



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.

Servant-hood

The Bible has a great deal to say about servanthood because the central theme of the Bible is the Servant of all—Jesus Christ. "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many" ([Mark 10:45](#)). When we give Jesus Christ His rightful place as Lord of our lives, His lordship will be expressed in the way we serve others ([Mark 9:35](#); [1 Peter 4:10](#); [John 15:12-13](#)). How can we demonstrate love for God? Our love for God will be expressed in our love for others. "For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake" ([2 Corinthians 4:5](#)).

True leadership is servanthood, and the greatest leader of all time is Jesus Christ. Servanthood is an attitude exemplified by Christ "who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant" ([Philippians 2:6-7](#)). The five words in the New Testament translated "ministry" generally refer to servanthood or service given in love. Serving others is the very essence of ministry. All believers are called to ministry ([Matthew 28:18-20](#)), and, therefore, we are all called to be servants for the glory of God. Living is giving; all else is selfishness and boredom.

It has been rightly stated, "Rank is given you to enable you to better serve those above and below you. It is not given for you to practice your idiosyncrasies" (General Bruce C. Clarke, USA, Ret). Let's serve others by serving Christ ([Colossians 3:23-24](#)). God the Father has served us by sacrificing Christ on the cross for our sins, and we should serve others by giving the gospel and our lives to them ([1 Thessalonians 1:5-6](#)). Those who desire to be great in God's kingdom must be the servant of all ([Matthew 20:26](#)).

Missionary Update Afghanistan

Afghanistan part 1 - Dear Praying Friends, Hope this finds you well! First to give you a few updates:

- 1.) I have decided to have my small hernia operation in South Africa. Have found a hospital and now my Insurance company is trying to find a doctor in the area to work with me. Thank you for your input, especially those doctors out there :-)
- 2.) J was dunked and it was a really special time. He has such a pure heart after God. I am very grateful that God has allowed me to be a part of his journey! When he first asked me about being dunked he had no idea what it meant. But he said, "J did this, so I need to follow his example." Amazingly simple heart to follow J and his example. Wish I met more people like this.
- 3.) Our first sellable knives are just finishing and they are very nice. I really think this is going to be a good business for us.

Afghanistan part 2

Was having a lovely time in SA until this morning. My friend brought over four knives he had purchased and they had started to rust. I tried to get the rust off with steel wool then one of my guys in A land suggested soaking them in lemon juice to loosen the rust. Ah, can we say the lemon juice discolored three of the knives steel permanently! So those knives are now ruined. Then I got a message saying my housing in Pretoria just fell through due to a sudden illness with my hosts parents! So I am to fly up there on Wed and have a doctor's appointment on Wed and Thursday I am suppose to have surgery and suddenly I have no housing or transportation! So yeah, could use prayer. I am sure God has something in mind! :)

Afghanistan part 3

Thanks for praying! God in his wild ways through a friend in Pennsylvania hooked me up with a young man who hooked me up with a Mexican family living in Pretoria SA! Only God! I have only met the wife but she told me that the Lord brought them here to reveal Himself to them so He could send them back as evangelists! She was not a Christian and her husband had wandered far from God but she was lonely and met a Christian and before you know it they both were saved and now feel God wants them to go back and share the good news! I love it!! Thanks for praying and thanks Keith, Debbie and Donavon!
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.

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 next week**

[Mat 20:28] Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.