



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.

Doubt

Doubt is an experience common to all people. Even those with faith in God struggle with doubt on occasion. The very first expression of doubt in the Bible is in [Gen 3](#), when Satan tempted Eve. God had given a clear command regarding the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and had specified the consequence of disobedience. Satan introduced doubt into Eve's mind when he asked, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" He wanted her to lack confidence in God's command. When she affirmed God's command, including the consequences, Satan replied with a denial, which is a stronger statement of doubt: "You will not surely die." Doubt is a tool of Satan to make us lack confidence in God's Word and consider His judgment unlikely.

Lest we think that we can lay all of the blame on Satan, the Bible clearly holds us accountable for our own doubts. When Zechariah was visited by the angel of the Lord and told that he would have a son ([Luke 1:11-17](#)), he doubted the word given to him. He logically assumed that he and his wife were too old to have children, and in response to his doubt, the angel said he would be mute until the day God's promise was fulfilled. Zechariah doubted God's ability to overcome natural obstacles – many people today share the same doubt. Any time we allow human reason to overshadow faith in God, sinful doubt is the result.

The Bible says that doubt is a destroyer of life. The remedy for doubt is faith, and faith comes by hearing the Word of God ([Rom 10:17](#)). God gave us the Bible as a testimony of His works in the past, so we will have a reason to trust Him in the present ([Psa 77:11](#)). Once we have an understanding of what God has done in the past, what He has promised us for the present, and what we can expect from Him in the future, we are able to act in faith instead of doubt.

John the Baptist had his doubts as well as did Thomas, who declared that he would not believe that the Lord was resurrected unless he could see and touch Jesus himself ([John 20:25-28](#)). When he later saw Jesus and believed, he received the gentle rebuke, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." [Heb 11:1](#) says, "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." We can have confidence even in the things we cannot see, because God has proven Himself faithful, true, and able.

Missionary Update India

I like this proverb, "give a man a fish, you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him a lifetime."

It was worthwhile to teach some women – single mother, widow and others who come from below poverty line, how to stitch cloths through Mukti Tailoring School. Not only we taught them a trade, but also provided sewing machine so that they can earn some income from their home.

Surya, one of the beneficiaries said, "my long time dream was coming true" while Kumari said, "I don't know how to thank you enough". Jerina started to say something, but she could not complete, but only tears of joy! Each one had a word of appreciation for the brand new tool they received.

My heart rejoices for we started this school with the intention of liberating women from poverty and other abuse by this self-sustainable program; now we see the results. With \$100 we can help more such struggling women to help provide for themselves and for their family ongoing basis.

Care India Mission is engaged to positively impact people more than one way. Appreciate your partnership for making this possible. We love you and thank you for your trust in us. God bless you.

We are praying for you. May the rest of this month bring you miracles in the areas you long for. God bless you.
Binu and Suni

PS: Aksa, our third daughter completed one month. She is doing well. We received \$560 towards the medical bill. Trusting God for the rest of \$2440

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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;

- **Evangelism class continues on Tuesday, 7:00 PM**
- **Sunday morning Bible Study begins a new series in Genesis**
- **Thursday Bible Study continues our Study in the Gospels**
- **Youth Group Meets Tonight**

"When we dare to depend entirely upon God and do not doubt, the humblest and feeblest agencies will become mighty through God, to the pulling down of strongholds." – A. B. Simpson