



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.

Salt of the Earth

Jesus described His followers as the salt of the earth in Matt 5 as part of His Sermon on the Mount: "**You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot**" (vs 13).

There were two purposes for salt in the first century—preserving food and enhancing flavor. Both of those purposes may apply here, or Jesus may have been speaking in a more general sense.

By using this salt metaphor, Jesus may have meant that His disciples are called to be "preservatives" in the world, slowing down the advancement of moral and spiritual decay. Believers are to preserve truth and goodness in a fallen world.

Salt was also used as a flavor enhancer. Jesus may have been instructing His disciples to "enhance" the flavor of life in this world—enriching its goodness and making God's work stand out from the normal way of doing things. As believers behave in ways that reflect God's nature, they accentuate the difference that Jesus makes in one's life.

Of course, the value of salt lies in its effect on its surroundings. Salt makes an impact. After telling His disciples that they are the salt of the earth, Jesus goes on to say, "**But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again?** It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot."

Matt 5:13 tells us that we are valuable in our role as disciples of Christ. God uses us to impact the people around us. Whether we are slowing down the moral decay or enhancing the spiritual "flavor" of the world, God has created us to be a positive impact. As followers of Christ, we are called to be different and to live righteous lives.

To learn more about Jesus' teaching from the Sermon on the Mount, join us on Thursday Evenings 7:00 PM in the PAC conference room as we continue our Comprehensive study of the Gospels.

Ministry Highlights

Announcements:

- **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)

You also had a part in the lives of this lady and her child who recently showed up at our mission station to pick up their regular vitamin supply. My mind went back to the day the desperate mother brought her almost unconscious 6-month baby, skin hanging and bones sticking out (see picture on back page). Due to heavy torrential rains, all the gardens in the area were drenched to the point the sweet potatoes and other crops rotted in the ground and now many mothers were starving and not able to produce milk and consequently the babies were starving too. We started flying in whole plane loads of food to give hope and to keep these families alive, and now I was looking at the results of those efforts. The mother said to the little girl. . . ."thank him, he is the guy who kept you alive"! Actually, as you look into this child's eyes, you can take credit for helping and giving hope and life to this little girl and many others like her during times of famine. Thank you for your part in this and many other adverse situations we are able to tackle with God's help, your prayers and generous donations and in so doing, giving hope in the most hopeless situations. Matt. 25:40: "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matt. 10:42: "And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward."

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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.

(Picture info: See missionary article on reverse)

