

If you reason with an arrogant cynic, you'll get slapped in the face;
confront bad behavior and get a kick in the shins.
So don't waste your time on a scoffer;
all you'll get for your pains is abuse.
But if you correct those who care about life,
that's different—they'll love you for it!
Save your breath for the wise—they'll be wiser for it;
tell good people what you know—they'll profit from it.
Proverbs 9:7-9 (The Message)

School is right around the corner! We've loved the time off, but there's something so good about school. Maybe it's the routine, seeing friends every day, actively playing, learning new subjects and mastering new skills. All of this can contribute wonderfully to our children's lives.

But learning is not just for children! I know that it's easy to confuse schooling and learning. At their best, they go together. But what about the rest of us, those of us who aren't in school? Are we condemned to lean on what we've learned alone?

My favorite people are lifelong learners. Into their retirement years they're reading or watching something, traveling somewhere or simply asking people questions, learning from the lives of others, being interested in other people. I especially love meeting inquisitive children; don't you? If we don't squash their spirits, they'll nearly drive us crazy with their questions. I so want to have that kind of spirit!

How about you; are you hungry to learn? Are you willing to learn? Are you willing to change? I ask that because change is the corollary to learning. We frequently have to change our behavior & attitudes when we learn something new or understand something differently.

This is all a part of being a disciple (μαθητής), a learner of Jesus Christ. Jesus calls us and accepts us as we are, but then, giving us His Holy Spirit, begins the joyful & arduous process of molding and shaping

us to be more and more like Him in our thinking, our priorities and our behavior.

So, are you teachable? Or do the words of Proverbs 9 apply to you? Are you an "arrogant cynic" who's seen it all & knows it all, who's quick with a snide comment or look, who rejects any opportunity to learn or be corrected? I love how Dr. Eugene Petersen paraphrases "scoffer", "insult", and "abuse". It really does feel like a kick in the shins and a slap on the face when you try to correct or teach a "know-it-all", isn't it?

How different, how refreshing it is when your assistance & input is welcomed and appreciated! Those are the "wise" and the "righteous" who would rather learn than remain less like Jesus. That's who I want to be! How about you?

If we think we have nothing to learn from God's word or from others, I'm afraid for us. I'm afraid because I imagine our lives will be lonely. Especially people who take God's word seriously, they will obey this Proverb and leave us alone and not take the time or the risk to speak into our lives. How tragic!

As the school year begins, let's do a reset and set our hearts and minds to be learners and disciples of Jesus. Let's be teachable and willing to let others speak into our lives. Let's speak the truth in love to each other and accept each other's sometimes messy attempts to share their observations & wisdom. This kind of humility can transform a church into a community of disciples.

Let's go for 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:

Family Lunch after Church: Aug 6

Family Camp: Aug 18-20

RALLY SUNDAY SEPT 10

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN SEPT 10 @9:37AM

START YOUR ENGINES...

I love a good car chase, the longer and the more dangerous the better, and like most men, it has to have some really cool cars. I remember when the first *Fast and Furious* movie came out, it was rumored that following the premier, there was a high volume of speeding tickets being issued. I recall getting in my 1990 Honda Accord 4 cylinder, and thinking it was turbo charged and that it could push triple the amount of horsepower than it actually could. People also wanted to try the crazy driving moves from the movie. In addition, some people began designing their cars to mimic those in the movie. There's something thrilling about a chase. It's exciting, thrilling, and there's an element of not knowing what will happen next. Of course, it's Hollywood, and I'm sure we won't ever be in that kind of situation.



This year we will have classes for the following groups: 3-4 year olds, Kindergarten-1st Grade, 2nd-3rd Grade, 4th-5th Grade, Junior High, & High School.

Sunday School starts the engines on Rally Sunday September 10, @9:37AM. Following our worship service we will have a "pit stop" of fellowship with a carnival of games and food.

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RALLY SUNDAY

Sept 10

*following the
worship service
Carnival games, food,
dunk-tank!*

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Randy Shirinian, son of Elizabeth and the late Harry Shirinian, is Chief of Distribution of the Fresno Flyer, a bi-weekly newspaper covering local news, food, nightlife, and music in Fresno and Madera Counties. The free publication, which has highlighted the FAPC Autumn Merchants' Lunch and Country Store, recently celebrated its One Year Anniversary.

Deacon's Corner



It was such an honor to visit our dear friends of FAPC, who have served the LORD and our church for many years. It is just a wonderful feeling to share the word of God with them and pray with them. We want to continue to pray for Irma Karabian, Margaret Harrison, Isabel Garabedian, and for all of our dear FAPC family members.

Even to your old age I will be the same, And even to your graying years I will bear you! I have done it, and I will carry you; And I will bear you and I will deliver you.

Isaiah 46:4

●●●● Sela Ghazarian

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Rejoicing in the Lord

"REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS. I WILL SAY IT AGAIN: REJOICE!"
- PHILIPPIANS 4:4

FRIDAY-SUNDAY
OCTOBER 6-8 2017
VISALIA MARRIOTT & CONVENTION CENTER
300 SOUTH COURT STREET, VISALIA CA

15TH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE
ARMENIAN EVANGELICAL
Women's
FELLOWSHIP

Music Ministry

"There different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work."
1 Corinthians 12:4-7 (NIV)

Calling all who are interested in being part of the CHOIR or BAND. We are making plans for the FALL season, including CHRISTMAS, so now is the time to prepare. Opportunities to serve include:

Singing (choir), Singing (band), Band instruments: (guitar, bass, drums, keyboard, etc., Concert instruments: (violin, oboe, trumpet, etc.) Platform setup, Soundboard technician, Powerpoint operator, Soloist (voice), Soloist (instrument), Piano

Please email music@fapc.net for more information.
Or call/text Jesse at 559-978-7832

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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**. They were married in 1976, have three young adult daughters and two Godly sons-in-law and both have Doctorates in Marriage and Family Therapy from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Paul and Virginia 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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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):

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| 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.

ALSO IF YOU COULD CONFIRM WITH US YOUR MOST RECENT ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBERS THAT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. You can do that by calling the office at 237.6638.



Our Condolences:



Radik "Rod" Martirosyan passed away in Fresno on June 29, 2017 at the age of 61. Radik was born in Yerevan, Armenia to parents, Ararat and Loudmela (Iskandaryan) Martirosyan, and emigrated to the United States in the early 1980s. He was a maintenance mechanic for the County of Fresno for twenty years. Radik is survived by his wife, Karine Martirosyan; his son, Ernest Martirosyan and wife Suzy; his daughter, Evetta Martirosyan; his sister, Irina Miranda; his brother, Haroutun Martirosyan; and his two grandchildren, Niko Radik Martirosyan and Olivia Karine Martirosyan.



Men's Fellowship Fall Dinners 2017

September 4, 2017

October 3, 2017

November 7, 2017

Plan ahead to join us!

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1897 First Armenian Presbyterian Church 2017

Celebrating FAPC's First 120 Years

Saturday, October 21, 2017

Mezza: 5:30-6:30pm **Dinner: 6:30pm**
FAPC Fellowship Hall, 430 S. First St., Fresno

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

**Tickets: \$25 per adult • \$15 children 4-12 • \$75 max per family
(childcare provided for ages 1-3)**

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To confirm your reservation, please complete this portion and return with payment to Silva Emerian, 10251 N. Armstrong Avenue, Clovis, CA 93619 (559.916.2339 or hyestarr77@gmail.com for questions). Reservations must be received NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 10. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door.

Names of all attending: _____

Adults: _____ **# Children 4-12:** _____ **# Children 1-3:** _____

Contact name & number: _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____ **Checks payable to FAPC with "120th Celebration" in memo line**



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Upcoming Special Events

First Friday Worship & Prayer
All-Church Family Camp
NO WORSHIP SERVICE at FAPC
Worship Service, 10:30AM @ ECCO
First Friday Worship & Prayer
Rally Sunday
First Friday Worship & Prayer
120th Anniversary Celebration Dinner
Merchants Lunch
Hunger Project
Congregational Meeting

Church Office:
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Aug 4 (M - F)
P: 559.237.6638
Aug 20 F: 559.237.9526
Aug 20 E: fapc@fapc.net
Staff:
Sept 1 Suzy Artemyan, Church Administrator
Sept 10 Jesse Dunbar, Interim Music Ministry Director
Oct 6 Vera Darakjian, Armenian Ministries Pianist
Oct 21 Marisa Bagato, Administrative Assistant &
Nov 9 Hunger Project
Nov 18 Nursery Attendant
Dec 10 Marine Frznlyan, Nursery Attendant
Susan Ruiz, Custodian

**Mosaix submissions
are due by the
15th of the month.
Please e-mail
information to
fapc3@fapc.net.**

Teaching Elders: Rev. Greg Haroutunian, Senior Pastor (badveli@fapc.net)
Rev. Mgo Mekredjian, Associate Pastor of Young Families' Ministries (associate@fapc.net)
Rev. Phil Garo, Jr., Associate Pastor of Youth Ministries (pgaro@fapc.net)

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Paul Koligian, Fernando Rubio, Dennis Shamlan, Ron Statler

Deacons: Vera Darakjian, Silva Esajian, Maryvonne Gagliardi, Sela Ghazarian,
Sossy Haroutunian, Keith Harrison, Maria Kalayjian, Kohar Kojayan,
Bob Mangasarian, Anto Sakayan, Rita Shamlan, Varvara Sivas

