



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.

Religion

The one-world religion described in [Rev 17:1-18](#) as "the great harlot" will be part of the end-times scenario. The term *harlot* is used throughout the Old Testament as a metaphor for false religion. There are convincing arguments for the one world religion being Catholicism, Islam, the New Age movement, or some form of religion not even invented yet. There is no doubt that some sort of one-world religion under the false prophet will be a part of the end times, perhaps made up of a number of different religions, sects, and isms that are around today.

Rev 17 gives us several characteristics of the one-world religion. The false religion will dominate all the "peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues" of the earth, meaning that it will have universal authority, no doubt given by the Antichrist, who rules the world at that time. Verses 2-3 describe the harlot as committing adultery with the "kings of the earth," referring to the false religion's influence among the world's rulers and influential people. The reference to being drunk with the wine of her adulteries may refer to those who are drunk with the power they receive from worshipping the false god of the false religion. Satan frequently ensnares those whose lust for power drives them away from the worship of the true and living God. The alliances forged by the false religion will unite church and state as never before.

Verse 6 describes the harlot as being "drunk with the blood of the saints" and the blood of those who testify of Jesus. Whether they will be martyred at the hand of the Antichrist or by being systematically starved, believers who are on the earth during the tribulation will experience the wrath of the harlot and her power source, the Antichrist. Those who oppose the worldwide religion will be killed, and those who refuse to worship the Antichrist by accepting his mark will be unable to buy and sell, thereby making survival very difficult ([Rev 13:16-17](#)).

Eventually, the harlot will lose favor with the Antichrist, who will want to receive the world's worship for himself. He will not share the adoration of the world with the prophets and priests of the false religion, no matter how obsequious or fawning they may be. Once the Antichrist gains the world's attention by his miraculous return from the dead ([Rev 13:3, 12, 14](#)), he will turn on the false religious system and destroy it, establishing himself as God (2 Thess 2:4). The deception, Jesus tells us, will be so great that, if it were possible, even the elect would fall for it ([Matt 24:24](#)).

Missionary Highlights

Binu John - India

Two weeks of hard work resulted in hundred plus kids embracing Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Children include Hindus, Muslim, Catholics and Orthodox.

The director started with his testimony as how a Vacation Bible School has changed his destiny forever. This has motivated all the teachers and volunteers to give their best either in teaching songs, sharing missionary stories, taking class room lessons, helping them to work on craft and coloring, teaching them a memory verse, serving snacks and drinks or cleaning up the place, knowing that what we do will make an eternal difference in the lives of those children.

I want to thank you for participating in this ministry to empower children by this summer VBS. We are preparing to start the next VBS program in a different location by the end of this month. I am expecting around 75 kids in the second place. Would you please continue to pray and help us as we are getting ready to helps kids have a blast and learn about Jesus?

Binu John

PS: Here is another opportunity, with \$5, you can help us to make an incredible impact on a child's life. Your sacrificial gifts can be sent to **Care India Mission, Post Box 52294, Philadelphia, PA, 19115.**

First Christian Assembly,	1900 S. 11 th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148	215-389-6721
First Christian So Jersey,	123 Egg Harbor Rd. Sewell NJ 08080	
Philadelphia Access Center,	1832 S. 11 th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148	215-389-1985

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

	Meets at FCA	Meets at PAC
Sunday	9:45 AM <i>Bible Study – Phila -location</i> 10:00 AM <i>South Jersey Worship Service</i> 11:00 AM <i>Phila Location 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 (Fellowship area)</i>	
Wednesday		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 at First Christian (Phila.& NJ) and the Philadelphia Access Center
- Christians around the world being persecuted for their faith
- Our supported missionaries – Binu John’s second daughter
- For our Pastor and his family
- Paula Grazulis

"Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together," is a most important exhortation. Even if we should not derive any especial benefit, at the time, so far as we are conscious, yet we may be kept from much harm. And very frequently the beginning of coldness of heart is nourished by keeping away from the meetings of the saints. (George Muller)