



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.

I PROMISE

There are literally hundreds of God's promises in the Bible. In each promise God pledges that something will (or will not) be done, given or come to pass. These are not flippant, casual promises such as we often make; these promises of God are rock-solid, commitments made by God Himself. Because God is faithful, the recipients of the divine promises can have full assurance that what God has pledged will be realized

How then can we know which promises apply to us, which promises we can claim? How can one tell the difference between general promises and specific promises? A general promise is one that is given by the Holy Spirit to believers in every age.

An example of a general promise is 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." This promise is based on the forgiving nature of God and is available to all believers everywhere. Another example of a general promise is Phil 4:7, "And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." This promise is made to all believers who, refusing to worry, bring their requests to God.

A specific promise is one that is made to specific individuals on specific occasions. The context of the promise will usually make clear who the recipient is. For example, 1 Kings 9:5 is very specific: "I will establish your royal throne over Israel forever." The preceding and following verses make it clear that God is speaking only to Solomon.

While a specific promise is not made to all believers generally, the Holy Spirit can still use a specific promise to guide or encourage any of His children. For example, Isaiah 54:10 was written with Israel in mind, but the Holy Spirit has used these words to comfort many Christians today: "my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed."

When claiming one of God's promises from Scripture, we should keep the following principles in mind;

- 1) God's promises are often conditional. Look for the word "if" in the context.
- 2) God gives us promises to help us better submit to His will and trust Him. A promise does not make God bend to our will.
- 3) Do not assume to know precisely when, where, or how God's promises will be fulfilled in your life.

Ministry Highlights

Announcements:

- Men & Women's Fellowships will be held Monday, March 7. 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.
- Join us for the Lord's Supper on Sunday, March 20.
- A Movie Night is scheduled for Friday, April 8 at 7:00 PM. The movie is titled "Woodlawn". Tickets are free but are required. See Gloria Felicione for tickets.

Philadelphia Access Center: Christian Families in Recovery

When addiction hits a family its damage can be severe. Just as a hurricane-force storm devastates a physical home, the storm of addiction can bring destruction to everyone involved. Christian Families in Recovery will help all those affected take a deeper look at the nature of addiction and recovery from a Christ-centered perspective.

Please join us at the Philadelphia Access Center, Monday evenings at 7 pm for this educational and informative video/discussion series beginning March 14th.

If interested, please contact the Access Center for further info.

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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.

This and That

by Aaron Shust as My Savior, My God (taken from an old hymn by Dora Greenwell called I am not Skilled to Understand) ... **CHORUS**

My Savior loves, My Savior lives
 My Savior's always there for me.
 My God, He was; My God, He is
 My God is always gonna be.