



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.

Promise of Abundant Life

In John 10:10, Jesus said, "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." Unlike a thief, the Lord Jesus does not come for selfish reasons. He comes to give, not to get. He comes that people may have life in Him that is meaningful, purposeful, joyful, and eternal. We receive this abundant life the moment we accept Him as our Savior.

Before we begin to have visions of lavish homes, expensive cars, worldwide cruises, and more money than we know what to do with, we need to pause and think about what Jesus teaches regarding this abundant life. The Bible tells us that wealth, prestige, position, and power in this world are not God's priorities for us (1 Corinthians 1:26-29).

What is the abundant life? First, abundance is spiritual abundance, not material. He assures us that we need not worry about what we will eat or wear (Matthew 6:25-32; Philippians 4:19). Physical blessings may or may not be part of a God-centered life; neither our wealth nor our poverty is a sure indication of our standing with God.

Second, eternal life, the life a Christian is truly concerned with, is not determined by duration but by a relationship with God. This is why, once we are converted and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are said to have eternal life already (1 John 5:11-13).

Finally, a Christian's life revolves around "growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). This teaches us that the abundant life is a continual process of learning, practicing, and maturing, as well as failing, recovering, adjusting, enduring, and overcoming. One day we will see God face to face, and we will know Him completely as we will be known completely (1 Corinthians 13:12). We will no longer struggle with sin and doubt. This will be the ultimately fulfilled abundant life.

Although we are naturally desirous of material things, as Christians our perspective on life must be revolutionized (Romans 12:2). Paul admonishes us, "Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:2-3).

Ministry Highlights

Announcements:

- Men & Women's Fellowships will be held **TOMORROW, 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.**
- Save the Date! **Friday, April 22, 6:30 PM, 8th Annual Fundraising Banquet & Silent Auction @ IATSE Ballroom, 2401 S. Swanson Street. Enjoy an evening of food, music, testimonies, and a silent auction for the benefit of the Philadelphia Access Center. Reserve your spot today!**

Missionaries – John Koehler, Afghanistan

1. **Please pray** for John's language tutor to be open to the good news. Also pray for John's continuing language improvement.
2. I have been developing relationships with two like minded men here that want to be involved in reaching addicted men. **Please pray** that our Father will guide us on how to do this. Please watch this short video to get an idea of the enormity of the problem here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5HEODQZgQ-A> The sad reality is that the problem here branches out to everywhere:
https://youtu.be/cksq_zGVSZs
3. **Please also pray** for me as I deal with occasional bouts of loneliness as well as a place to move to in the following months.

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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

Jan. 22, 2016 / Mali: Pray for Christians Facing Persecution in the Sikasso District
 Christians in the Sikasso district of Mali have faced increasing hostility from government officials and village leaders in the past month. Authorities have burned their homes and fields, stolen their property and even threatened to kill them. Believers are forbidden from meeting for prayer, and some pastors and other church leaders have been arrested.