity to ask for whatever he wanted. Solomon humbly acknowledged his inability to rule well and unselfishly asked God for the wisdom he would need to rule God's people justly. God gave him wisdom and wealth besides. In fact, his riches and wisdom surpassed all of the kings of the earth. God also gave him peace on all sides during most of his reign. The favorite illustration of that wisdom is his judging a dispute over the identity of the true mother of an infant child. Solomon was not only wise in his rule but had great general wisdom as well. His wisdom was renowned in his day, and the Queen of Sheba traveled 1,200 miles to verify the rumors of his wisdom and grandeur. Solomon wrote many proverbs and songs and completed many building projects. Solomon also built a fleet of ships and acquired tons of gold. Solomon had 700 wives and 300 concubines, many of them foreigners who led him into public idolatry, greatly angering God.

There are many lessons we can learn from the life of Solomon. First, when we seek God with all of our heart, He will be found. Second, those who honor God will be honored by Him. Third, God will equip us to accomplish the tasks He calls us to if we will rely on Him. Fourth, the spiritual life is a marathon, not a sprint. A good start is not always enough to finish well. Fifth, we can sincerely ask God to incline our hearts toward Him, but we will wander off the path of righteousness if we choose to violate His revealed word. Contrary to God's written word concerning kings, Solomon multiplied to himself gold, horses, and wives (Deut 17:14-17). He also married non-Jewish wives (Deut 7:3, 4). Sixth, those closest to us will affect our spiritual lives (1 Cor 15:33), and we must therefore be very careful of the company we keep. Seventh, life lived apart from God will be meaningless, regardless of education, fulfilled goals, the greatest of pleasures, and the greatest abundance of wealth (Ecc 1:2). **Join us on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM as we study Solomon in First Kings.**

Ministry Highlights

Announcements:

- ***Stepping Stones is on a hiatus. Please see Robbie if you would like to sign up for Christian Families in Recovery on Monday nights.***
- ***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 and access code for the group.***
- ***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***

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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 | Nigeria: Pray for Two Brothers Recovering from a Boko Haram Attack

Two brothers from a village in Nigeria continue to recover from serious injuries they received after being kidnapped on Oct. 24 by Boko Haram insurgents. Wandiya, 12, and Praise, 8, were kidnapped along with their family and others from Mubi, Adamawa State, and taken to a compound that was later bombed by military forces. Wandiya received severe injuries to his leg, eyes and hands, and Praise lost his eye. The children are now receiving medical treatment, and VOM is helping pay for their education. The boys still have pain from their injuries, but they thank God for saving their lives.