



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.

HELL

If it is God's sincere desire that everyone come to know Him, why did He create hell in the first place? The Bible teaches that God did not create hell as a judgment for humanity. God created hell for the punishment of the devil and his angels and not as a place for human beings to suffer. (Matt 25:41).

Human beings, who are created in God's image, are not meant to spend eternity away from the presence of God. The place God created for them is heaven. Jesus spoke of this place that God has prepared for those who trust Him: (John 14:2,3).

So then, why Would a God of Love Send People to Hell? The answer to this question is that God is a God of holiness and justice as well as a God of love. These moral attributes are complementary, not contradictory. When the laws of God are disobeyed there must be a judgment. God's laws demand that sin must be paid for. God can still love someone but He cannot allow sin to go unpunished. This is the reason that Jesus Christ came to earth, to die for the sins of the world.

The emphasis should not be placed upon hell but by the fact that God came to earth in the person of Jesus Christ to show His love for mankind: God has showed His love by sending His Son to die for our sins -- to take our punishment -- so that we could go to heaven. The judgment of hell is for those who refuse to accept God's love and forgiveness.

The Bible speaks about a place of final judgment for those who do not believe in the salvation provided by Jesus Christ. This place is known as hell. (Matt 25:46). In the Book of Revelation, the Apostle John wrote concerning a final judgment of the wicked:

And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and the books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books... And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire (Rev 20:12,15).

The reality of a final judgment is clearly taught in Scripture. But the Bible also indicates that the people who go to hell do so because they have rejected God's provision for salvation. The Bible says that God does not want anyone to go to hell: (2 Pet 3:9).

Ministry Highlights

Announcements:

- **Learn more about God's Word and His desire for you and your life at FCA's Bible Studies. Sunday @ 9:45 AM, Tuesday @ 7:00 PM and Thursday (at PAC) @ 7:00 PM.**

Missionaries - Binu John, India

(continued from last week)

[Jerina said] "When I searched for different jobs, no one hired me looking at my broken arm. I was rejected for I could not do heavy works nor lift weight. Meanwhile I came to know about Mukti Tailoring School that brought such a joy that I can earn additional income sitting at home."

What excited me most is her testimony about the daily devotion we conduct at the school before each day's class...Living with an abusive husband, she says, "I have no peace, but the teaching that I get from Bible comforts my soul and provides hope to press on."

I was overjoyed at the ripple effect of tailoring school. Not only do we help to liberate poor women by this self-sustainable program, but we also present Jesus!

Thanks for your partnership that makes this possible. We want to provide a tailoring machine to women like Jerina upon the completion of their course. If you like to help, it costs \$100 per machine. We need nine machines. God bless you. Thanks for your prayers. My family was safe while I was gone. ---Pastor Binu John

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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</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

Apr. 08, 2016 / Kazakhstan: Pray for Yklas Kabduakasov, Sentenced to Two Years' Imprisonment

Six weeks after a judge sentenced Yklas Kabduakasov to seven years' house arrest for his Christian activities, he was rearrested and sent to a labor camp. Yklas, a former Muslim, was first arrested in August 2015; he spent 12 weeks in prison before receiving a sentence of seven years under house arrest. The 54-year-old father of eight sought full acquittal, stating that he had not insulted Islam nor "incited religious hatred." But on Dec. 28, 2015, a court changed his sentence to two years' imprisonment in a labor camp nearly 280 miles from his home. Please pray for Yklas as he prepares a final appeal.