

No Fear February

How's that for an approach for this next month?

If "Christ is in us, and therefore, we are enough," (remember last month's Mosaix) why are we so fearful? Why do we find ourselves anxious about so many things?

Yes, there's potential rejection around every corner. The memory and consequences of past failure looms large. The shadow of death inevitably intrudes and taunts us. Climate change, economic & political uncertainty and social instability seem to threaten every time we hear or read the news.

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

I love how the New American Standard Bible literally translates "do not be dismayed": *do not anxiously look about you*. When I'm afraid, my eyes are darting back and forth, behind me, in front of me and both sides, searching for any potential danger.

I know it's a month early but St. Patrick's Breastplate gives us a great model for praying in the face of fear.

*Christ with me and Christ before me.
Christ behind me and Christ in me.
Christ beneath me and Christ above me.
Christ to my right and Christ to my left.
Christ when I lie down and Christ when I arise.
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me.*

Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me.

Christ in every eye that sees me.

Christ in every ear that hears me.

I arise today through a mighty strength:

The invocation of the Trinity.

Through belief in the three-ness,

Through confession of the one-ness,

Of the creator of creation.

The living God is with us. We don't deny what we're afraid of. We don't pretend dangers aren't real. No, as followers of Christ, recipients of the Holy Spirit, beloved children of God, the Father, we take up the shield of faith and stand our ground. Our families need us to trust God in the face of fear. Our church family needs all of us to keep our eyes fixed on the Lord rather than give in to anxiety. Our neighbors and colleagues need to see a contrast to the panic & anger threatening to engulf our nation and world.

God promises us strength. He promises help! He promises to be close enough to hang on to us and keep us in His grip. Our "job" is to trust Him, to rest in Him and reject fear's mocking. And we need to do this together. We can link arms together, encouraging each other both in prayer and as we serve side by side in the work God has prepared for us in the ministries of FAPC.

Our vision for 2017 is *FAPC is a house of prayer where each person knows their role*. As a praying community where each of us knows how we fit, we can endure and triumph together! Please let me know if you're willing to be a part of a daily virtual prayer team for our church & the Kingdom.

NO FEAR! God is with us! Hang on! He's holding on to us!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School @9:37AM

Kids Quest (Ages 4-7) during the worship service

Nursery: (Ages 1-3) (9:30AM-12:30PM)

Great things are happening at Sunday School. Sunday School begins at 9:37 AM when we first gather for assembly time. Chris Shamlian and Badveli Razmig lead us in worship, singing praises to God.

All the students have been learning I Corinthians 13 and a few have already memorized some or all of the chapter. Those who have memorized will recite it during the church service on February

12th. Following worship, the students are dismissed to their respective classes. There is a class for every age group, including adults. The classes include: nursery, 2-3 year olds, pre-kinder and kindergarten, grades 1-3, grades 4-5, middle school, high school, women class, and men's class. We invite you and your children to join us for this great opportunity to learn God's ways in a small group setting.

●●●●● Arpi Keledjian

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

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

Christmas Again?

Just when you thought Christmas was over! On January 8th, the FAPC Youth Group was blessed to be able to attend the Armenian Christmas Celebration at the Armenian Home.

The youth and other members of our church family had one goal in mind as we interacted with the elderly in the home; display the love of Christ. This was done in three ways, 1) we sang Christmas carols with the seniors; this allowed them to worship God in song and also to see the outpouring of love through Christ displayed in our kids. 2) We served the elderly a tasty snack of string cheese, chorag, Armenian coffee, and tangerines; displaying Christ's servant heart. 3) We spent time with the residence listening to their wonderful life stories told of many joys and sorrows throughout the years. Some of our youth even visited members in

their rooms as they were too sick to attend the service.

What I enjoyed most of all was watching our youth genuinely reaching out to unknown older people and displaying love and care for them. This wasn't something that I coached them on in the parking lot, their actions were truly in response to the love that Christ had shown them and was now being poured out on others. Isn't this a wonderful picture of how a redeemed person in Christ displays his or her new life in the Lord?!!



●●●●● Badveli Phil

WINTER CAMP 2017

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being certain in uncertainty

Isaiah 41:10



Weekend Dates

HIGH SCHOOL: JANUARY 13-15

COLLEGE & CAREER: **MARCH 12-14**

JUNIORS: JANUARY 27-29

JUNIOR HIGH: FEBRUARY 3-5

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Candice Nahigian was elected National Representative of the Armenian Evangelical Youth Fellowship (AEYF) at the 23rd Biennial General Assembly of the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America (AEUNA). The General Assembly took place June 23-26, 2016 in Chicago. Candice spoke to the FAPC Congregation at the January 15 worship service and reported on events at the AEYF East Coast Fall Conference in Toronto and AEYF West Coast Fall Conference in Pasadena. Citing Corinthians 9: 19-23, Candice encouraged the Church Family to pray for the Union and its servant leadership, to give support, to include the youth in Church life, and to serve those around us. A student at U.C. Santa Barbara, Candice is the daughter of Eliot S. Nahigian and Lynnette Nahigian.



The Friday Men's Bible Study Luncheon resumes February 3, 2017 with a great meal and an eight-week study of Psalm 23 under the guidance of Senior Pastor Greg Haroutunian. Please call the Church Office or e-mail fapc3@fapc.net to be placed on the Bible Study E-list.



Our Condolences:



Nancy Jean (Feaver) Cencibaugh, R.N., wife of FAPC Interim Organist Richard O. Cencibaugh, passed away in Fresno on December 26, 2016 at the age of 73. She worked as a pediatric nurse at Fresno Community Hospital and as a surgical nurse at Humana Hospital in Beirut in the era of the civil war of Lebanon. She is survived by her dear husband, Richard; three children, Vera Jackson and her husband, Scott; Matthew; and Stephanie; five grandchildren, Austin, Jacob, David, Lillian, and Scarlet; brother, Dr. Paul Feaver; and brother-in-law, Charles Cencibaugh.

Ronald Haig Tanner, a child of our Church, passed away on January 11, 2017 at the age of 81. Ron worked as a Registered Pharmacist for ten years before serving as Administrator of Fresno Westview Convalescent Hospital until his retirement in 1984. He is survived by his beloved wife of 54 years, Dodie; son David and his wife, Judi, daughter Linda Tanner McCrary and her husband Sean; and four grandchildren.



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!

Praise Band: rehearsals are every Wednesday from 6:30–8:30pm.

Choir: rehearsals are every Sunday, from 9:45-10:45am in the choir room behind the platform.

Questions for Jesse at music@fapc.net or on the phone at 559-978-7832

The Deacons Corner

We are praying and would like our church families to pray for best of health to: Mary Lou Bagdasarian, Jane Bedrosian, Cindy Rettig, Shela Mangasarian, Radik Martirosyan, and Araxi, Jeanette Vartanian's friend.

We are specifically praying for our Youth, homebound members, and of course our church.

Heartfelt Condolences to Marie and Knarig Kalayjian and their families on the loss of their father Hagop. The picture below is Rita Shamlian visiting one of our homebound members, Violet Jamgotchian.



Knights & Daughters of Vartan

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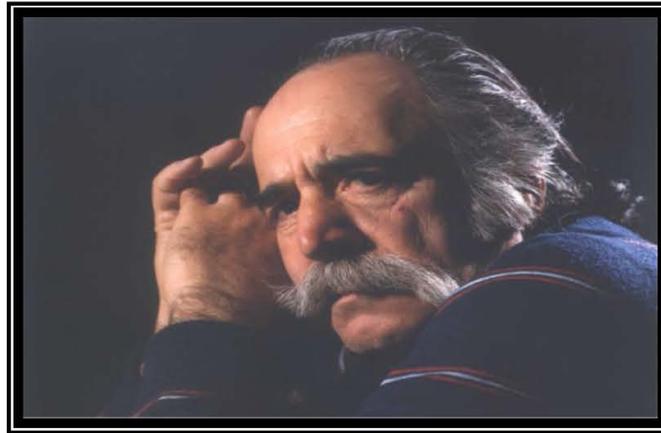
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Sunday, March 5, 2017, Luncheon 1:00 pm & Film Show 2:00 pm

First Armenian Presbyterian Church
430 S. First Street, Fresno, CA 93702

RESERVATION DEADLINE FEBRUARY 19, 2017

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Knights & Daughters of Vartan Saroyan Film Luncheon

____ Number of Adults at \$24 per person (Tables of 8) plus
____ Number of Students (8+years) at \$16 per person

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Choice of Entrée: ___ Lemon Chicken Piccata ___ Almond Crusted Tilapia ___ Vegetarian Lentil Kufteh

Dessert + Salad + Coffee, Iced Tea & Water

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Please Make Check Payable to Daughters of Vartan, memo: Saroyan Film Luncheon and Mail To:
Dr. Dennis Shamlian: 7077 N. West Ave. Suite 107, Fresno, CA 93711

For More Information Please Call: Philip Tavlian (559) 237-6638 or Rita Shamlian (559) 970-4785

AT THE DOOR: \$30 ADULT, \$22 STUDENT, \$12 FILM ONLY

Vartanantz Commemoration

Thursday, February 23, 2017

First Armenian Presbyterian Church
430 S. First Street, Fresno
559.237.6638



Joint Worship Service @ 6:30 p.m.

Civic Program @ 7:15 p.m .

Speaker: Phil Tavlian, Esq.

Presentation: Charlie Keyan Armenian School Children

After the program, a full mezza will be served in the FAPC Fellowship Hall

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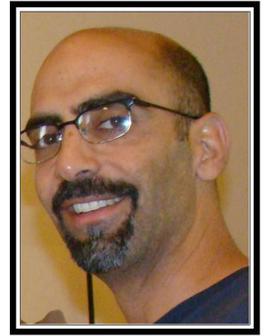
FAPC 2017 Men's Retreat



Mr. Fix-It

Rev. Phil Garo

LOVES to fix things, build things, break things so he can rebuild them—you name it, he loves to take it apart and go to work. You might even call him, “Mr. Fix-It”!



As men, we like to fix things! This spills into every area of our lives: computers, cars, gardens, businesses—sometimes other people and their problems (our wives & children too!). We even try to fix things that we have no idea how to repair in the first place. This year's Men's Retreat is all about looking at our lives and the church, recognizing what needs repair and rebuilding and gaining some tools to be a part of the change.

Badveli Phil is at home with the Scripture as he is with a socket-set. We'll be working on how we can cooperate with Christ as He builds His church and, in the process repairs our lives. Join us!

We will be heading to Hartland Christian Camp.
Make sure you get your registration in with shirt size.
Call the church office for more details.





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Upcoming Special Events

First Friday Worship & Prayer, 7PM	Feb 3
Joint Worship Service/Communion	Feb 5
Vartanantz Worship Service @ 6:30pm	Feb 23
Men's Retreat	Feb 24-26
First Friday Worship & Prayer	Mar 3
Armenian Home Worship	Mar 5
Annual Meeting	Mar 26
Luis Palau City Fest	Apr 1-2
First Friday Worship & Prayer, 7PM	Apr 7
Palm Sunday	Apr 9
Maundy Thursday Event	Apr 13
Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt & Worship Service	Apr 16

Church Office:
8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
(M - F)
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***Mosaix submissions
are due by the
15th of the month.
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