



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.

LIAR LIAR

The Bible is clear that lying is a sin and is displeasing to God. The first sin in this world involved a lie told to Eve. The Ten Commandments given to Moses includes "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor" (Ex 20:16).

In the early church, Ananias and Sapphira lied regarding a donation in order to make themselves look more generous than they really were. The couple died as a result of their sin of lying.

Col 3:9 says, "Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices." Lying is listed in 1 Tim 1:9-11 as something practiced by the lawless. Furthermore, liars will be among those judged in the end (Rev 21:8). In contrast, God never lies (Titus 1:2). He is the source of truth. "It is impossible for God to lie" (Heb 6:18).

So is it ever right to lie? The Bible nowhere presents an instance where lying is considered to be the right thing to do. However, there are at least two instances in the Bible where lying produced a favorable result. For example, the lie the midwives tell Pharaoh seems to result in the Lord's blessing on them (Ex 1:15-21), and it saved the lives of many Hebrew babies. Another example is Rahab's lie to protect the Israelite spies in Joshua 2:5. It is important to note, however, that God never condones these lies. Despite the "positive" outcome of these lies, the Bible nowhere praises the lies themselves. The Bible nowhere states that there are instances where lying is the right thing to do.

There may be instances where lying may seem to be the only possible way to prevent a horrible evil, then perhaps, lying would be an acceptable thing to do. In an evil world, and in a desperate situation, it may be the right thing to commit a lesser evil, lying, in order to prevent a much greater evil. However, it must be noted that such instances are extremely rare, and that the vast majority of people in human history have ever faced a situation in which lying was the right thing to do.

Jesus called Himself the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6), and He expects those who follow Him to be people of truth. The truth is to be expressed in love (Eph 4:15), offering hope to those seeking redemption from the lies of the world.

Ministry Highlights

Announcements:

- *Please participate in our upcoming Outreach & Bake Sale on 10-22-16. We need participants who are interested in baking and/or buying baked goods to sell at the outreach. All proceeds made from the bake sale will be used for our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry. Please see Gloria Felicione.*
- *We are collecting for Operation Christmas Child. The last day for the collection will be Tuesday, Nov. 1. The shoebox packing party will be held on Monday, Nov. 14. For more information, see Gloria Felicione.*

Missionaries – Indonesia John & Joy Cutts

(continued from last week)

On the way into the highland villages I had a chance to stop by the ever expanding town of Timika and visit our Moni children who are enrolled in a school we call KIZIPE. This is a Moni word for a certain dried mushroom which was used before there were matches, but still used to this day. It is lit on fire and becomes a tiny hot ember inside the little mushroom and can be carried around all day as a smoldering ember. When one wants to light a fire, you need only to find some dried grass or weeds and put the little burning ember next to the combustible material, puff a few times and you have instant flame. This was how they took fire from their huts to remote hunting sites or to their distant gardens to light huge fires to do slash and burn gardening on the mountainsides. These children are like that KIZIPE mushroom, learning and becoming a little red hot coal, sometimes unnoticed, but we hope and pray that someday they too will be the source of warmth, light and God's truth as they study, far removed from their villages. *(to be continued)*

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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

Aug. 12, 2016 | Mexico: Pray for Eugenia, Who Ministers in a Difficult Area

Eugenia and her husband have endured a series of hardships over the past few years while leading several house churches in rural Chiapas, Mexico. Their car was stolen at gunpoint, a man attacked Eugenia with a machete as she returned home from a church meeting, and their house was burned to the ground by arsonists trying to run them out of the area. They continue to trust in the Lord for protection and say they have no ill feelings toward those who have tried to hurt them. Please pray for Eugenia and her family as they continue to share the gospel in this difficult and dangerous region.