



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.

Humility

The Bible describes humility as meekness, lowliness, and absence of self. The Greek word translated "humility" in [Col 3:12](#) and elsewhere literally means "lowliness of mind," so we see that humility is a heart attitude, not merely an outward demeanor. One may put on an outward show of humility but still have a heart full of pride and arrogance. Jesus said that those who are "poor in spirit" would have the kingdom of heaven ([Matt 5:3](#)). Being poor in spirit means, that only those who admit to an absolute bankruptcy of spiritual worth, will inherit eternal life. Therefore, humility is a prerequisite for the Christian.

When we come to Christ as sinners, we must come in humility. We acknowledge that we are paupers and beggars who come with nothing to offer Him but our sin and our need for salvation. We recognize our lack of merit and our complete inability to save ourselves. Then when He offers the grace and mercy of God, we accept it in humble gratitude and commit our lives to Him and to others. We "die to self" so that we can live as new creations in Christ ([2 Cor 5:17](#)). We never forget that He has exchanged our worthlessness for His infinite worth, our sin for His righteousness, and the life we now live, we live by faith in the Son of God who loved us and gave Himself for us ([Gal 2:20](#)). That is true humility.

Biblical humility is not only necessary to enter the kingdom, it is also necessary to be great in the kingdom ([Matt 20:26-27](#)). Here Jesus is our model. Just as He did not come to be served, but to serve, so must we commit ourselves to serving others, considering their interests above our own ([Phil 2:3](#)). This attitude precludes selfish ambition, conceit, and the strife that comes with self-justification and self-defense. Jesus was not ashamed to humble Himself as a servant ([John 13:1-16](#)), even to death on the cross ([Phil 2:8](#)). In His humility, He was always obedient to the Father and so should the humble Christian be willing to put aside all selfishness and submit in obedience to God and His Word. True humility produces godliness, contentment, and security.

God has promised to give grace to the humble, while He opposes the proud ([Prov 3:34](#); [1 Peter 5:5](#)). Therefore, we must confess and put away pride. If we exalt ourselves, we place ourselves in opposition to God who will, in His grace and for our own good, humble us. But if we humble ourselves, God gives us more grace and exalts us ([Luke 14:11](#)).

Missionary Update PNG

Yesterday, I was accompanied by 3 ladies to do outreach in the hospital. We began in the special care nursery where two new tiny ones are hooked up to oxygen in beds next to each other. Some of the babies are in incubators. We read Scripture and prayed with them and gave them some small gifts. We saw one teenage girl in a wheelchair who looked pretty sick and/or disabled. The physical therapist, whom I had previously met when we delivered the crutches and mobile walkers, told me this girl needed some sort of walker to support her in walking. I said I could not promise, but I would return to the second hand store where we obtained the other items. So today since the staff car was not available, I rode in a pmv (public motor vehicle) to and from the store. I had prayed for a safe journey as the road is under construction and the drivers are sometimes in a big hurry.

One thing I really like about public transportation is that it gives me a chance to talk to people and to share tracts with them. At the store, I had been able to get a mobile walker that just needed a few screws and also a pair of crutches. People in the pmv, which was crowded, graciously held the walker for me. I have found so many people here ready to help me out. Of course there is always a big discussion about me the "wait meri" (white woman) when I am walking or riding. Yeah, I guess I am that.

I told the young man next to me on the pmv why I had the items from the second hand store, and he said yes, foreigners see and respond to need. Praise God for giving us these opportunities. People here tend to help out persons only from their own tribes. Having lived on 5 continents, I believe "tribalism" is universal. Hopefully those of us who love people and follow Jesus are not stuck in helping only those who are like us.

So the delivery to the hospital complete, I came home and had the youth pastor and his wife and 3 year old for pizza, which they were introduced to by me and they really love. At one point the kid did something slightly naughty and the Dad said that Lois would call the Defense. The kid said that was ok as he had a bow and arrow. Funny, only in PNG.

Last Saturday when I attended the church lunch for the street men, I met some who said they had been in prison and I had given them a Bible, blanket, shirt, and so on. Praise God for that opportunity to reach out to them in prison and subsequently in the church. One man shared how much it meant to them to be welcomed in a church, where they are usually made to feel they are not wanted. - 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.

Important Dates;

- Monday December 3rd - Women’s Fellowship
- Sunday December 9th - Youth Group
- Sunday December 16th - Water Baptism
- Sunday December 16th - Skating Party with FCSJ @ SK847 Franklinville NJ
- Sunday December 30th - Lord’s Supper followed by Lunch Fellowship

“Pride must die in you, or nothing of heaven can live in you.”

— Andrew Murray