



# 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.*

## King of Kings

In Revelation 19:16 Jesus is given title "*KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS*". The title indicates someone who has the power to exercise absolute dominion over all His realm. In the case of the Lord Jesus, the realm is all of creation. In John's vision, Jesus is returning to judge the world and establish His earthly kingdom, as He predicted in Mark 13:26.

When Jesus is called "King of kings and Lord of lords," it means that, in the end, all other rulers will be conquered or abolished, and He alone will reign supreme as King and Lord of all the earth. There is no power, no king, and no lord who can oppose Him and win. There are myriad references to this absolute rule of Jesus and His preeminence over other rulers throughout Scripture; Isa 40:23-24, Dan 7:13-14 Heb 1:3 are just a few examples. Clearly, His rule over creation is absolute.

Paul makes the point that Jesus was humbled in His earthly ministry and that His humiliation will result in glorification. In Phil 2:5-11, Paul discusses the extent to which Jesus went to atone for sinners; Jesus' perfect obedience is the reason that "*God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father*". The Suffering Servant becomes the King of kings.

Finally, in the book of Revelation we see the Kingship of Jesus made manifest. In chapter 5, the Lamb (Jesus) is the only one in all creation found worthy to open the scroll containing the judgments of God. In chapter 11, we hear voices in heaven proclaiming that the kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of Christ and that He will reign forever and ever. In chapter 12, we read that the authority of Christ is what causes Satan to be thrown down to earth. In Revelation 17:12-14, the Lamb conquers all those arrayed against Him, and John stresses that He conquers *because* He is King of kings and Lord of lords. Finally, in chapter 19, we read of Jesus' triumphant coming to strike the nations and tread the winepress of the wrath of God, having the authority to do so because **He is King of kings and Lord of lords.**

## Missionary Highlights

### Papua

The more we work together, the happier we will be!

This week a group from the Nazarene Hospital, an American Hospital, came with us to the prison for outreach. Sheena Li, the dentist, brought her guitar. When she first came to PNG 2 years ago, the hospital set up a space for her, but there was no equipment. Now, thanks to Samaritan's Purse, there is a fully equipped dental clinic, and trained assistants.

Sheena is returning to Canada for a break and will return for a 2 year term at Goroka, a location that has a clinic, but no dentist. Sheena was born in Hong Kong, and while a child, she and her family had moved to Canada, so she is Canadian. She is also studying for her doctorate in ministry.

Back to the prison outreach, I was greatly encouraged to have the team from the hospital along with Pastor Nelson, Lillian and myself. Sheena had brought toothbrushes for the prisoners. Going to the prison, we never know what we will encounter. Well, what a lovely surprise to see 2 Red Cross workers cleaning up prison cells on the side where the worst offenders are locked up. The prison is filthy and smells. Those prisoners were temporarily all together in a small grass area so we had our time with them all as a group. Sometimes when we come they are all locked up and we go from cell to cell.

I shared the testimony of the Apostle Paul, how he had been a murderer, but after his encounter with Jesus was greatly used by God. We sang and gave out our little care packages. This was an uplifting experience for all of us.

Yes, the more we work together, the happier we will be!

Thank You LORD.

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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](http://www.philaccess.org) or [www.facebook.com/philaccess](http://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 &amp; 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
- For our Pastor and his family
- Paula Grazulis

"People who do not know the Lord ask why in the world we waste our lives as missionaries. They forget that they too are expending their lives...and when the bubble has burst, they will have nothing of eternal significance to show for the years they have wasted."  
 – Nate Saint (missionary, who with Jim Elliot and 3 fellow workers, lost their lives in Equador in 1956 at the hands of people they were trying to reach with the Gospel)