



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.

Demon Possessed Man

When Jesus taught the people in Capernaum (Luke chap 4) the initial reaction was one of amazement. They were astonished by the authority with which he taught. When he spoke he had no need to refer to famous teachers from the past to authenticate his teaching: he possessed in himself both the knowledge of God's truth and the authority to speak it.

While the people were still reeling under the impact of his authoritative presentation of truth a demon-possessed man cried out. The evil spirit in the man was aware of the true identity of Jesus: he called him both 'Jesus of Nazareth' - a real man, and 'the Holy One of God' - God's Son. But Jesus did not want the testimony of the evil spirit. He commanded it to be quiet and come out of the man. Immediately the spirit obeyed.

Then Luke again records that the people were all 'amazed'. In our English translations the words are often the same. In the original Greek they are different. The word used here holds an element of fear or terror, even to the extent of being rendered immovable. They were completely overawed by this authority of Jesus over the evil spirit. Luke reports that this reaction was so strong that they asked (*kept on asking*) each other 'What is this teaching? With authority and power he gives orders to evil spirits and they come out!'

In this encounter Jesus demonstrated his authority and power over evil spirits. These spirits are of the same kind as the demon powers which hold many around the world captive in fear and submission.

Here in this encounter we learn that, though these spirits generate fear, there is One who is more powerful than they are, One to whom even they must submit when confronted by his command. And it is here that we are each confronted with the questions: Who is this man who has such power? Who is this man who has such authority? One who is more powerful than the demons. One who has authority even over the feared evil spirits. One to whom the allegiance, obedience and reverence of every created being is due: Jesus, Son of God, Lord of all.

May we each one acknowledge that he is indeed the Holy One of God. Not with the cringing fear of the demons, but with reverent, awe-filled joy, because here, in this man, God is with us, God has come to us. Here in this man we at last see and know God. Do you know Jesus? Have you had an encounter with Him?

Missionary Update *India*

Dear beloved:

Greetings to you in Jesus' name!

We are getting our foot on ground after the flood that badly devastated our town. Thanks for your helping hands. Few quick updates:

1. Our building work restarted after the flood. The ground floor structure is complete and the first floor work is half way through now. Appreciate your prayers and generous support towards this project.
2. One of our believers daughter, three years, passed away due to hot water fell on her and burned. The baby was in hospital for 13 days, but could not save her life. Please pray for the family in grief.
3. Because of my pressing responsibilities and to save money from my travels, I may not be able to make a trip to US this year.
4. My wife, Suni is now past the bed rest period as she progresses through sixth month of pregnancy. She sends her love for your prayers.
5. The next payment for the building contractor is due in next week. We need \$20k. Expecting miraculous work of God. If you are led to sponsor one time installment or to share a portion of it, please do invest in this worthwhile project for the evangelization of India.

Love to hearing from you. God bless you. We never stop praying for you. We are here because of you. Thanks and blessings!

Your co-laborer with Christ,

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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.

Important Dates;

- Monday November 12th – Operation Christmas Child Packing Party
- Monday December 3rd - Women’s Fellowship
- Water Baptism – Date to be determined – See Pastor Joe for information

**If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.
Jesus – [John 8:36]**