

Your “why” is your “how”.

Be sure to read those five words several times before you go on. Your “why” is your “how”.

Every year resolutions are made & broken in the early weeks of January. Some of us make it into February, but most don't. We can read books, attend seminars, participate in webinars, consult blogs and even have accountability partners. But, ultimately, only your “why” will empower you to take the daily steps you'll need to grow and to accomplish your goals.

Our family has adopted an expression this fall that we learned from Helen Maroulis, the Olympic 53 kg wrestling gold medalist in Rio: Christ is in me, I am enough. As she entered the gold medal match against the reigning 13-time world champion, a 3-time gold medalist, she kept repeating to herself, “Christ is in me, I am enough.” Her “why” was her “how”. She knew she did not need to be the best-ever; she knew she did not even need to be superior to her opponent. She knew that she just needed to be “enough,” enough to win in that match, on that day. Christ, His presence, was her anchor.

How frequently do we stop short in our discipleship—in our journey to become more & more like Jesus—and our desire to love Him more and follow Him more faithfully? How frequently do we just quit with the excuse, “that’s just me; that’s just the way I am”?

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me.
Galatians 2:20

How frequently do we let go of dreams that we are sure that God has for us because we believe that not even Christ could accomplish His will in us? How frequently are we convinced that we are just too big of an obstacle even for Him?

As we move into 2017, if you are a follower of Jesus Christ, He lives within you. His Holy Spirit indwells you and has promised to empower, teach and guide you moment by moment. You are enough! If your goal is to grow in your relationship with Him, you have hope! Of course it's all about Him! But you're the one who will live out your faith in 2017 and, with Him in you, you are enough!”

He is your “why”!

Jesus Christ is the reason you can and will grow in Christ in 2017. Jesus Christ is the “how” for loving your neighbor/family member/colleague/classmate. Jesus Christ, living in you, is the “how” for your desire to grow in prayer and in worship. Jesus Christ must be your “how” for overcoming difficulties, difficult people, character flaws, pain, trials and the genuinely hard challenges you are facing in 2017.

The Elders asked me to articulate our vision for 2017 as a church. Here it is: *FAPC is a house of prayer where each person knows their role.* We, the Christ-followers who gather at 430 S. First Street on Sunday mornings, are a house of prayer where each one of us knows how we fit.

Really (with that cynical head-tilt)?! Christ is in us, we are enough!

I can't wait to see how He will prove faithful in 2017 far beyond our expectations!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School @9:37AM RESUMES Jan 8, 2017

Kids Quest RESUMES Jan 8, 2017 (Ages 4-7) during the worship service

Nursery: (Ages 1-3) RESUMES on Jan 8, 2017 (9:30AM-12:30PM)



Our Sunday School kids, from Pre-K to High School age were involved in this year's Christmas Production, titled "A King is Coming." The Christmas play directed by Arpi Keledjian and Adrineh Tokatian was a great success. Following the wonderful play, with nearly 200 in attendance, the church family enjoyed a nice meal together.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Junior High and Senior High Youth Group (Sundays after church)

The Hustle and Bustle of December

The FAPC youth experienced a very busy but blessed December. It started with the opportunity to join the entire church family in attending the play; "It's a Wonderful Life." This was a fun event; dinner and a play, but most importantly it provided a great setting for the adults and youth to fellowship with one another.



The following week we had the opportunity to sing Christmas carols at the homes of four of our FAPC shut-ins. This was the most enjoyable caroling time that I had ever

experienced. You might be wondering why? The students had fantastic attitudes; they really wanted to bring joy to the elderly people that we visited. The students had fun, the people we visited were thrilled and I had the opportunity to praise God for being a part of this service opportunity with the youth.

A few days later the fun continued when we were graciously hosted by Ron and Missy Statler for the annual youth Christmas party. This was a great time

consisting of a wonderful dinner, the opportunity to walk in groups down Christmas Tree Lane, the captivating experience of making our own candy canes with Ron's family recipe, and a fun cut-throat Christmas gift exchange game (I ended up with the "World's Largest Whoopee Cushion"; it doesn't get any better than that!!!).



Lastly, our youth under the fantastic leadership of Arpi Keledjian, were blessed with the opportunity to act in the Christmas play; "A King is Coming to Town"; which presented the Gospel for all to hear. Sure, the youth had a fun December, but most importantly they experienced the joy of serving others during Christmas. May we all continue with that heart of service throughout the year.

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WINTER CAMP 2017

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Isaiah 41:10



Weekend Dates

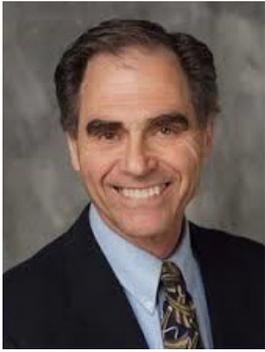
HIGH SCHOOL: JANUARY 13-15

COLLEGE & CAREER: JANUARY 20-22

JUNIORS: JANUARY 27-29

JUNIOR HIGH: FEBRUARY 3-5

For information call 818.507.0922 | To register visit www.camparev.org



The FAPC Men's Fellowship Returns on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 with our *Annual Armenian Christmas Dinner* and special guest Dr. Richard A. Kriegbaum, President of Fresno Pacific University. Mezza -- 6:30 p.m. Barbecue Dinner -- 7 p.m.

Please call (559) 237-6638 for Reservations



The Ladies of FAPC have been invited to be the guests of Dorcas Guild (Pilgrim) at a lunch on Thursday, February 2, 2017 with the Social Hour at 11a.m. and lunch at 11:30a.m. For more information or to register, call the church office (237-6638) or Nelda Baker (434-6194). Reservations are due by Wednesday, January 25th.



The Friday Men's Bible Study Luncheon Group rounded out 2016 with a December 16 "End of Year" Christmas meal featuring shish kebab, savory pilaf, garden salad, handcrafted cookies, and mango cheesecake. Extra-special thanks to our chefs: Dr. Jay Khushigian, Reverend Gregory V. Haroutunian, Jeff Esraelian, and Richard Bittikofer. Senior Pastor Greg Haroutunian, the weekly discussion leader, reviewed the principles of 5G Discipleship: Grace, Growth, Groups, Gifts, and Giving. The Friday Men's Bible Study will resume on January 13 with a new topic of study and another great meal. Please e-mail fapc3@fapc.net or call 237-6638 to be placed on the Bible Study e-list.



A special congratulations to one of our Deacons, *Anto Sakayan* for graduating from Fresno Pacific University with his Bachelor's Degree in History & Biblical Studies. Another special congratulations to our Nursery Attendant and Admin Assistant, *Marisa Bagato* for graduating from Fresno Pacific University as well, with her Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education. Congratulations Anto & Marisa!



MUSIC CORNER

"Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty

heavens. Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness. Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with the timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe, praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord."

I'd like to invite you to join us with your instrument or voice in praising the Lord!

Band: rehearsals are every Wednesday from 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Choir: rehearsals are every Sunday, from 9:45am to 10:45am in the choir room behind the platform.

Questions can be directed to Jesse at music@fapc.net or on the phone at 559-978-7832



The Deacons Corner

Get well wishes and prayers for: Irma Karabian, Pearl Lion, Shela Mangasarian, Mary Lou Baghdasarian, Jane Bedrosian, Radik Martirosyan.



●●●● Family Life News ●●●●



Our church family had the pleasure of going to the play, "It's A Wonderful Life," which happened on December 4 (pictures above). On December 11 (pictures below), some of our church family went caroling to pray and singing for our home-bound members.





Some of the ladies of the church family enjoyed a meal together at *Nelda Baker's* home. It was followed by an interview of *Sossy Haroutunian* and *Tamar Mekredjian* and their respective Christmas traditions.



The Call of a Servant

“When you think of servanthood, what do you envision? Servanthood is not about position or skill. It’s about attitude. You undoubtedly have met people in service positions who have poor attitudes toward servanthood, and just as you can sense when a worker doesn’t want to help people, you can just as easily detect whether a leader has a servant’s heart. The truth is that the best leaders desire to serve others, not themselves. True servant leaders..

- Put others ahead of their own agenda
- Possess the confidence to serve
- Initiate service to others.
- Are not position--conscious
- Serve out of love.

Servant leadership is never motivated by manipulation or self-promotion. In the end, the extent of your influence depends on the depth of your concern for others. That’s why it’s so important for leaders to be willing to serve.”

-John Maxwell, *Leadership Promises for Every Day*

On *Saturday, Jan 28*: all servants, volunteers, elders, deacons (past or present), committee chair and members, staff, are all welcomed and highly recommend to attend a “Workshop on Leadership.”

*Lite breakfast will be provided. Jan 28, 2017
9AM-11:30AM. Please RSVP with Badveli Mgo at
Associate@fapc.net.*

Աստուած Կը Ներգործէ Մեզի Քրիստոսով Հայկական Աստուածաշունչ Համարները

Քրիստոս Կեդրոնն է Գաղատացիս 2:20
Քրիստոսին հետ խաչը ելայ եւ ալ կենդանի եմ ո՛չ թէ ես, հապա Քրիստոս կենդանի է իմ մէջս. բայց ես որ հիմա մարմնովս կ’ապրիմ Աստուծոյ Որդիին հաւատքովը կ’ապրիմ, որ զիս սիրեց որ իր անձը ինձի համար մատնեց:

Հնազանդութիւն Հռովմայեցիս 12:1
Աղո՛ կ’աղաչեմ ձեզի եղբայրներ՛ր, Աստուած ողորմութիւնը, որ ձեր մարմինները ընծայէք կենդանի զոհ մը՝ սուրբ, Աստուծոյ հաճելի, որ է ձեր բանաւոր պաշտօնը:

Աստուածաշունչ Զ Տիմոթէոս 3:16-17
Բոլոր գիրգը Աստուծոյ շունչն է եւ ոգտակար՝ է սորվեցնելու, յանդիմանելու, շտկելու եւ արդարութեան մէջ խրատելու համար, որպէս զի Աստուծոյ մարդը կատարեալ ըլլայ՝ ամէն բարի գործերու պատրաստուած:

Աղոթք Փիլիպպեցիս 4:6-7
Բանի համար հոգ մի՛ ընէք, հապա ամէն բանի մէջ աղօթքով ու աղաչանքով, գոհութիւնով մէկտեղ, վեր խնդրանքը Աստուծոյ յայտնի ըլլայ: Աստուծոյ խաղաղութիւնը, որ ամէն մտքէ վեր է, ձեր սրտերը ու մտքերը Յիսուս Քրիստոսով պիտի պահպանէ:

Հաղորդութիւնը Երբայեցիս 10:24-25
Եւ ուշադիր ըլլանք իրարու հանդէպ՝ սիրոյ եւ բարի գործերու յորդորելով զիրար, ու զանց չընենք մէկտեղ հաւաքուիլը, ինչպէս որ ոմանք սովոր են ընել. Այլ խրախուսենք զիրար, եւ ատիկա այնչափ ատելի՛ որչափ կը տեսնէք օրուան մօտեճալը:

Աւետարանչութիւն Հռովմայեցիս 1:16
Վասն զի ես ամօթ չեմ սեպեր ավետարանը քանզի Աստուծմէ զօրութիւնն է ան: Բոլոր հաւատացեալներուն փրկութեան համար՝ առաջ Հրեային ու ետքը Յոյնին:



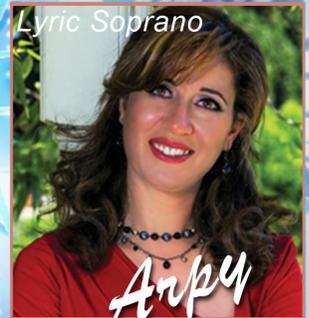
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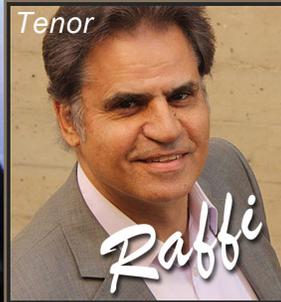
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No Sunday School & Nursery	Dec 25 & Jan 1
Joint Worship Service/Communion	Jan 1
Armenian Christmas Language VBS & Concert	Jan 5-7
Armenian Christmas (Office closed)	Jan 6
Armenian Home Worship	Jan 8
Workshop on Leadership	Jan 28
Joint Worship Service/Communion	Feb 5
Armenian Home Worship	Feb 5
Annual Congregation Meeting	Feb 12
Men's Retreat	Feb 24-26

Church Office:
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