



Are you a mountain-person or a beach-person? Do you prefer to vacation among crowds or in a more solitary place? Would your dream vacation last for weeks or would you be refreshed after five-six days?

I love the mountains! I think Yosemite or pretty much anywhere in the Sierra Nevada's is my favorite place on planet earth. But because Sossy loves the beach, the Mediterranean or the southern California coastline is a close second!

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

Habakkuk 2:14

Picture what the prophet envisions: As water covers the sea, the land—the whole earth—will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God.

Can you even imagine this? Yes, we can find the glory of God everywhere we look: the beach, the mountains, the heart of the city and wherever you find people! But can you imagine witnessing the knowledge of the glory of God everywhere you turn? The NET version of the Bible renders this verse like this,

For recognition of the Lord's sovereign majesty will fill the earth just as the waters fill up the sea. The water is EVERYWHERE in the sea!

It's not enough that we can find the glory of God when we're searching for it. Habakkuk envisions a time when people will not only be aware of the glory of God, but they will recognize it!

This week at our denomination's General Assembly, I have been overwhelmed by the recognition of God's glory in the Muslim world. According to mission's research, more Muslims have come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ in the last twenty years than the last 1,400 combined! As Stephen Kelley shared with us last month, Jesus reveals Himself to some in dreams, but the majority are coming through friendships and through their disillusionment as they see the true face of radical Islam.

While many younger people are leaving the church—in large numbers (59%) —as churches seek to listen and learn from them, we're discovering that it's not Jesus that they're rejecting but traditional church—church as it's always been done (at least for the last 45 years!).

Our denomination is working hard to be a lens through which the LORD will display His glory. We want to be a church whose love for each other welcomes people to experience and witness “the LORD'S sovereign majesty”! We want the same thing for FAPC!

This is my first General Assembly and I cannot express enough how excited I am that we are a part of a denomination committed to worship and witness like the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. I've met men and women from throughout the country and world that are displaying the glory of God in winsome and wonderful ways.

This summer—whether at home or on vacation—ask that the Holy Spirit will work in you so the knowledge of His glory, majesty, and beauty will spill out through you and your family, like the waters cover the sea ... or even just a puddle!

Hope you've signed up for Family Camp! You won't want to miss it!!!

●●●●● Badveli Greg

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

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 & 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

SOME MAJOR YOUNG FAMILIES EVENTS FOR THE SUMMER:

- July 4th BBQ @Minassians Home
- July 14/15: Special Event (details to come)
- Bible Study: July 20
- Bible Study: Aug 3
- Family Lunch after Church: Aug 6
- Family Camp: Aug 18-20
- RALLY SUNDAY SEPT 10**



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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



The Fresno Bee named *Michael Peter Bedrosian* as the Sixth Grade Academic All-Star for 2017. Michael is a student at Quail Lake Environmental Charter School in Sanger Unified. He is the son of *Michael and Stephanie Bedrosian* and the grandson of *Katherine* and the late *Krikor Bedrosian* and *Florence* and the late *Darrell Peters*.



Peter Ara Guekguezian earned championship honors during the June 16 television broadcast of Jeopardy, America's Favorite Quiz Show. Peter is a doctoral student in linguistics at the University of Southern California. He is the son of Reverend Ara and Evelina Guekguezian and the grandson of Knar Guekguezian and Eva Shahinian and the late Reverend Bernard Guekguezian and John Shahinian.



"Generation to Generation" (Ps. 79:13) was the theme of the 37th Annual General Assembly of our denomination, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. The General Assembly took place June 20-23 at Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church on the east side of Sacramento. Reverend Dean Weaver of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania was the Moderator-designate and Reverend Jeff Jeremiah of Renton, Washington served as the Stated Clerk. FAPC Senior Pastor *Gregory V. Haroutunian* represented our congregation at the annual convocation.



Caring and praying for our congregation. As the children of God and deacons of FAPC, we are not chosen for our looks, knowledge, fortunes, fame, or power, but because we have given our all to Jesus by serving him each and every day.

We care to meet the needs of others as Jesus did. He not only cared for their spiritual needs, but for their physical needs. Jesus experienced his care for his mother when he asked John to make sure his mother's needs would be met. Besides greeting our congregation, listening, caring, encouraging, weeping with them in their saddest and broken hour, or celebrating their happiness with them, we also pray for our congregation because we love them and care for them.

A dear friend of the FAPC family once said that he has (200) people that he prays for each and every day. As I heard that I was amazed at his gift. Jesus gave priority to prayer in his own life. Jesus would go to a solitary place to pray, he would spend the night praying to God. The power of God is present when we pray, so we kneel down to pray for God's blessings to come our way. By kneeling down to pray, we are acknowledging him as our God who listens to us.

*Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.
Psalm 95:6*

●●●● Sela Ghazarian



The Charlie Keyan Armenian Community School Board of Education has announced the hiring of a new principal. Nora Kassajikian will begin leading CKACS in July 2017. Ms. Kassajikian comes to the Central Valley from Southern California where she was most recently teaching at a private elementary school in Hacienda Heights. Prior to her employment in Hacienda Heights, she taught at an international school in China and for San Diego Unified School District and Chula Vista Elementary School District. "I hope to bring energy as well as the love of learning to our students, staff and parents," Kassajikian says. "I want to make education interesting so that students can have fun and be engaged while learning." Please call (559) 323-1955 for more information about CKACS enrollment. The Keyan Armenian Community School is the only Armenian school in the Central Valley. CKACS is a non-profit 501(c)(3) and is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).



I would like to thank my church family for their caring heart by praying for me, and for calling me and sending cards on the occasion of my broken arm. By your prayers, phone calls, and cards I have been touched deeply by your compassion. Through my pain, aches, and not being mobile, you have helped me to go through this healing process. Please still continue to pray for me, it is going to be a long journey before I can be able to use my right arm again.

In Christian Love,

Briske Barsamian

ADULT VBS WEEKEND

FAPC was fortunate to have the opportunity to meet and learn from Rev. Stephen Kelley. Over three sessions Rev. Kelley demonstrated how we can effectively reach out to the Muslim world. Although it is difficult to summarize the entire weekend, I would like to focus on 3 main themes.

1. Have a heart for the lost - No matter who (Armenian, American, Muslim, Turk)
2. Pray that God creates opportunities for you to witness.
3. Be prepared for those opportunities. As it says in 1 Peter 3:15, "but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,"

Rev. Kelly focused on preparing and equipping ourselves to reach out to Muslims within our community. We must be prepared for persecution and trials. As the Lord spoke regarding Paul after his conversion "I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." We are called to the same suffering for the sake of the Lord. Rev. Kelley spoke of the trials he faced having to leave his family and community upon his conversion, and risks to his life as he continues working for the Lord. We must know our audience. Islam is a religion of fear and works. They must do what they can to earn heaven. Christ taught Love and Hope. We have an assurance of our salvation because of His death on the cross. Islam is growing, and their leaders are "jarbig". We must not be blind to this. Finally, we must love our neighbors. Get to know the people you live and work with. Invite them over to your homes. Show them the Love of Christ. Learn about and show respect for their cultural practices so that they will see who Christ is through you. It is only through preparing our hearts and our minds that we can be effective in our witness, but ultimately it is God who accomplishes salvation.

●●●● Dr. Hagop Afarian

1897 First Armenian Presbyterian Church 2017

Celebrating Our First 120 Years

Saturday, October 21, 2017

5:30pm Mezza | 6:30pm Dinner

*Celebrating God's work and our connections with each other
as we connect our past with our future*

Tickets: \$25 per person • \$10 children 6-12 • \$5 children 1-5
(childcare provided for ages 1-5) • \$75 max per family

RSVP by October 10 to Silva Emerian at 916.2339 or hystar77@gmail.com

Hello Congregation Family and Friends,

We are excited to announce that we are going to create a new 2017 pictorial directory which will only contain a Congregational Family and Friends section.

Here's what you need to know: The directory will be printed and done at no cost to the Congregation. Digital and print portraits available for purchase in an private online gallery. Email notification will be sent to primary contact when digital proofs and printing are available. Every participating family/household will receive a free directory.



You will want to make the most of this opportunity for the 2017 directory.

WHAT'S NEXT??

Please participate!! All we ask is a few minutes of your time to have your picture taken by the professional photographer.

Sign up on one of our dates and times. ***Here's a schedule of the dates for you or your family to have their photo taken*** (15 minutes slots for families):

- Sun Aug 6: 1 pm-6pm
- Wed Aug 9: 6pm-8pm
- Sun Aug 13: 1 pm-6pm
- Sat Aug 26: 9am-11am & 2pm-6pm
- Sat Sep 9: 9am-11am & 2pm-6pm
- Sun Sep 17: 1 pm-6pm

Let's try to fill up the earlier dates as much as possible. Sign ups will begin very soon and one of our FAPC photo appointment schedulers will be contacting you with dates and times available. Photography sessions will be taken at FAPC.



ALL-CHURCH FAMILY CAMP



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.

Use the registration form inserted in this issue to register!



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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
120 th Anniversary Celebration Dinner	Oct 21
Merchants Lunch	Nov 9
Hunger Project	Nov 18
Congregational Meeting	Dec 10

Church Office:
8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
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are due by the
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