



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.

KOINONIA

Koinonia is a Greek word that occurs 20 times in the Bible. *Koinonia's* primary meaning is "fellowship, sharing in common, communion." The first occurrence of *koinonia* is Acts 2:42, "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Christian fellowship is a key aspect of the Christian life. Believers in Christ are to come together in love, faith, and encouragement. That is the essence of *koinonia*.

Philippians 2:1-2 declares, "If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose." *Koinonia* is being in agreement with one another, being united in purpose, and serving alongside each other. Our *koinonia* with each other is based on our common *koinonia* with Jesus Christ. First John 1:6-7 says, "If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin."

A powerful example of what *koinonia* should look like can be found in a study of the phrase "one another" in the Bible. Scripture commands us to be devoted to one another (Romans 12:10), honor one another (Romans 12:10), live in harmony with one another (Romans 12:16; 1 Peter 3:8), accept one another (Romans 15:7), serve one another in love (Galatians 5:13), be kind and compassionate to one another (Ephesians 4:32), admonish one another (Colossians 3:16), encourage one another (1 Thessalonians 5:11; Hebrews 3:13), spur one another on toward love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24), offer hospitality (1 Peter 4:9), and love one another (1 Peter 1:22; 1 John 3:11; 3:23; 4:7; 4:11-12). That is what true biblical *koinonia* should look like.

Ministry Highlights

Announcements:

- *We have begun collecting for Operation Christmas Child. For more information on this, please see Gloria Felicione.*
- *The Lord's Supper will be celebrated **TODAY, in the morning service.***

Missionaries – Indonesia John & Joy Cutts

Dear Teammates. . . .

It doesn't seem possible but it is time to bring you up to date with the latest developments in Papua. We don't have enough good news usually in our villages, as you may recall from the previous update telling of the mystery fever taking the lives of so many Papuans. After checking on some of these devastated villages, it appears there has been a huge improvement in the area, as there have been no deaths from the high fever since the government sent medical teams into the area twice via helicopter. You may remember we met with the top government officials begging them to take action once they saw the statistics. Thanks for continuing to pray that this will truly be the end of a dreadful disease which will forever be remembered for the lives it took and the villages it destroyed. We often forget the conditions these Papuans face daily.

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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</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. 19, 2016 / Laos: Pray for Ket and Boua, Who Were Arrested for Christian Activities
 Two Christians in Laos were detained in early August for sharing their Christian faith. "Ket" was arrested for distributing Christian materials in his village. And when authorities learned that he received the materials from "Boua," a Christian woman living in another village, they arrested her the next time she came to visit Ket in jail. Pray for the encouragement of Ket and Boua as they face an uncertain future.