



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.

Great White Throne

The great white throne judgment is described in [Revelation 20:11-15](#) and is the final judgment prior to the lost being cast into the lake of fire. We know from [Revelation 20:7-15](#) that this judgment will take place after the millennium and after Satan, the beast, and the false prophet are thrown into the lake of fire ([Revelation 20:7-10](#)).

The fact that there is going to be a final judgment for all men, both believers and unbelievers, is clearly confirmed in many passages of Scripture. Every person will one day stand before Christ and be judged for his or her deeds. While it is very clear that the great white throne judgment is the final judgment, the Bible seems to indicate three different judgments to come.

The first is the judgment of the sheep and the goats or a judgment of the nations ([Matthew 25:31-36](#)). This takes place after the tribulation period but prior to the millennium; its purpose is to determine who will enter the millennial kingdom. The second is a judgment of believers' works, often referred to as the "judgment seat [bema] of Christ" ([2 Corinthians 5:10](#)). At this judgment, Christians will receive degrees of reward for their works or service to God. The third is the great white throne judgment at the end of the millennium ([Revelation 20:11-15](#)). This is the judgment of unbelievers in which they are judged according to their works and sentenced to everlasting punishment in the lake of fire.

What a joy it is to know that those who are "born again" into the Kingdom of God are spared from the great white throne judgment. This is not because we are innocent but it is because by grace we are saved not of works. Jesus' righteousness has imputed to us and our names are written in the book of life. Therefore, we will be rewarded, not punished, according to our deeds.

Missionary Highlights

Neal and Lois

Due to violence as a result of the recent elections Lois and Neal were on alert to be evacuated. Here are some excerpts;

We have not been evacuated yet, but we do have our bags packed. I just now heard some sort of loud guns go off while I write this. It is about 2am. We were able to get out yesterday to a couple stores that were open. However, most of town is closed down as well as the airport. At one store, an employee told me that some sort of attack on stores is expected on Monday. A main bridge between here and Enga Province is blocked, so when yesterday we drove past the bus stop for vehicles headed there, it was empty. Our 2 guards are from that province. The election results have not all been submitted and of course the remaining boxes here in town were never counted. Bribes and corruption.

Yesterday, a 64 year old MAF national employee who lives on our compound fainted. He had not eaten all day and had been out walking. I went over and took his blood pressure. It was extremely low. Going to the emergency room in town is kind of useless as there are no doctors and the hospital is short on meds and everything else. Anyway, I fed him and got him to drink water and kept monitoring his blood pressure. It finally climbed up to a better level. I looked up his meds for blood pressure. He usually goes to the Nazarene Hospital and said he could go Monday. It is about an hour from here, and the place we would go if we are evacuated. You know I do more doctoring here than I have ever done in my life. I refuse to give any meds to kids. I once was asked for med for a kid who had sneks in his stomach. Hello? What could that possibly be. I was told by the director for Susu Mama, a clinic for pregnant mothers and children up to 5, that the reason for the hospital and her clinic being short on meds is that they are being stored in Port Moresby where the longer they are stored, the more rent can be collected. By the time the meds get up to Hagen, well, they are cooked from the heat in Moresby and useless.

I have been reading all kinds of books. Particularly impactful have been books about missionary experiences when they were under siege in China during those troubles and in Viet Nam during theirs. One particular account shared how the missionaries moved past surrendering to God's will, to delighting in God's will for them at that time. Yes, wherever we are is where we are supposed to be and a privilege to be serving God there. How precious God has become during this crisis here. Lois – (to be continued)

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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

"Unless there is the element of extreme risk in our exploits for God, there is no need for faith". -- Hudson Taylor