



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.

REVELATION

A simple outline for the book of Revelation is found in Rev 1:19. In the first chapter, the risen and exalted Christ is speaking to John. Christ tells John to "write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later." The things John had already seen are recorded in chapter 1. The "things which are" (that were present in John's day) are recorded in chapters 2-3 (the letters to the churches). The "things that will take place" (future things) are recorded in chapters 4-22.

Generally speaking, chapters 4-18 of Revelation deal with God's judgments on the people of the earth. These judgments are not for the church (1 Thes 5:2, 9). Before the judgments begin, the church will have been removed from the earth in an event called the rapture (1 Thes 4:13-18; 1 Cor 15:51-52). Chapters 4-18 describe a time of "Jacob's trouble"—trouble for Israel (Jer 30:7; Dan 9:12, 12:1). It is also a time when God will judge unbelievers for their rebellion against Him.

Chapter 19 describes Christ's return with the church, the bride of Christ. He defeats the beast and the false prophet and casts them into the lake of fire. In Chapter 20, Christ has Satan bound and cast in the Abyss. Then Christ sets up His kingdom on earth that will last 1000 years. At the end of the 1000 years, Satan is released and he leads a rebellion against God. He is quickly defeated and also cast into the lake of fire. Then the final judgment occurs, the judgment for all unbelievers, when they too are cast into the lake of fire.

Chapters 21 and 22 describe what is referred to as the eternal state. In these chapters God tells us what eternity with Him will be like. The book of Revelation is understandable. God would not have given it to us if its meaning were entirely a mystery. The key to understanding the book of Revelation is to interpret it as literally as possible—it says what it means and means what it says.

Join us on Sunday mornings at 11:00 AM as we continue our series in the book of Revelation.

Ministry Highlights

Announcements:

- **Operation Christmas Child: The shoebox packing party will be held on Monday, Nov. 14. For more information, see Gloria Felicione.**
- **The Friday night Right Path meeting is on a hiatus until further notice.**

Missionaries – Papua, New Guinea Neal & Lois Semanision

I was surprised to see baby Lazarus, the youngest of 8, attending our Friday kids group in our apartment. Just two days ago, we had seen him in the hospital during outreach there as he was very sick with chest congestion. I had held him and prayed for him. Now he is all well ! Wow God. You may wonder why he was named Lazarus. Well, you see he actually died after he was born. The nurses had brought a little box to put him in, but then he revived. He died twice. So that is why his parents called him Lazarus after the Lazarus that Jesus raised from the dead. I gave his Mom Jeremiah 29:11-12. I believe God has a plan for this little life. He has been born into a family that loves Jesus and that trains their children in the ways of the LORD. Their kids just glow with the love of Jesus and are a joy to have around.

The kids in group this week received the little airplanes that we picked up at the Mission Fest in Smoketown when we were home in the US. They had such fun flying them outside on the lawn. I love seeing kids have fun and enjoying fellowship. Our time together involves praying, eating, a Bible story, lots of singing, and a craft or other activity. As you look at their pictures, you can share with me how precious they are. I think we had 12 this week. Thank You LORD.

See pictures on back page.

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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 (on a hiatus)</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.

Baby Lazarus & Friday kids' group

