



# 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.

## Working Together for Good

When a Christian utters the phrase *all things work together for good*, he or she is referring to a portion of one of the most quoted, claimed verses in the New Testament, Rom 8:28: "***And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.***" God works all things together for good—both His good and our good. As God is glorified, His people benefit.

The promise that God works all things together for good does not mean that all things, taken by themselves, are good. Some things and events are decidedly bad. But God is able to work them *together* for good. He sees the big picture; He has a master plan.

Neither does the promise that God works all things together for good mean we will acquire all that *we* want or desire. Romans 8:28 is about God's goodness and our confidence that His plan will work out as He sees fit. Since His plan is always good, Christians can take confidence that, no matter our circumstances or environments, God is active and will conclude things according to His good and wise design. With this knowledge we can learn to be content.

The fact that God works all things together for good means God's plan will not be thwarted. In fact, we are part of His plan, having been "called according to his purpose" (Rom 8:28). When we trust God and His way, we can be sure that He is active and powerful on our behalf (see Eph 3:20).

God knows the future, and His desires will be accomplished. "***I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, 'My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please'***" (Isaiah 46:10). Even when things seem chaotic and out of control, God is still in charge. We sometimes worry about what's happening to us because do not know what is best for us. But God does.

Paul's life is testament to how God works all things together for good. Paul suffered shipwrecks, beatings, imprisonment, murder attempts, temporary blindness, and more—all within God's plan to spread the gospel (see Acts 9:16 and 2 Cor 11:24–27). Through it all, God was steadfastly working to bring about good and glorious results.

## Ministry Highlights

### Announcements:

- ***Christian Families in Recovery - Please join us at the Philadelphia Access Center, Monday evenings at 7 pm for this educational and informative video/discussion series beginning TOMORROW, March 14th. If interested, please contact the Access Center for further information.***
- ***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.***
- ***PLEASE NOTE: Due to a communication error, the Philadelphia Access Center's 8th Annual Fundraising Banquet and Silent Auction has been moved to Friday, September 16, 2016.***

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### Missionaries – Papua, New Guinea

[email] **From:** [Neal & Lois]

**Date:** March 5, 2016 at 1:56:16 PM EST

**Subject:** Prayer Request for Upcoming Prison Outreach

On Tuesday a group of us from MAF plan a prison outreach to a prison with 400 inmates. Please pray for this. There was a previous one, of which I was not a part. Dan, a volunteer from Switzerland, had organized it. He said that after the outreach, he had met a man in town who told him that he had been incarcerated at the time of that outreach and as a result a group of prisoners had begun to meet for Bible study and prayer. How good the LORD is. Lois

*[As the date for the outreach has already passed, please pray for fruit from it.]*

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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](http://www.philaccess.org) or [www.facebook.com/philaccess](http://www.facebook.com/philaccess).

**WEEKLY SERVICES /MEETINGS**

	FCA	PAC
Sunday	9:45 AM <i>Bible Study</i> 11:00 AM <i>Worship Service &amp; 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**

National Religious Broadcasters (NRB) recently recognized VOM Radio as **Radio Program of the Year**. In its first full year of broadcasting, VOM Radio informed and inspired thousands of listeners all over the world. Hear more about and from persecuted Christians around the world. A couple of ways to listen are to subscribe to the VOM radio podcast on iTunes or listen online at [www.vomradio.net](http://www.vomradio.net). Unfortunately, there doesn't seem to be a local radio station broadcasting VOM.