



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.

Woman at the Well

The story of the nameless Samaritan woman at the well, recorded only in the Gospel of John, is a revealing one, full of many truths and powerful lessons for us today. The story of the woman at the well follows on the heels of the account of Jesus' interaction with Nicodemus, a Pharisee and prominent member of the Jewish Sanhedrin. In [John 4:4-42](#) we read about Jesus' conversation with a lone Samaritan woman who had come to get water from a well (known as Jacob's well) located about a half mile from the city of Sychar in Samaria.

She was a [Samaritan](#), a race of people that the Jews utterly despised as having no claim on their God, and she was an outcast and looked down upon by her own people. This is evidenced by the fact that she came alone to draw water from the community well when, during biblical times, drawing water and chatting at the well was the social highpoint of a woman's day. However, this woman was ostracized and marked as immoral, an unmarried woman living openly with the sixth in a series of men.

The story of the woman at the well teaches us that God loves us in spite of our bankrupt lives. God values us enough to actively seek us, to welcome us to intimacy, and to rejoice in our worship. As a result of Jesus' conversation, only a person like the Samaritan woman, an outcast from her own people, could understand what this means. To be wanted, to be cared for when no one, not even herself, could see anything of value in her—this is grace indeed.

But there are many other valuable truths we glean from this story. We learn that:

Only through Jesus can we obtain and receive eternal life: "Jesus answered, 'Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life'" ([John 4:13-14](#)).

Jesus' ministering to those outcasts of the Jewish society (Samaritans) reveals that all people are valuable to God and that Jesus desires that we demonstrate love to everyone including even our enemies ([John 4:7-9](#)).

Jesus is the Messiah ([John 4:25-26](#)).

Those who worship God, worship Him in spirit and truth ([John 4:23-24](#)).

Our testimony about Jesus is a powerful tool in leading others to believe in Him: Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony ([John 4:39-42](#)).

Body and Soul

You have to love that we get to experience all four of the different seasons. Fall colors are starting to appear on the trees, the beautiful crisp air blowing thru the house as we get to open the windows again. However, as the cooler weather starts to approach, some of you get the thought of joint pain. Joints are also called articulations which are strong connections that join bones, cartilage and teeth to one another. Each joint is special in its shape, structural component and range of motion between the parts that it connects. What causes joint pain can vary, but the one that involves weather is because barometric pressure changes the synovial fluid pressures in the joints, which can cause irritation and pain as the tissue swells. Patients often say that their ligaments and joints are stiffer during damp, cold weather. And report relief during the warmer seasons. Some ways to gain relief are weight loss, exercise, use of hot or cold therapies, medications, and to include the right fatty acids in your diet as well as certain spices like turmeric. Also you can try jojoba also known as goat nut. Jojoba is used in a variety of skin care items. It is in a range from acne to anti-aging products. It has a positive effect on wrinkles has natural antibacterial moisturizing and healing effect on the skin.

As we discussed prior, joints are strong connections that join bones together. Jesus is who makes a strong connection between fellow followers of Christ. Even though we may have different functions, and individually we are made up of different shapes, sizes, talents and abilities. We are all one in the body. It states in 1Cor 12 *For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. ¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. ¹⁴ For in fact the body is not one member but many. ¹⁵ If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling? ¹⁸ But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. ¹⁹ ... But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that part which lacks it, ²⁵ that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another. ²⁶ And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.*

So make an appointment with your massage therapist or go out and grab a bottle of Jojoba lotion to help with joint pain as you pray to Jesus for healing! Until next time that is your script!
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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.

Youth Group meets tonight – See Jason or Jennifer Kohn for details

Important Dates;

- Operation Christmas Child collection continues
- Monday October 15th – Women’s Fellowship
- Sunday October 28th – Child Dedication
- Monday November 12th – Operation Christmas Child Packing Party
- Water Baptism – Date to be determined – See Pastor Joe for information

But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. – Jesus – John 4:14