



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.

satan's fall

Satan's fall from heaven is symbolically described in [Isaiah 14:12-14](#) and [Ezekiel 28:12-18](#). While these two passages are referring specifically to the kings of Babylon and Tyre, they also reference the spiritual power behind those kings, namely, Satan. These passages describe why Satan fell, but they do not specifically say when the fall occurred. What we do know is this: the angels were created before the earth ([Job 38:4-7](#)). Satan fell before he tempted Adam and Eve in the Garden ([Genesis 3:1-14](#)). Satan's fall, therefore, must have occurred somewhere after the time the angels were created and before he tempted Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Whether Satan's fall occurred hours, days, or years before he tempted Adam and Eve in the Garden, Scripture does not specifically say.

Why did Satan fall from heaven? Satan fell because of pride. He desired to be God, not to be a servant of God. Notice the many "I will..." statements in [Isaiah 14:12-15](#). [Ezekiel 28:12-15](#) describes Satan as an exceedingly beautiful angel. Satan was likely the highest of all angels, the anointed cherub, the most beautiful of all of God's creations, but he was not content in his position. Instead, Satan desired to be God, to essentially "kick God off His throne" and take over the rule of the universe. Satan wanted to be God, and interestingly enough, that is essentially what Satan tempted Adam and Eve with in the Garden of Eden ([Genesis 3:1-5](#)). How did Satan fall from heaven? Actually, a fall is not an accurate description. It would be far more accurate to say God cast Satan out of heaven ([Isaiah 14:15](#); [Ezekiel 28:16-17](#)). Satan did not fall from heaven; rather, Satan was *pushed*.

Satan was and continues to be the enemy of the people of God. Believers face an ongoing spiritual battle against him and the forces of evil ([Ephesians 6:12](#)). However, with God the Holy Spirit living in us, we do not need to fear Satan or evil spirits; rather, we depend on the Lord's strength for victory in our spiritual struggles and trust that God will preserve us for heaven's inheritance. *"The one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world"* ([1 John 4:4](#)).

Missionary Highlights

GLOBAL MISSION FRONTIER

Is an Africa based evangelism missions agency whose focus is the literal fulfilment of the Great Commission through both public and systematic evangelism recruiting, training, equipping and sending representatives to indigenous peoples.

RECRUITING - *It has always been my ambition to preach the Gospel where Christ was not known so that I would not be building on another man's foundation.* Romans 15:20

GMF believes that the church is the custodian of the Great Commission, mobilizing and making the church conscious that the urgency of evangelism is imperative. Therefore, we work with the church crossdenominationally to build and extend Christ's Kingdom. We challenge and seek the optimum participation of the whole church toward the task of soulwinning. *The field is ripe but the laborers are few.* Matthew 9:37-38

TRAINING *Who also has made us able ministers of the NT* 2 Cor 3:6 More than 75% of church leadership in sub-Saharan Africa has no formal Bible college training. The risk is building a church 50km long with one inch depth. Through our Cornerstone Bible Academy, we offer on the job training for leadership development that transitions ordinary lay workers into effective New Testament ministers. We offer short-term training seminars on effective evangelism, discipleship and church planting

EQUIPPING GMF believes that it's essential to provide spiritual artillery and tools for evangelism: • Visual aids which simplify communication of the Good News among illiterate people • Mobile kits to assist with travel thru challenging terrains • Crusaders off road kits for foot soldiers • Public address equipment for larger gatherings and rallies

SENDING *How can they preach if they are not sent?* Romans 10:15 GMF's training is not only theoretical, but accompanied by field practice, modeling soul winning in the field, providing a hands-on approach to our participants, thereby affording them an opportunity to test their own skills. We then 'send them out' - supercharged for service, equipped for the harvest!

Our Tri-Dimensional Mission

EVANGELISM - Global Missions Frontier facilitates our evangelism operations, committed to reaping the harvest of the lost by proclaiming the Gospel throughout sub-Saharan Africa and beyond, specifically targeting the least evangelized societies.

CHURCH PLANTING - Cornerstone Fellowship International directs our church planting operations towards the ingathering of the evangelistic harvest. We seek to plant community churches that produce sound, mature New Testament Christians for the furtherance of the Great Commission.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT - Cornerstone Bible Academy reflects our leadership development operations towards conservation of the harvest. CBA provides instruction in Biblical theology, Christian ethics, homiletics and practical ministry methods towards developing competent leaders to accommodate the rate of regional evangelistic expansion and church growth.

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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

	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
- For our Pastor and his family
- Paula Grazulis

“Sometimes we don’t realize that God put us in a family.”
Cleopas Chitapa