

*“Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”*

*James 5:16*

“Will you pray for me?”

Sometimes it’s so hard to get these words out of our mouths ... or off our fingertips! Too frequently we suffer silently, alone, hoping someone will notice that something is not quite right. We toss out hints—so obvious to us—with fingers crossed that someone will pick up our faint signal: . . . - - - . . .(Morse code)

Like an SOS sent inaudibly from our hearts to anyone listening, we say that we’ve had better weeks, or that the rain has us a little down, or that it’s just one of those days, or a long-time personal favorite: “my allergies are *really* bad this time of year.” But we long for someone to stop and pay attention to what we didn’t say.

Please take a moment to read the poem *Please Hear What I’m Not Saying*, by Charles Finn on page 5 of this month’s Mosaix. I was arrested in the core of my being the first time I read this in college. I had no idea that I was not the only person who felt this way.

At the same time, I realize that as you read this, some of you have no idea what I’m talking about. When you glance at the poem, you’ll be puzzled, wondering if I’m just making all this up, maybe that’s what pastors do—try to get people to think or feel things that aren’t real. Maybe you are so self-confident that you really do just say what you’re thinking or feeling and hope others will too. But even you, do you find it easy to ask someone to pray for you?

Regardless of our personalities, I believe each one of us are reluctant to welcome others into the vulnerability that a request for prayer expresses. Often, someone will ask me to pray for them and I’ll ask who else is praying with them about the matter. Not surprisingly (anymore!) the most frequent answer is “no one.”

Sometimes we don’t ask for prayer because we feel that “me & God” should somehow be enough, that our personal relationship with God ought to be enough to carry us. After all, He IS God! But don’t forget the Garden of Eden. “Adam walked with God” before there was sin and God said that it was not good for man to be alone. How much more does “aleness” harm us even in prayer?

The Lord calls us to “*Carry each other’s burdens and this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.*” (Galatians 6:2) I believe that a significant way we obey this command is by praying for each other. That’s why we spent Lent focusing on Praying with the Apostle Paul. You may want to go to the website or grab the CDs and listen to those messages again.

If we are going to become a *House of Prayer where everyone participates wholeheartedly*, we need to pray for each other and welcome other people praying for us. Start small. Build trust. Experience God answering your prayers together.

One of the joys you will have is the leading of the Holy Spirit as you pray. He will bring a scripture to mind or you’ll have an impression that will guide you as you pray. Maybe it will be a mental picture or even a simple sentence or expression. Listen; wait for it. When you share what you’re praying please, please, be humble. DO NOT say, “The Lord told me ...” If He did, you won’t have to; they’ll know it! Don’t worry about being “wrong” either. We’re all beginners!

After Easter, Jesus commanded the apostles and disciples to wait for the promised Holy Spirit. In these next seven weeks, before Pentecost, let’s make it our ambition to pray for each other and to pray that the Lord will send a new and fresh experience of the Holy Spirit so that we may experience His fullness

●●●●● Badveli Greg

Dear Church Family,

I would like to express my deepest appreciation for your phone calls, cards, and visits during my stay at the hospital, San Joaquin Rehab hospital, and at San Joaquin Gardens. I have been blessed by your kindness and love during my recovery of a shattered femur. It is only through your encouraging words and God's Word that I have been able to progress through this difficult time of healing. Through this long healing process, I have learned that I have no control and I am under God's control. I have to trust Him and fully rely on Him for there is no other way. Currently, I am staying with my daughter, Rita, at her house. I would still love to hear from you whether it is phone calls or visits. It helps me to continue to progress. Lord willing, I hope to see all of you soon!

May God bless all of you with His enduring love,

*Briske` Barsamian*



The FAPC Men's Fellowship will continue to study "Play the Man: Becoming the Man God Created You to Be" at a Fellowship Dinner on Tuesday, **April 10, 2018**. The Dinner will take place in the Fellowship Hall narthex at 6:30 p.m. Please make reservations by calling the Office at (559) 237-6638 or e-mailing [administration@fapc.net](mailto:administration@fapc.net).



To build on the themes and bonds of the 2018 Men's Retreat, FAPC Men's Ministries will hold a series of Monthly Fellowship Breakfasts through the end of the year. The breakfasts will take place from 7 to 8:30 a.m. in the Christian Education Building Fireside Room. The plan is to meet together for breakfast, worship, teaching, discussion, and prayer drawing on a theme from the Men's Retreat, "Be the Man." The first breakfast gathering, held March 31, explored the theme of "Mercy: Where Surrendering is Winning." **Future breakfasts will take place on the following Saturdays: April 28, May 19, June 30, July 28, August 18, September 29, October 27, November 24, and December 29.** For more information, please e-mail Associate Pastor Mgo Mekredijian at [associate@fapc.net](mailto:associate@fapc.net) or call (559) 237-6638.

## Deacon's Corner

I don't consider myself a prayer warrior. There are times I even hesitate to pray out loud in group meetings. In my heart, I will always be that little child who would kneel down by her bed and talk to her Heavenly Father. When we come to Him with humility and brokenness, we can feel the presence of the Holy Spirit. Our Father knows our needs before we ask Him. God is very interested in our feelings and He's always willing to help us deal with our frustrations on a daily basis. As a deacon of FAPC, I know we can depend upon and have a heart-to-heart with our Almighty Father.

KNOW THAT THE DEACONS  
ARE PRAYING FOR YOU!

*"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us."*

1 John 5:14

●●●● Sela Ghazarian



**Aris Howsepian** was selected to play 1<sup>st</sup> Violin with the National High School Honor Orchestra at Carnegie Hall in New York City on February 3, 2018. This was his second performance at Carnegie Hall, the first having been with the National Junior High School Honor Orchestra two years ago.



"Unity" (Ephesians 4:3) is the theme of the 2018 National Day of Prayer. Central Californians will observe the National Day of Prayer on May 3 at two locations: Clovis City Hall, 1033 Fifth Street,

Clovis, California 93612 (Noon to 1 p.m.) and Fresno Pacific University, 1717 South Chestnut Avenue, Fresno, California 93702.

Hope for America (2 Chron. 7:14) was the theme of the 2018 Fresno-Clovis Prayer Breakfast. The Breakfast took place on March 20 at Valdez Hall in the Fresno Convention and Entertainment Center. Dr. Larry Powell, retired Fresno County Superintendent of Schools, served as Master of Ceremonies. Gene Sperling and Cyndi Franklin offered special music. Bishop Armando X. Ochoa of the Diocese of Fresno prayed for Legislative and Administrative Leaders. Pastor Brad Bell of The Well Church prayed for First Responders. Connie Clendenan, retired Chief Executive of Valley Teen Ranch, prayed for the Judiciary, and Dr. Joseph James, President of Fresno Pacific University, prayed for Educators. Reverend Greg Laurie, Senior Pastor of the Harvest Christian Fellowship and host of "A New Beginning" radio broadcast, was the keynote speaker.

Reverend Laurie explained that we should pray because (1) Jesus commanded it (Luke 18:1) and (2) Prayer is God's way of providing for our needs. He added that the two "secret weapons" of the Church are prayer and the proclamation of Jesus Christ. Reverend Laurie encouraged guests to "get our petitions in line with the Word," which must be at home within us. Reverend Laurie concluded his remarks by outlining the steps of salvation in Christ and noting, "God isn't looking for the religious-type; He is looking for the sinner-type. We all qualify." The next Fresno-Clovis Prayer Breakfast will take place on Tuesday, February 19, 2019. Dr. Tony Evans, Senior Pastor of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship in Dallas and host of "The Alternative" radio broadcast will be the keynote speaker. More information is available at [fresnoclovisprayerbreakfast.com](http://fresnoclovisprayerbreakfast.com).

●●●● Phil Tavlian

## MINAS FAIR

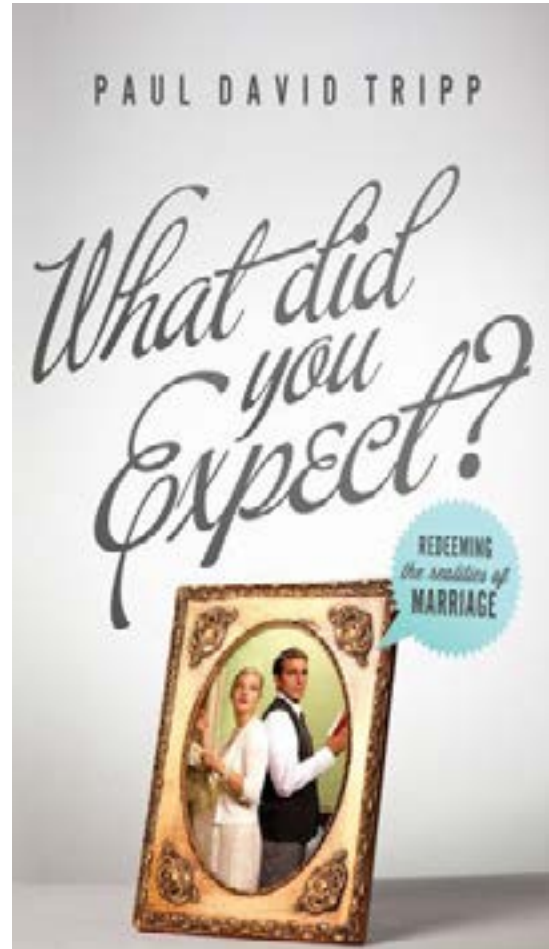
FAPC marked the Fifth Week of Lent by holding a Minas Project Fair to fulfill Jesus' Parable of the Ten Minas, a lesson in servanthood, stewardship, obedience, and the sharing of the Gospel (Luke 19: 11-27). In early 2018, the Session gave interested members and friends a Ten Dollar Bill each and encouraged them to use the currency and increase it for the Glory of God. After the Worship Service on Sunday, March 18, the Church Family held a Fair of Minas Projects in the Fellowship Hall. To increase their "seed money," participants decorated tables and

booths and prepared tri-tip sandwiches, espresso drinks, iced beverages, plants, handcrafted blankets and jewelry, cookies, cupcakes, and pastries, along with offering manicure appointments and photographs of FAPC and community activities and settings. As Christian author Warren Wiersbe has written of the Parable, Jesus "teaches that his disciples needed to keep on working. They've been with him three years, and know how to continue his ministry. There would be a need for faithful service in His absence. Jesus is telling them that He'll be gone for a while, until He receives His kingdom. In the meantime they were to invest in His ventures." Those ventures involve "multiply[ing His] message so the entire world will hear it. It is the obligation of believers to be faithful stewards of the message [He] has entrusted us, until Jesus comes." (Dana Gould (editor), "Shepherd's Notes: Luke.")

●●●● Phil Tavlian



# Sunday School Marriage Class



“It won’t take long for you to be disappointed in marriage. It won’t take long for your dreams to be dashed. The reality is that you can’t escape the brokenness of this world. You won’t be able to avoid the sin of your spouse.

The Bible teaches that we all bring something destructive into our relationships – sin. But as Paul David Tripp explains, we buy into the delusion that our biggest problem is outside of us. We blame our spouse. We blame our circumstances. We rarely take seriously the nature of our own sin.

Unlike other marriage books that only diagnose horizontal problems, *What Did You Expect?* fights a much deeper war over the worship of our heart. It’s only when we worship God as Creator, Sovereign and Savior that we will ever love as we should.

*What Did You Expect?* challenges you to look into the mirror of God’s Word and see yourself with clarity. Maybe it’s you. Maybe you love yourself more than your spouse. Maybe you love your little kingdom more than God’s big Kingdom. When you reach that level of honesty, you’re at the edge of real good things for your marriage.

Start working on a marriage of unity, understanding, and love.”

**Starting Thursday, April 12th from 5:30-7:30pm in Fireside Room.**

**Dinner and Childcare will be provided.**

**Led by Kalem & Rev. Jonelle Kazarian.**

**Contact Badveli Mgo with any questions!**

# Please Hear What I’m Not Saying

*“Referenced from Badveli Greg’s article”*

Don't be fooled by me.  
Don't be fooled by the face I wear  
for I wear a mask,  
a thousand masks,  
masks that I'm afraid to take off,  
and none of them is me.

Pretending is an art that's second nature with me,  
but don't be fooled,  
for God's sake don't be fooled.  
I give you the impression that I'm secure,  
that all is sunny and unruffled with me,  
within as well as without,  
that confidence is my name and coolness my game,  
that the water's calm and I'm in command  
and that I need no one,  
but don't believe me.

My surface may seem smooth but my surface is my  
mask,  
ever-varying and ever-concealing.  
Beneath lies no complacency.  
Beneath lies confusion, and fear, and aloneness.  
But I hide this. I don't want anybody to know it.  
I panic at the thought of my weakness exposed.  
That's why I frantically create a mask to hide behind,  
a nonchalant sophisticated facade,  
to help me pretend,  
to shield me from the glance that knows.

But such a glance is precisely my salvation,  
my only hope,  
and I know it.  
That is, if it's followed by acceptance,  
if it's followed by love.  
It's the only thing that can liberate me from myself,  
from my own self-built prison walls,  
from the barriers I so painstakingly erect.  
It's the only thing that will assure me  
of what I can't assure myself,  
that I'm really worth something.  
But I don't tell you this. I don't dare to, I'm afraid to.  
I'm afraid your glance will not be followed by acceptance,  
will not be followed by love.  
I'm afraid you'll think less of me,  
that you'll laugh, and your laugh would kill me.  
I'm afraid that deep-down I'm nothing  
and that you will see this and reject me.

So I play my game, my desperate pretending game,  
with a facade of assurance without  
and a trembling child within.  
So begins the glittering but empty parade of masks,  
and my life becomes a front.  
I tell you everything that's really nothing,  
and nothing of what's everything,  
of what's crying within me.  
So when I'm going through my routine

do not be fooled by what I'm saying.  
Please listen carefully and try to hear what I'm not saying,  
what I'd like to be able to say,  
what for survival I need to say,  
but what I can't say.

I don't like hiding.  
I don't like playing superficial phony games.  
I want to stop playing them.  
I want to be genuine and spontaneous and me  
but you've got to help me.  
You've got to hold out your hand  
even when that's the last thing I seem to want.  
Only you can wipe away from my eyes  
the blank stare of the breathing dead.  
Only you can call me into aliveness.  
Each time you're kind, and gentle, and encouraging,  
each time you try to understand because you really care,  
my heart begins to grow wings-  
very small wings,  
very feeble wings,  
but wings!

With your power to touch me into feeling  
you can breathe life into me.  
I want you to know that.  
I want you to know how important you are to me,  
how you can be a creator-an honest-to-God creator-  
of the person that is me  
if you choose to.  
You alone can break down the wall behind which I  
tremble,  
you alone can remove my mask,  
you alone can release me from my shadow-world of  
panic,  
from my lonely prison,  
if you choose to.  
Please choose to.

Do not pass me by.  
It will not be easy for you.  
A long conviction of worthlessness builds strong walls.  
The nearer you approach to me  
the blinder I may strike back.  
It's irrational, but despite what the books say about man  
often I am irrational.  
I fight against the very thing I cry out for.  
But I am told that love is stronger than strong walls  
and in this lies my hope.  
Please try to beat down those walls  
with firm hands but with gentle hands  
for a child is very sensitive.

Who am I, you may wonder?  
I am someone you know very well.  
For I am every man you meet  
and I am every woman you meet.



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Jonelle SG Kazarian is a dearly loved child of God and follower of Jesus whose desire is to walk, love, pray and love in the Spirit. She is the bride of Kalem for the past 18+ years and the mom of Judi-16, Peter-14, and Frank-12, whom she also homeschools. Jonelle grew up in Fresno and currently resides in Fowler CA although the years between her birth and now have spanned coast to coast, 4 colleges and universities, traveling to all 50 states, as well as life and ministry in Armenia. She has a Masters of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary and a Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy from Fuller Theological Seminary. Currently Jonelle spends her time mentoring others, extending God's grace, learning how to learn, and sharing health through her Juice Plus+ business. Jonelle enjoys creating art from items she finds on the road, in junk stores, and from the trash. She loves sports, cooking, eating, and speaking at women's

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## 2018 Armenian Genocide Commemoration Central California Events

### **Flag Raising - Fresno City Hall (2600 Fresno Street)**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 21ST - 10:00 a.m.**

Speakers – Harout Sassounian & Mayor Lee Brand

### **Fresno State - Armenian Students Organization**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 24TH - 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.**

Armenian Genocide Monument, Fresno State

### **Armenian Genocide Commemorative Committee of Fresno**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 24th**

**Laying of flowers - 6 p.m. / Presentation of Flags - 6:45 p.m.**

**Religious Service - 7 p.m. / Civic Service - 7:30 p.m.**

**Armenian Genocide Monument, Fresno State**

**Campus Parking Available**

**Keynote Speaker - Dr. Khatchig Mouradian, PhD. Columbia University, New York**

**Remarks - Dr. Joseph Castro, Fresno State President**

**Soloist—Misak Israelyan**

**The mission of the Armenian Genocide Commemorative Committee—Fresno is to honor the memory of the 1.5 million Armenians who perished at the hands of the Ottoman government beginning on April 24, 1915. The Committee is responsible for organizing commemorative programs and educating the community about the Armenian Genocide to prevent future genocides.**



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Easter Worship Service	Apr 1
Men's Fellowship Dinner, 6:30pm	Apr 10
Armenian Home Visit	Apr 15
"Maturing Men" Breakfast	Apr 28
Armenian Home Visit	May 6
No Sunday School	
Mother's Day	May 13
"Maturing Men" Breakfast	May 19
Joint Memorial Day Picnic @ Pilgrim	May 27
Armenian Home Visit	June 3
Youth Sunday	June 10
VBS	June 11-15

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