



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.

Bride of Christ

The imagery and symbolism of marriage is applied to Christ and the body of believers known as the church. The church is comprised of those who have trusted in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and have received eternal life. Christ, the [Bridegroom](#), has sacrificially and lovingly chosen the church to be His bride ([Ephesians 5:25-27](#)). Just as there was a betrothal period in biblical times during which the bride and groom were separated until the wedding, so is the bride of Christ separate from her Bridegroom during the church age. Her responsibility during the betrothal period is to be faithful to Him ([2 Corinthians 11:2](#); [Ephesians 5:24](#)). At the [rapture](#), the church will be united with the Bridegroom and the official "wedding ceremony" will take place and, with it, the eternal union of Christ and His bride will be actualized ([Revelation 19:7-9](#); [21:1-2](#)).

In the eternal state, believers will have access to the heavenly city known as [New Jerusalem](#), also called "the holy city" in [Revelation 21:2](#) and [10](#). The New Jerusalem is not the church, but it takes on some of the church's characteristics. In his vision of the end of the age, the apostle John sees the city coming down from heaven adorned "as a bride," meaning that the city will be gloriously radiant and the inhabitants of the city, the redeemed of the Lord, will be holy and pure, wearing white garments of holiness and righteousness. Some have misinterpreted verse 9 to mean the holy city is the bride of Christ, but that cannot be because Christ died for His people, not for a city. The city is called the bride because it encompasses all who are the bride, just as all the students of a school are sometimes called "the school."

Believers in Jesus Christ are the bride of Christ, and we wait with great anticipation for the day when we will be united with our Bridegroom. Until then, we remain faithful to Him and say with all the redeemed of the Lord, "Come, Lord Jesus!" ([Revelation 22:20](#)).

Body and Soul

Grace Grass Glaucoma

Resurrection Sunday has come, Spring is in the air and Grace is in the basket this year! What is grace you ask? Grace comes from the Greek word charis it means "favor, blessing or kindness. We can all give grace to others. But God's grace is more powerful. God's grace is Him choosing to bless us rather than curse us as our sin deserves. Ephesians 2:8 says "*For by grace are you saved, through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.*" The only way any of us can enter into a relationship with God is because of his grace toward us. Grace is a gift from God. It's his favor toward the unworthy. God is willing to forgive us and bless us abundantly even when we don't deserve to be treated so well.

Even as the grass was made on the third day, Christ rose on the third day as well. However, during the spring season grasses bring seasonal allergies. The grass releases tiny grains into the air to fertilize other plants. These grains get into the nose and cause allergic reactions. Just in case you didn't know it helps to start taking your allergy medication prior to your symptoms appearing.

And since we are talking about watery eyes from allergies why not discuss Glaucoma. It is a common eye condition where the optic nerve that connects the eye to the brain becomes damaged. It is usually caused by fluid that builds up in the front part of the eye which increases pressure. It develops over time and effects the edges of your vision (peripheral vision) symptoms may be blurred vision and seeing rainbow colored circles around lights. If left untreated it could lead to blindness. So please schedule your routine eye exam. And since it's spring also change the batteries in your smoke detectors!

Well until next time this is your Script..... Mikki

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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>Free Indeed</i>

- *Coram Deo*: A men’s Bible study and Christian fellowship.
- *Free Indeed*: Is a Spirit led Men’s Fellowship that emphasizes godly counsel, leading to spiritual growth, healing and deliverance.
- *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
- Easter Outreach delivered meals

For I am jealous for you with the jealousy of God himself. I promised you as a pure bride to one husband--Christ. [2Co 11:2]