



# 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.

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## Aerodynamics

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*"Then God said, 'Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens'"*  
(Genesis 1:20).

Aerodynamics, the science of flight, is a highly complex science. This is because many complex forces are acting on anything in flight. These forces include the power available for flight and drag produced by the flying object. Each of these categories include many additional forces that depend on the shape of the flying object, the shape and length of the wings, the speed and the altitude. This is why, for example, high altitude planes have very long wings. One critical force that has been under recent study is the turbulence that forms at the tips of the wings. The shorter the wing, the more energy consuming turbulence forms at the tip of the wing. Different wing designs have been tried to decrease this turbulence. Engineers have had some success reducing this turbulence with winglets. You may have seen these small vertical wings on the wingtips of some airplanes.

Swiss researchers have been studying vultures with the hope of finding a better solution to this problem because vultures have a relatively short wing span that has proven to be surprisingly efficient. They discovered that this is because the feathers at the vultures' wing tips spread out. They then tested a wing with a finger-like cascade of blades at the end. Their new wing was more than four times more efficient than the average wing design in use today! It takes a great deal of faith in evolution to think that natural selection possesses such knowledge of aerodynamics.

Clearly the vulture was designed by an intelligent Creator Who understands aerodynamics even better than we do!  
[creationmoments.com/radio/transcripts/airplane-fingers](http://creationmoments.com/radio/transcripts/airplane-fingers)

### Missionary Highlights - PNG

During morning devotions with the security guards, we have been reading the book of Isaiah in the Bible. This morning I read "Your eyes will see the king in his beauty" and burst into tears and continued to weep as I read the rest of chapter 33: The precious promise that we will see the king, the One Who is "King of Kings and Lord of Lords". Bless His Holy Name. If you do not know Jesus, whose face will you see when you cross over from this life into eternity? Choose to see the One Who loved you so much He died in your place to win forgiveness and eternal life.

This story I am about to share is so painful, but it must be told. As you probably know, witchcraft has a stronghold here. It is called sanguma. Three women that the guards know about had been burned to death in our immediate vicinity during our time here. One guard had seen the burning of one.

Well, in Enga Province, there has been a case of two women involved in witchcraft being accused of the death of a baby on Friday. Subsequently the two women had been tortured with hot metal rods and axes and burned by fire. One of the women died on Sunday. Hearing about this, Anton called the police and defense force, and they rescued the woman who was still alive. She was severely burned so they took her to the hospital, where there is no medicine and where they would not treat her anyway due to the accusation of sanguma. She had been a leader in sanguma, teaching others to do it.

Last evening, Anton and our day guard, Ben Peter, went to the hospital in Enga Province and rescued the woman. The hospital was arguing about a fee for her although they did nothing for her, and Anton said he would return and pay it. He took 2 other men with him and they drove to the Nazarene Hospital where she was admitted. Ben said her skin was so badly burned that if you touched it, it just slid off. Anton and crew all returned here at 2am. Now remember, Jesus delivered many from demons and in His mercy, this woman has been given another chance.

Anton has been involved in other rescues of women accused of witchcraft. Sometimes their whole families are at risk.

We have another challenge here. At night we hear women screaming. A couple nights ago, a woman was raped in front of the gate of a property next to the MAF property. The guards are alone at night and have no weapons and are outnumbered by the attackers. We need to do something, and I plan to contact a police woman we know for advice. Here, one cannot get the police to respond quickly. They ask for bribes and sometimes show up drunk.

So there are many things to pray about, but most importantly, whose face will greet you on the other side? Choose Jesus. He is the One promised throughout Scripture, as noted in Isaiah, Micah, Psalms, and on and on. He loves you. – Lois

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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](https://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
- Those experiencing hardship due to Hurricane Harvey

A true and faithful Christian does not make holy living an accidental thing. It is his great concern. As the business of the soldier is to fight, so the business of the Christian is to be like Christ. – Jonathan Edwards (October 5, 1703 – March 22, 1758)