



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.

Compromise

The Bible makes it clear that God does not condone compromising His standards: *"Joyful are people of integrity, who follow the instructions of the LORD. Joyful are those who obey His laws and search for Him with all their hearts. They do not compromise with evil, and they walk only in His paths. You have charged us to keep Your commandments carefully"* ([Ps 119:1-4, NLT](#)).

The word *joyful* or *blessed* describes people of righteousness, those who are totally subservient to God's will and wholeheartedly devoted in their relationship to Him. We do not compromise or deviate from His standards but *"walk only in His path."* Not compromising requires our unswerving submission to Him and to Him only, regardless of the world's concession to godlessness ([Josh 24:15](#); [Ps 119:10](#)).

As believers, we must *"see to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ"* ([Col 2:8](#)). God is serious about our not compromising His Word with the values of the world—the reason being that those outside of Christ may then *"come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil ..."* ([2 Tim 2:26](#)).

Then there are those who profess to be Christians, yet live lives not in keeping with the precepts of the Scripture, i.e., compromising their biblical beliefs by living like the world. For them, the things of the world and its sensual allurements take precedence over the Word of God ([Acts 20:30](#); [1 John 2:16-19](#)). Jesus referred to these people as *"those who hear the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful"* ([Mark 4:18-19](#)). These are the ones who, though professing to follow Christ, compromise their faith by craving worldly success and accolades from their fellow man. Jesus chastised such people who rationalized their questionable behavior: *"How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?"* ([John 5:41-44](#)). In other words, to compromise in one's total allegiance and devotion to God is to allow the allurements of this world, with its accompanying worries, to take precedence over Christ ([Matt 6:24](#)).

As true believers in Christ, we must accept God's Word as absolute, inerrant truth ([2 Tim 3:16](#)). We must be fully obedient to His Word ([John 14:15](#); [1 John 5:3](#); [2 John 1:6](#)). And we must recognize that His Word is not to be compromised for any reason or for anyone ([Deut 17:11](#); [Prov 24:7](#); [Rev 3:15](#)).

Missionary Update Afghanistan

Dear Friends, We received an email from a good friend about a little boy we all know. He was living in Bamyan and a Mongolian doctor who lives here began helping him. He has some kind of serious lung problem and needed constant oxygen. I had started helping with small financial gifts then his condition worsened two weeks ago. The Mongolian doctor flew up and with the aid of Pac Tec aviation had him medevacked to Kabul. But his condition is very bad. His name is Omid, which means hope. Please lift him up in prayer.

Update; Thank you so much for praying for Omid and please continue to do so! yesterday morning he awoke from a coma and is now breathing without a ventilator! Please pray that the doctors would discover why his lungs are not working. Here is the latest about Omid from Dr. Undrah: The boy Omid is still staying at the hospital in a regular ward. His overall health condition improved a lot compared to the day we arrived in Kbl on May 20. Now he is on anti TB treatment, signs of severe infection are clearing and recent lab reports were normal. We will keep updating... Pls continue to speak life and complete healing over Omid and his family. Thank you.

Also on some other fronts;

- 1.) We have adopted a 5 day trial period for guys wanting to come into the project. That seems to be bearing fruit as we now have 2 guys who went through hat and have also gone through withdrawal and are still with us. Also Sayad Ali, who was with us before for three months, left and went back to drugs has now started the 5 day trial. I have a heart for this guy and have been praying every day for him since he left.
 - 2.) The young man who has a scholarship to Ohio University but is on hold, has really opened up. We had a hour phone conversation where the Lord is really revealing the depths of his heart sins and he is realizing his great need for a Savior! Keep him in prayer. He is weighing out the cost of following Jesus given he is the oldest son of a conservative Muslim family. But as he said to me "I can have all the earthly things but if I miss out on true life, what have I gained"?
 - 3.) I will be gone from the project for 6 weeks. This is a great time to assess where we are at as far as leadership development with my guys. Pray for them to really lead and realize they really can lead!
 - 4.) I AM in Mongolia resting and visiting. Pray for refreshment and also to be a blessing to those around me.
- Thank you so much for your prayers! Blessings, John

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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>Discipleship class (Fellowship hall)</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

The swift wind of compromise is a lot more devastating than the sudden jolt of misfortune. Chuck Swindoll