



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.

Thy Will

It is important to know God's will. Jesus said that His true relations are those who know and do the Father's will: "*Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother*" ([Mk 3:35](#)). At its most basic, the will of God is to repent of our sin and trust in Christ. If we have not taken that first step, then we have not yet accepted God's will. Once we receive Christ by faith, we are made God's children, and He desires to lead us in His way ([Psa 143:10](#)). God is not trying to hide His will from us; He wants to reveal it. In fact, He has already given us many, directions in His Word. We are to "*give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you*" ([1 Thes 5:18](#)). We are to do good works ([1 Pet 2:15](#)). And "*it is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality*" ([1 Thes 4:3](#)).

God's will is knowable and provable. [Rom 12:2](#), "*Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.*" This verse gives us an important sequence: the child of God refuses to be conformed to the world, instead allows himself to be transformed by the Spirit. As his [mind is renewed](#) to the things of God, *then* he can know God's perfect will. In addition, as we seek God's will, we should make sure what we are considering is not something the Bible forbids. Also, we should make sure what we are considering will glorify God and help us and others grow spiritually.

Knowing God's will is sometimes difficult because it requires patience. It's natural to want to know all of God's will at once, but that's not how He usually works. He reveals to us a step at a time—each move a step of faith—and allows us to continue to trust Him. The important thing is that, as we wait for further direction, we are busy doing the good that we know to do ([Jam 4:17](#)). Often, we want God to give us specifics—where to work, where to live, whom to marry, what car to buy, etc. God allows us to make choices, and, if we are yielded to Him, He has ways of preventing wrong choices (Prov 3:5-6).

The better we get to know a person, the more acquainted we become with his or her desires. If we are walking closely with the Lord and truly desiring His will for our lives, God will place His desires in our hearts. The key is wanting God's will, not our own. "*Delight yourself in the LORD and He will give you the desires of your heart*" ([Psa 37:4](#)).

Body and Soul

As allergy season is approaching there has been a lot of talk about honey and its effects on preventing allergies. This concept is based off of immunotherapy. I know you have heard that small amounts of local honey can help assist with lessening allergy symptoms. How would that work you ask? Well as you ingest or are exposed to small amounts of the things you are allergic to, you may become less sensitive to it and in this case its pollen. Eating local honey can help assist with lessening allergy symptoms. In fact honey's healing properties are mentioned in the Bible. Honey can be used to treat cough, asthma, and hay fever, it is also used for diarrhea and stomach ulcers caused by an infection with *Helicobacter pylori* (H pylori) bacteria. H pylori is a bacteria that can infect your stomach and is a common cause of peptic ulcers. A lot of people have h-pylori and don't show any symptoms. However if you present with symptoms of peptic ulcers they will test you for h pylori and it can be treated with antibiotics. Signs and symptoms are an ache or burning in your abdomen, pain that is worse when your stomach is empty, nausea, bloating, burping, loss of appetite and unintentional weight loss. Seek immediate help if you develop severe pain, difficulty swallowing, bloody or black stools, and or vomit that looks like coffee grounds.

Well since we mentioned grounds why not discuss hell. Please understand that hell is real!!! Hell is mentioned more in the Bible than heaven. It is a fact and neither I nor Jesus Christ wants to see anyone go there. However, it is a choice. You cannot avoid Hell and get to Heaven by good works alone or even being better than the next person. It doesn't work that way, we are all infected with sin and there is only one cure. All you have to do is believe in the Lord Jesus Christ!! He loves you. For example if you are a parent you love your child no matter how much wrong they may have done you love them and that is like he loves us. You don't have to make yourself better in order to come to Him. He says come as you are. Let him be the change in you, repent and follow him. I pray that all the dry bones come alive. I pray that you all will develop a relationship with your father in Heaven and go to him when you die instead of hell!

If you don't believe me open the Bible and read it for yourself. Until the next time that 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
- Outreach Saturday May 19

“The safest place in all the world is in the will of God.”
Warren Wiersbe