

“Come, follow Me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” Matthew 4:19

Every Sunday one of our friends here in the church describes how much he loves going fishing up in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. He loves being immersed in God’s creation, enjoying the beauty and the solitude. Every week he catches at least a half-dozen trout of different varieties and then he sets them loose (“catch & release”).

For him, fishing is an art. He ties his own flies and carefully picks his spots in the rivers noting the rocks, the shading and the depth of the water. He knows his fish and he knows how to catch them! He loves fishing and that joy is contagious. He may just get me up in the mountains someday soon to join him!

I believe Jesus invites us to adopt that same love and care to “fishing for people.” It’s an art to “fish for people.” It demands knowing & loving God, knowing & loving His good news and knowing & loving people.

Using another metaphor, Jesus said that finding “lost sheep” brings great joy to heaven. (Luke 15) Imagine that something we do here on earth impacts the emotional atmosphere in the presence of God!

In addition to bringing joy to God and glory to Jesus as the Savior of all who believe, “fishing for people” is a concrete way to show love to our family members, friends, neighbors and even our enemies. Without Jesus, we’re lost ... forever.

It’s time we each became intentional about fishing! These next several months we’re going to be focusing on reaching out and loving our neighbors, on sharing the love of Christ by sharing His good news.

As I mentioned recently in church, to be a faithful witness, we need to know the people with whom we share the love of Christ. I’ve found this chart very helpful. Prayerfully ask the Lord to give insight to you about the people you want to share with. He will!

Understanding where people are on the scale is not judgmental, but helpful in understanding how to share with them and what to focus on. If someone views God as fully tolerant of any belief or sin, then



you probably want to start there rather than talking about Jesus dying for their sins. Jesus death would be irrelevant—maybe even pitiful—for the person who has no concept of who He is or why He came to earth.

This month—before you go fishing—start praying for the people you love and want to talk to about Jesus. Ask for insight. Ask God to prepare their hearts for His love and His word. You may even want to invite them to Rally Day on September 11—even if they don’t have children!

It’s going to be a wonderful fall!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School RESUMES on Sept 11 @9:37AM

*The following is a summary of a sermon given by
J.C.Ryle (1816-1900)*

The Duties of Parents, Part 5 - Final Episode

“Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.”
[Proverbs 22:6]

What exactly does this verse mean regarding the proper training of children? You can be sure, that if you want to train your children for heaven, then the hints that follow ought not be lightly set aside.

Hint #1. Train them in the way they should go, not in the way that they want to go.

Hint #2. Train your child with all tenderness, affection, and patience.

Hint #3. Train your children with a lasting conviction that most of it depends on you.

Hint #4. Train them with the thought in mind that the soul of your child is the first thing to be considered.

Hint #5. Train your child to have a knowledge of the Bible.

Hint #6. Train them to have a habit of prayer.

Hint #7. Train them to be faithful and regular in attending church

Hint #8. Train them to have the habit of faith.

Hint #9. Train them to have a habit of obedience.

Hint #10. Train them to have a habit of always speaking the truth.

Hint #11. Train them to have a habit of always redeeming the time.

Hint #12. As you train your children, make sure that you maintain a constant fear of being an over-indulgent parent.

Hint #13. Train them remembering continually how God trains His children.

Hint #14. Train them remembering continually the influence of your own example.

Hint #15. Train them remembering continually the power of sin.

You must not expect to find your children's minds a sheet of pure white paper. It is painful to see how much corruption and evil there is in a young child's heart, and how soon it begins to bear fruit. Violent tempers, self-will, pride, envy, sullenness, passion, idleness, selfishness, deceit, cunning, falsehood, hypocrisy, a terrible aptness to learn what is bad, a painful slowness to learn what is good, a readiness to pretend anything in order to gain their own ends. They will creep out at a very early age. But you must not be discouraged by what you see. It is that fallen nature with which we come into the world; it is that inheritance which belongs to us all. Let it rather make you more diligent in using every means which seem most likely, by God's blessing, to counteract the mischief. Let it make you more and more careful, so far as in you lies, to keep your children out of the way of temptation.

Hint #16. Train them remembering continually the promises of Scripture.

You have a plain promise on your side, “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old he will not depart from it” (Prov. 22:6). Think what it is to have a promise like this. Promises are the cordials which in every age have supported and strengthened the believer. Fathers and mothers, when your hearts are failing, and ready to halt, look at the word of this text, and take comfort. Think who it is that promises. It is the word of the King of kings, who never changes. Has He said a thing, and shall He not do it? Or Has He spoken, and shall He not make it good? Neither is anything too hard for Him to perform. The things that are impossible with men are possible with God. You may not see with your own eyes the result of careful training, but you know not what blessed fruits

may not spring from it, long after you are dead and gone. Go forward in faith, and be sure that your labour shall not be altogether thrown away.

Hint #17. Train them, lastly, with continual prayer for a blessing on all you do.

Without the blessing of the Lord, your best endeavors will do no good. He has the hearts of all men in His hands, and except He touch the hearts of your children by His Spirit, you will weary yourself to no purpose. Water, therefore, the seed you sow on their minds with unceasing prayer. The Lord is far more willing to hear than we to pray; far more ready to give blessings than we to ask them. And now, in conclusion, I press upon you the necessity and importance of using every single means in your power, if you would train children for heaven. God is a sovereign God, and does all things according to the counsel of His own will. Fathers and mothers...you may

send them to the best of schools, and give them Bibles and Prayer Books, and fill them with head knowledge:— but if all this time there is no regular training at home, it will go hard in the end with your children’s souls. Home is the place where habits are formed; — home is the place where the foundations of character are laid; —Take every pains to train your children in the way they should go. Train well for this life, and train well for the life to come; train well for earth, and train well for heaven; train them for God, for Christ, and for eternity.

●○○●● Arpi Keledjian



For several months now, the Sunday School had a missions drive for youth in Armenia, specifically to help the Young Life Armenia ministry. We had been collecting sports equipment, school supplies like backpacks, and some hygiene related products. On August 23, some of the Young Life Armenia staff were with us for a night and they shared about the ministry. They were also excited to see what our Sunday School had collected for the youth in Armenia.



**SEPT 11: RALLY SUNDAY
SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES**

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AFTER CHURCH
FESTIVITIES:**

**TACO TRUCK
CARNIVAL STYLE GAMES
SNOW CONES
COTTON-CANDY
DEEP FRIED SOMETHING
DUNK-A-BADVELI**

**An Invitation to
Tuesday Night Women's
Bible Study Group**

*How do I trust God when I'm going
through a very difficult situation?*

Is God really working behind the scenes in my life?

Where is my country's leadership heading to?

How do I know what's God's purpose in my life?

*Oh one more question which we all try to avoid, "How do
I forgive that one person who really hurt me so bad?"*

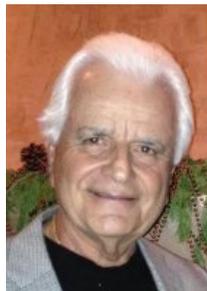
If you would like the answers to these questions and if God has cleared your schedule on **Tuesdays 6pm to 7:30pm**, if you need a supportive group of ladies to draw spiritual encouragement from and be an encouragement to them, please consider yourself invited. If you have any questions please call Sonia Yemenjian, 287-6615 or just come on **September 12** to join us. We would love to have you study the awesome book of Daniel with us.



The women of **FAPC's Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study** ended the year and the study of Romans with a delicious lunch and time of fellowship. The Bible study will resume on Thursday, September 8 at 9:45am in the Fireside room. Come join us!



The **Fresno Bee** recognized **Alexander Asmar** and other members of the Clovis North High School Broncos Boys' Golf Team as the 2016 All-Star Team of the Year. Alexander is the son of **Dr. Scott and Jane E. (Bedrosian) Asmar** and the grandson of **Katherine** and the late **Krikor Bedrosian**.



Eugene Nalbandian, a child of our church, has published a new volume entitled "**Lamentations of a Dad: How Takeaways Lead to Comebacks.**" A graduate of UCLA and former professional baseball player, Gene was the founder of Jardinier Corporation and Eco Growing Systems and a co-founder of Swensen's Ice Cream Shoppes. His new book is available through Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and Halo Publishing. Gene is the son of early-day FAPC members Arnold and Elizabeth Nalbandian.

Mr. Nalbandian will be having a book launch on September 28, 7pm at FAPC.



Heartiest congratulations to **Tamara N. Shamlian, D.D.S., M.S.** on the opening of her practice, Clarity Orthodontics, on July 16, 2016. Tamara's offices are located at 7035 North West Avenue, Suite 103, just north of Herndon Avenue. The daughter of Dr. Dennis and Rita Shamlian and granddaughter of Gina Yedalian, Tamara is a Board Certified Orthodontist as well as a volunteer to the FAPC Junior High Youth Group.

The **Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church Men's Forum** cordially invites members and friends of the FAPC Men's Fellowship to a joint breakfast on Saturday, September 10, 2016. The breakfast will take place at 9 a.m. in the Pilgrim Fellowship Hall, 3673 North First Street at Garland Avenue. **Retired Marine Corps Officer Dan Payne**, decorated veteran of Operation Desert Storm, will be the keynote speaker. Reservations are \$10 per person and may be made by calling (559) 907-8110 or (559) 229-2915.

Members of FAPC will travel on September 25 to Calvary Armenian Congregational Church and worship there. Following the worship service, along with members of CACC, they will take some time in San Francisco touring. SPACE is limited on the bus. If you're interested, please contact Rita Shamlian ASAP or reserve your spot with the church office.



●●●● Family Life News ●●●●

Hayk C. Kosaian, son of Vardan and Dr. Arpine (Atoian) Kosaian, graduated from Clovis North High School on June 9, 2016 as an Academic Scholar of Distinction and delivered the C o m m e n c e m e n t



Address with his forensics teammate, Gregory Linkowski.

Gerald Karabian was one of 66 Korean War and World War II Veterans to participate in the 10th Central Valley Honor Flight in June 2016. Accompanied by cousin *Robert Mangasarian*, Jerry traveled to Washington, D.C. and visited the Iwo Jima Memorial, Korean and Vietnam War Memorials, and Arlington National Cemetery, among other historic sites.

ALL SISTER CHURCHES LUNCHEON
hosted by Holy Trinity Apostolic Church
\$35 per person
RSVP to Mary Lou by August 25

TOY & BOOK DRIVE FOR FAPC NURSERY

FAPC Nursery is growing and would love your gently used books and toys for children ages 1 to 3 years old.

You can drop them off in the office. If you have any questions regarding this please contact Shara Tirapelle at Shara.Tirapelle@gmail.com or 559.908.0789.

*Any items not used will be donated.

Our Condolences:



Violet Enoch Vartan, oldest living member of First Armenian Presbyterian Church, passed away on Independence Day 2016 at the age of 101. Her father was instrumental in the relocation of FAPC from its original home on Fulton Street to the present-day campus at First Street and Huntington Boulevard. She is survived by her sons, Dennis and his wife, Linda, and Robert and his wife, Barbara; and five grandchildren: Dr. Lynn and Jeana Vartan, Alex and Danny Vartan, and Robbie Vartan and his wife Michelle. She also is survived by brother's daughters, nieces Judy, Charlene and Janice, and their families.



Armen Toutikian, beloved son of Hagop and Ashken Toutikian, passed away on July 23, 2016 at the age of 44. An installer for Hightronics, Armen was injured in an automobile accident as a young man and went to meet his Lord and Savior after being in a coma for more than two decades. In addition to his loving parents, Armen is survived by his loving parents Jack & Ashkhen Toutikian, brother Jack Toutikian, niece Karin Toutikian and nephew Shant Toutikian.



Susan Marriam Ohanesian, beloved daughter of Gary and Chris Ohanesian, passed away on July 13, 2016 at the age of 32. A child of FAPC, Susan grew up in the Sunnyside area and was a 2002 graduate of Bullard High School. She was a Certified Shorthand Reporter working in Alameda County at the time of her passing. Susan was preceded in death by her grandparents, Aram and Marge Ohanesian. She is survived by her loving parents, brothers Gary Ohanesian and Jack Ohanesian, D.D.S, sister-in-law Jessi, nephew Henry, and many members of her extended family.

Once a child, always a child

I grew up watching Saturday morning cartoons like Transformers, X-Men, or Spiderman. I love how all these heroes have returned to the movies. The recent films aren't just for young boys and girls aspiring to one day fly like Superman and rid the evil in the world. They're being filmed and made for the "child" in all of us. I can't wait to enter into the imaginary world with Emelia and show her the uniqueness of the X-Men or show her my favorite Transformer, called "Bumblebee."

If we were to read through the first epistle by the Apostle John, then we would notice how he continually refers to the readers as children. "The Family of God," is a theme of his and we become part of it as we believe in Christ. 1 John 3:1 says, "*How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!*" We become God's children by believing in what Jesus did for us on the cross. We begin living this new life God lavishly and graciously provided. I love this word "lavish." It reminds me of the illustration that He's not just filling my cup with water, but that when God lavishes us with His love, that means my cup is overflowing with water and then onto the table and ground. It's OVERFLOWING WITH LOVE.

I love (yes that word is used a lot, intentionally) that we're still children in God's eyes. As an adult, raising a child now, I often miss the playfulness, the fun, or imagination of children. I see Emelia go into her creative and imaginary time of play and yearn for that again. Then I'm reminded that God sees me as His child. Of course our parents are great and have done a great job raising us or continue to raise us. I wanted to thank parents for the hard work, discipline, and love they've poured on their children. I also wanted to remind parents, grandparents, that we're still God's children. God wants His children to enjoy a relationship with Him. If that's the case, then we at FAPC have made it a priority to help foster your growth in God's family, whatever age you are.

I know once you read the words Sunday School, you may think—I graduated. But did you know we have classes for 2 years old and up? What a great discipline and education you're installing into your children and grandchildren by coming together to Sunday School.

Sunday School will kick off with Rally Sunday, Sept 11! Two words: Taco Truck. After church that Sunday we will eat together, have some crazy fun over carnival like games, and maybe these other two words will inspire you: Dunk Tank. Yes, come and Dunk-a-Badveli!

Sunday School starts with assembly time (singing, memory verses, and announcements) at 9:37AM and then the children go into their classes: 2-3 year olds, Pre-K-Kindergarten, 1st-3rd grades, 4th-5th grades, Junior High, and then Senior High school. All classes, including the Adult classes end at the same time of 10:45AM. Just in time to worship together as a church family.

We have a good problem, regarding the children of our church. One of the most exciting news is hearing the loud noises coming from the nursery. I'm not referring to when we have on average 8-10 children in there from the ages of 1-3 years old during the church hour. In July, the Session agreed that we needed more space for these children. So, we approached Kalem Kazarian to oversee the remodel of the nursery. He has graciously donated his time



and expenses as a contractor and along with Shara Tirapelle, they're remodeling the nursery to create an environment where our children can invest in their



relationship with Jesus. Kalem had a great idea to involve volunteers from the church, so every Wednesday evening and Saturday morning there have been servants in there tearing walls down, cutting holes for windows, painting, and most importantly



praying to see this new space be a place where our little ones know Jesus more. This remodel has helped foster relationships with one another in the community. In addition, Rev. Phil is working along with some of our youth group members to prepare the area outside of the nursery for a playground to be installed. THAT'S SOME AMAZING LOUD NOISES FOR GOD'S KINGDOM. We're very thankful for those servants who have given up some of their Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings so that our children can continually be loved by our Father and church family.

We finished the month of August with our annual family camp. We had Dr. Taylor and Joanna Williams come out from Cleveland and share about the abundant life we have in Jesus. He led sessions on how to be led more by Jesus, how to lead more like Jesus with your spouse and family, and how to lead more to Jesus. There was a lot of loud noises again because we had 13 kids in the nursery and over 30 children under the age of 12. I was jealous of the energy these kids had till the wee hours of the night. Many thanks to all who helped put it together!

My hope and prayer is that this year our children of all ages at FAPC truly grasp the love that the Father has graciously lavished on us. My hope is that we extend the same love and grace to others who don't know it. Who needs to hear about this love? Maybe they too miss being a child. I hope you take the time with them to remind them that God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is waiting for them to crawl up on His lap and be lavishly loved by Him.

●●●●● Badveli Mgo



Young Life Armenia

In July, FAPC sent a team of volunteers to partner up with Young Life Armenia. This is the third year that we've sent a group, and every year our relationship with this dynamic ministry has grown. We're thankful for the leadership in Armenia and we will continue to pray that God use Young Life Armenia to bring many to know Jesus as Lord and Savior. Our team consisted of: Paul Koligian, Sevag Afarian, Ed, Silva, Eddie, Tina Esajian, and Rev. Mgo Mekredijian. Christie Tcharkoutian joined us from the Los Angeles area. The team had some leadership trainings with the staff, spent some time doing construction at their new site in Hankavan Valley, developed relationships with the campers as we attended and participated in some of their summer camps, and enjoyed some of sites of Armenia. We thank you for your prayer and support of this ministry. Here are some photos from our trip.





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Joint Worship Service/Communion	Sept 4
California Armenian Home Worship Visit	Sept 4
All-Church Sister Lunch	Sept 10
Rally Sunday	Sept 11
Worship with CACC, San Francisco Trip	Sept 25
Joint Worship Service/Communion	Oct 2
Joint Worship Service/Communion	Nov 6
Daylight Saving Time	Nov 6
Merchant's Lunch	Nov 10
Hunger Project	Nov 19
Joint Worship Service/Communion	Dec 4
"It's A Wonderful Life" Play @ 2nd Space Theatre	Dec 4
Congregational Meeting	Dec 11
Sunday School Christmas Program, 4pm	Dec 18

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