



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.

2nd John

The Book of 2 John is an urgent plea that the readers of John's letter should show their love for God and His son Jesus by obeying the commandment to love each other and live their lives in obedience to the Scriptures. The Book of 2 John is also a strong warning to be on the lookout for deceivers who were going about saying that Christ had not actually risen in the flesh. The Book of 2 John is addressed to "the chosen lady and her children." This could either have been a lady of important standing in the church or a code which refers to the local church and its congregation. In those days when Christians were being persecuted such coded salutations were often used.

2 John is largely concerned with an urgent warning concerning deceivers who were not teaching the exact doctrine of Christ and who maintained that Jesus did not actually rise in the flesh but only spiritually. John is very anxious that true believers should be aware of these false teachers and have nothing to do with them.

John describes love not as an emotion or feeling, but as obedience to the commandments of God. Jesus reiterated the importance of the commandments, especially the "first and greatest commandment," love for God ([Deuteronomy 6:5](#)), and the second, love for one another ([Matthew 22:37-40](#); [Leviticus 19:18](#)). Far from abolishing the Old Testament law of God, Jesus came to fulfill it by providing the means of its fulfillment in Himself.

Practical Application: It is extremely important that we check everything we see, hear, and read that claims to be "Christian" with the Scriptures. This cannot be too strongly emphasized because one of Satan's greatest weapons is deceit. It is very easy to be taken in by a new and exciting doctrine that appears to be based on Scripture but which, if examined closely, is in fact a departure from the Word of God. If what appears to be happening does not line up explicitly with Scripture, then this is false and not of the Spirit, and we should have nothing to do with it.

PNG

During our hospital outreach last week, we were encountered by a man whose father needed a pair of short crutches. He took us over to see him, I passed the need on to a German missionary, Mandy, and she was able to get 3 crutches, which she sent to me. My question was, why 3 crutches, LORD?

Well, yesterday, we delivered the one pair we had to the man just mentioned, WOW such hugs and thanks. I receive those on behalf of all who have made possible what we do. Mostly, The LORD GOD ALMIGHTY. We also had some Scripture portions for the family. Then a young woman approached me and asked me if we had any crutches for her Mother, who had been in a car accident and who had had her leg amputated.

I said I only had one left at home and she said, that was exactly what her Mother needed. So I went to meet her Mother and we praised GOD together. I will deliver that crutch today. So in answer to my question of the LORD, Why 3 crutches? Well, you see I do not know enough to question the marvelous wisdom of GOD. That is exactly what was needed.

There was a women with two broken legs and other injuries, suffered from her husband, I believe. It is so common to see women in the hospital with broken arms and legs suffered in domestic violence. Men seem to suffer their injuries in car accidents and fights and attacks. So tragic, many opportunities to pray with people.

We ran across the man we had given a wheelchair to last week. He was riding around in it and at first I did not recognize him because he is looking so much better. He had told me he was born a Nazarene and will die a Nazarene, so that is how I will remember him. I challenged him to trust the LORD as Job had done. Dr. Nirmala, who is part of the outreach team, often explains the diagnoses to me but to tell you the truth, I do not always remember what the names are, I do know GOD knows and GOD is there to help those suffering.

There was a Chinese man who was unconscious and in a very bad way. We prayed silently for him. I have to believe GOD can reach him even in the state he is in. I do not have the words to express my praises to the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY., Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Awesome Lois

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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
- Sunday October 28th – Child Dedication
- Monday November 12th – Operation Christmas Child Packing Party
- Water Baptism – Date to be determined – See Pastor Joe for information

"And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love." – [2 John 6](#)