



The kids can't wait! They're counting down the days! School is almost over and it's ... SUMMER VACATION!!!

Is it on your calendar? How's your planning going? You are planning some time off from your normal schedule, right? I know our farmers can't take any time off this season. They are incredible at accomplishing an unbelievable amount of work in just twenty-four hours. Your break will have to come after harvest, and we're praying for a good one this year!

Others of you plan your vacations at other times of the year too. You want less crowds or it just works out better for your family. Whenever you choose, I urge you to please plan for time together with those you love to recalibrate and be renewed.

"You must observe my Sabbaths. This will be a sign between me and you for the generations to come, so you may know that I am the Lord, who makes you holy."

Exodus 31:13

Here's a question: What's the difference between a vacation and a "Sabbath"?

They both can be refreshing. They both are a break from our normal routines. They both have the idea of rest. What do you think? Are they the same or different?

One difference is that we look forward to taking vacations (usually), but we're conflicted about "taking a Sabbath". We're not sure if we can afford the time. We're not even sure what it is.

So, what is the difference between a vacation and a Sabbath?

I believe God's purposes behind the Sabbath guide us. The most commonly referenced reason for keeping the Sabbath is to follow God's example of working six days in Creation and resting on the seventh day. That was the rhythm God designed, one day out of seven we would rest from our work. It is an expression of trust in God's provision. God provides for His people, so six days of work is enough. To work more was disobedient and considered an expression of rebellion & independence.

The second explanation for the Sabbath is found in Exodus 31:13, "... so you may know that I am the Lord, who makes you holy." We need to stop working, so we can realize that God is the One who is working to set us apart for Himself. We belong to Him. He knows it! Christ accomplished it. But it's easy for us to forget 1 Corinthians 6:19-20. *Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.*

Taking a Sabbath reminds us *who* we are and *whose* we are! Vacations are all about us, taking the necessary time to reboot and enjoy ourselves. Keeping the Sabbath holy (set apart) is all about remembering that we belong to the Lord of all and that He works within us and between us to make us more like Jesus Christ. This includes worshipping together. It includes gathering together as the people of God, celebrating His good gifts. It includes including Him in all our activities.

According to the letter to the Hebrews, Sabbath is to be a way of thinking and a way of life, a mindset of dependence upon God for everything, especially our salvation. We are saved by His grace, not our works.

I'm finding that I need the Sabbath even more than a vacation! It's too easy to forget that I belong to the Living God and that His love for me is boundless. It's easy to get caught up in my family or our work here at church and completely miss out on God's good gift of Sabbath. Like it or not, experiencing God takes time and attention.

This summer, don't just plan your vacation. Do it, but just don't stop there! Start sneaking in minutes and hours and days when you focus on belonging to the Creator and Savior of the world. His heart is filled with affection for you! You belong to Him! Give Him the time to ravish and overwhelm you with His love! If we can fit it in now, we may just be able to continue in the fall.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL: JUNE 11 YOUTH SUNDAY: JUNE 11

The entire worship service will be lead by our youth. June 11, is also Graduation Sunday where we acknowledge and give thanks to God for the work He's done in this year's graduates.

SUMMER SCHEDULE of MINISTRIES:

JUNE 18-Aug 27, 2017

Kids Quest (Ages 3-8) 11:15am-12:15pm

"Kids Quest uses biblical accounts of God's work in the world to illustrate His character and explain abstract theological truths in a concrete way. Music, games, art, written activities and lots of repetition reinforce the teaching and help the children memorize the answers to the questions. At each meeting, the children review answers they have learned."

*We're excited that starting this Summer,
we will have two groups for Kids Quest:*

Ages 3-5

Ages 6-8

WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR THOSE WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED IN THIS MINISTRY.

If you're interested in serving in Kids Quest, please reach out to

Sue Garabedian or Badveli Mgo.

From June 18-September 10

Nursery available in the Christian Education Building

during the worship service (Ages 1-2):

10:45AM-12:15PM

RALLY SUNDAY SEPT 10



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SUMMER 2017

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JOHN 1:3-4

DATES

JUNIORS (3rd-5th grades) July 9 - 15
JUNIOR HIGH (6th-8th grades) July 16 - 22
HIGH SCHOOL (9th-12th grades) July 23 - 29
COLLEGE and CAREER August 4 - 6

CLOSING CEREMONIES and KEBAB PICNICS

SATURDAY 11am - 4pm
[parents plan to pick up campers at picnic]

FOR MORE INFORMATION and REGISTRATION

Call 818.507.0922 or Visit www.camparev.org



John Halajian was named to the Fresno Bee Fab 35 Boys Wrestling All-Stars for 2017. A Senior at Clovis North High School, John wrestled in the 220-pound weight class and earned seventh place honors in the CIF State Wrestling Championships in Bakersfield this past March. John is the son of **Paul** and **Carolyn Halajian** and the grandson of **Harry** and **Dolores Halajian** and **Arminee Shishmanian**.

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Nathanael Atmajian, Eighth Grader at Hanford Christian School, earned First Place Honors in the 2017 Kings County Spelling Bee on March 1-4 and Fourth Place Honors at the California State Junior High Spelling Bee on May 6 in San Rafael. Nathanael is the son of **Dr. Paul** and **Gayane Atmajian** and the grandson of **Edward** and **Anna Martirosyan** and **Juliet** and the late **Aram Atmajian**.



FAPC bid farewell to **Jonathan, Shireen, and Neil Harrison** during the Sunday, May 7, Service of Worship. Jon, a native of Turlock, became a part of the FAPC Family during his college years at California State University, Fresno and served five years as Media Technician for the Congregation. Jon's 2013 marriage to Shireen and the arrival of Neal added two very special people to the extended FAPC Family. Jon recently accepted a position in Indianapolis with Delphi United States, one of the largest automotive suppliers delivering advanced electrical and electronic powertrain and safety technologies to vehicle manufacturers. The Harrisons departed for Indiana in late May and look forward to the birth of a sibling for Neal in the months ahead. The Session and Congregation give thanks to God for the service of the Harrison Family and wish them the very best as they relocate to The Hoosier State.

The Deacons Column



FAPC Armenian women meet together monthly. God's face shines upon their gathering. They draw closer to God and experience the presence of the Holy Spirit by worshipping the Lord together.

Karine Martirosyan leads the worship service and teaches God's word in Armenian. These women understand the power and importance of praise to our Father. The worship service consists of prayer and singing worship songs in Armenian to celebrate God's Glory. We as deacons want to pray for our God loving women of FAPC.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord, praise the Lord. Psalm 150:6

●●●● Sela Ghazarian



Reverend & Mrs. Serop G. Meguerditchian worshipped with the FAPC Family on Sunday, May 21. Badveli Serop, the longtime pastor of the Armenian Evangelical Emmanuel Church of Aleppo, entered the pulpit of the Armenian Evangelical Church of Toronto in 2016. Badveli Serop thanked the children of the FAPC Sunday School for their "Change for Syria" missions project and briefed the congregation on the recent arrival of hundreds of Syrian Armenian families in the Province of Ontario. To participate in the "Change for Syria" project, please contact Sunday School Coordinator Arpi Keledjian at arpikel@aol.com.

Our Condolences:



Edward Dalitian, longtime member of FAPC, passed away on Thursday, April 27, 2017, just 14 days shy of his 92nd birthday. A veteran of World War II, Ed served in the United States Navy, mostly in the South Pacific. In civilian life, he was employed for many years at Vendorlator Corporation and at Suburban Propane and had a passion for antique autos, particularly his Model A Ford. He is survived by his son, Ronald H. Dalitian and his daughter-in-law, Sue Krikorian Dalitian; his grandson, Matthew Dalitian; and many nieces and nephews.

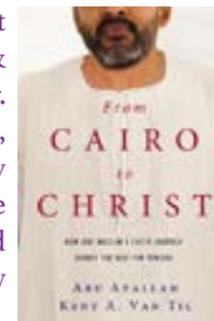


Edward L. Sornigian passed away in Fresno on May 1, 2017 shortly after his 90th birthday. Edward farmed in the Easton area for half a century and was a devoted steward of the Central California Armenian-American community. He is survived by his beloved sister, Mary Shapazian; his nephew Larry Shapazian and his wife Melissa; his niece, Jayne Shapazian; and his grandnieces, Stephanie and Emily Blanchfield.



The FAPC Family bid farewell to **Dr. Heather C. Ohaneson** on Sunday, May 21. A graduate of Barnard College and Columbia University, Dr. Ohaneson most recently taught at Fresno Pacific University, the Brooklyn Institute for Social Research, and the High Sierra Program of the Azusa Pacific University Department of Biblical and Religious Studies. She also served as a Director of the Armenian Missionary Association of America. Dr. Ohaneson has accepted appointment as Assistant Professor in the William Penn Honors Program of George Fox University, a 132-year-old Christian liberal arts university in Newberg, Oregon. The Session and Congregation extend heartiest congratulations to Heather and best wishes for a blessed summer and 2017-2018 academic year!

June 16-18 (SUMMER) Adult Seminar "Loving Refugees & Reaching Muslims" led by Rev. Dr. Stephen Kelley on Friday night, Saturday morning, and Sunday Worship. Rev. Dr. Kelley will share incredible stories of what the Lord is doing among Muslims and how to share Christ with them.



Longtime FAPC Member **Evelyn Babigian** celebrated her 92nd Birthday on the weekend of May 20-21, 2017. Evelyn's parents, Rose (Cloud) and Edgar Harry Babigian were pioneering members of the Church family and Edgar served as Head Usher in the 1950s. Evelyn and her late sister, Eleanor Jean, shared their vocal gifts in the Chancel Choir and were faithful encouragers of the Music Ministry of FAPC through the years. The Session and Congregation wish Evelyn a wonderful year ahead!



First Friday Worship Nights: Dinner, Worship, and Prayer 5:30PM: Every First Friday of the month, essentially that's what we will do as a CHURCH Family, eat, pray, and worship together. Mark these dates down!

**July 7
August 4**

As our music program grows, along with our musical palate, I am encouraged that I'm seeing a deepening of our Worship of God in a community setting. I was looking for a way to express this sentiment when I was given an article written by Keith Getty, you might remember one of his songs "In Christ Alone". I thought it best instead to just share it with you. Here is an excerpt from the article titled "Why Congregational Singing Matters Today More Than Ever" written January 17th, 2017 from the website thegospelcoalition.org

"...Just as home entertainment has morphed from family and neighborhood sing-alongs to the ability to consume whatever music the global professionals offer, the church has shifted away from an emphasis on corporate singing. At best, larger churches have shifted to more professional, performance-oriented music. And smaller churches have adopted less of the traditional "come one, come all" since because it feels outdated, irrelevant, and at times downright embarrassing. Who can compete with the masters, after all? It seems our society's progress has played a role in the end of congregational singing. Right? WRONG!

Congregational singing is far from dead, mainly because it's connected to a source of life higher than cultural trends or modern comparisons. Even so, it receives less attention and adulation than it should – and there are several reasons. First, people tend to be attracted to larger churches where the "performance" of music approximates the professional; in principle, there's nothing wrong with that. Second, the music in most churches tends to be so loud that the congregation simply cannot hear itself sing. Third, smaller churches with less ability to produce professional-sounding music tend to minimize singing altogether, so as to minimize embarrassment or perceived weakness.

But now is the moment to re-embrace the crucial role of congregational singing in our churches. Singing is an act of obedience; we gather and sing because we're called to. Like telling the truth. Like loving our wives and children. Like loving our neighbor as ourselves. These may seem like bold statements, but consider this: singing is a real and tangible expression of loving the Lord with our whole hearts and our whole selves, and loving our neighbor as ourselves.

Singing is also a privilege, a foretaste of heaven. After all, one day in the future every tribe, language, nation, and people will sing as one congregation before the throne of the risen Lamb. Until then, we find a microcosm of that day in the unimpressive form of congregational worship. As we anticipate the matchless glories of heaven, there's immeasurable value in our singing together on earth. The extent of this importance become increasingly realized in three ways: Congregational singing affects us as individuals, congregational singing affects our community, and congregational singing helps our witness."

●●●● Jesse Dunbar



The May 2017 edition of *Pacific Magazine* highlighted the educational stewardship of the *Karl and Nancy Avakian Family Endowed Scholarship* and the Leon and Alice Peters Business Leadership Scholarship and other educational scholarships provided by the *Leon S. Peters Foundation*. The scholarship programs benefit the students of Fresno Pacific University. The late *Rev. Karl Avakian* was an FPU graduate and longtime Minister to the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America. The late *Leon Samuel Peters* was the longtime head of Valley Foundry & Machine Works in Fresno. *David* and *S. Kenneth Peters* are among the current officers of the Peters Foundation. *Nancy Avakian* and daughter *Laura* continue the good works of the Avakian Family Scholarship.

SAVE THE DATE
FAPC's
120th Anniversary Banquet
Saturday Oct 21, 2017
Details to follow!

SAVE THE DATE

ALL-CHURCH FAMILY CAMP

HOME IMPROVEMENT

God's blueprints for lasting, great, God-honoring, vital relationships

August 18-20, 2017



Our speakers this year are, *Drs. Paul and Virginia Friesen* were married in 1976 and have three young adult daughters and two Godly sons-in-law. They both have Doctorates in Marriage and Family Therapy from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and are the lead resource couple at Home

Improvement Ministries. The Friesens regularly speak at marriage, men's, and women's conferences in the US and internationally, are frequently invited to give family and parenting seminars, and have an ongoing ministry with professional athletes.



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Upcoming Special Events

Youth Sunday & Last Sunday of Sunday School	Jun 11
VBS 9:30AM-11:30AM@FAPC	Jun 12-15
Adult Seminar weekend with Rev. Stephen Kelley	Jun 16-18
First Friday Worship & Prayer	Jul 7
First Friday Worship & Prayer	Aug 4
All-Church Family Camp	Aug 18-20
First Friday Worship & Prayer	Sept 1
Rally Sunday	Sept 10
First Friday Worship & Prayer	Oct 6
120th Anniversary Celebration Dinner	Oct 21

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