



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.

WHERE IS EVERYBODY?

That's what physicist Enrico Fermi wanted to know. After all, if life evolved on Earth, he thought, certainly it must have evolved on countless other planets. So in 1950, he put forth what is called the "Fermi paradox" - a challenge to other scientists to explain why extraterrestrial life has not yet been found.

One of the more popular explanations is that the universe is so big, we just haven't found them yet. But now there are scientists who think aliens may have already found us! They are hiding from us to protect themselves, according to Adrian Kent of the Perimeter Institute in Ontario, Canada. Aliens, he suggests, do not want to attract the attention of more advanced species from other planets who might want to harm them.

But let's think about that. If aliens have developed the technology to travel through the vastness of space to a planet that only managed to put a man on its moon around 50 years ago, wouldn't they be far more advanced than us and have nothing to fear?

Many other scientists have attempted to solve the Fermi paradox. Some of their solutions are very imaginative. But here is one solution that I believe agrees with both science and the Bible. The reason why man has not found other beings elsewhere in our vast universe is because the Earth is the only planet created by God to nurture human beings, who were made in the image of God Himself.

<http://www.creationmoments.com/radio/transcripts/fermi-paradox>

Ministry Highlights

Announcements:

- **NO Bible Study at PAC on Thursday, August 11. Prayer will still be held on that day at 6:00 PM @ PAC.**

Missionaries – Donna Schaber, Philippines

Dear praying friends and kingdom family,

Just after sending out my May letter with expectations of leaving the PI on June 21, in time to attend a family reunion, I received news after a biopsy that I had breast cancer. This was incidentally and initially precluded by findings on a routine "check-up" mammogram (May 20) that required the surgical biopsy (June 1). The expectation prior to the final pathology report was 6 weeks of radiation therapy or depending on the report, possible chemotherapy. This final report was done by June 15 and Arlene (a nurse and former team member) accompanied me back to Davao (13 hrs bus ride) for the follow up visit with the surgeon and his evaluation of the report. His words, after perusing the document and requesting to see the initial frozen section results that were done during surgery, were a welcome shock to me; "Oh, it's 'in situ'. That's stage 0. You don't need radiation." It's hard to explain how I felt at that moment, I was so sure and prepared to hear that I needed the radiation, but, of course delighted that I would not. Wound healing issues and being newly post-op made it necessary to delay my trip to the US until July 12.

... My last night in Iligan I thought would be a quiet meal together at the Oblander's with papa George and the great staff of Filipino family taking care of him. But sneaky Phyllis made a big party at nice restaurant inviting all the teams and friends we have in Iligan. The theme: 31 years serving in the Philippines. Yes, I did not expect that and yes I did cry some. Phyllis, Cindy and Arlene worked on decorations, pictures, powerpoints, and a nice little program. Thanks to all who had a part in that. It was very touching.

Now, I hope to continue good recuperation and wonderful visiting with friends and church family in Akron and areas around. Since I landed in Columbus on the 12, and my mom went back to Florida on the 11, I hope to be in the Akron area the week of the 24th until Aug 10 when I will go to meet my mom in Florida. I plan to return to the north in September or early October... *Where there is a storm, safe in the presence of Jesus, Donna Schaber*

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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

Jun. 24, 2016 | India: Pray for the Families of Ashok and Kumar, Denied Access to a Water Well

Local authorities have denied two Christian families the right to use a common well in their village in India. On April 5, the village chief announced that Ashok and Kumar could no longer use the local well because they had refused to contribute funds for a festival honoring Hindu gods for the second year in a row. The families must now travel a great distance to get water. Although Ashok is blind and his mother is elderly, people in the village show the Christians no mercy. Please pray that Ashok, Kumar and their families will stand firm in their faith.