

*23 Search me, God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my anxious thoughts.*

*24 See if there is any offensive way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.*

*Psalm 139:23-24 (NIV)*

**Fasting** to seek the Lord on my behalf and on behalf of our church.

Psalm 139:23-24 have been a key passage in my life for the last forty years. I frequently find myself coming to the Lord, both privately and with prayer partners, asking Him to search me and know my heart and to reveal anything that needs to be repented of or confessed to someone I've wronged. Rarely has He not brought something to the surface that needed to be addressed and he's doing it again as I'm writing this.

One thing I've found interesting (when I'm detached a little from the pain of realizing my sin more clearly) is how frequently the Lord reveals my own foolishness and flaws by my impatience with others in whom I see that same issues! Funny how that works!

Jesus was right, wasn't He, when He urged His disciples to remove the log from their own eyes before going after the speck in someone else's. Do you, also, find yourself most irritated by the sin and imperfections in others that resemble your own?

I am so grateful we can come honestly (անկեղծ) to the Lord without any fear of Him kicking us out of the family. He invites us to welcome His searchlight and His work of excavation and remediation. He's committed to purifying His church! Because He loves us so deeply and faithfully, we're free to come to Him without fear of punishment, shame or retribution. Jesus Christ is our Savior! And not just from final judgment and condemnation! Remember why the angel commanded Joseph and Mary to name Him, Jesus? "Because He will save His people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21) I believe it's not just from judgment, but from our sins here and now, too!

Won't you join me in seeking the Holy Spirit's cleansing work, both personally and for our church? He will answer our Psalm 139:23-24 prayer!

Have you had a leaky roof?

Leaky roofs reveal holes that allow water to trickle—or gush—in depending on how long they've been neglected.

What makes them tricky in the valley is that we've had so little rain that's been so spread out, you may not even know you have a leak until the paint on your ceiling begins to peel off and fall on your dining room table! Yep, that's our story!

What's worse, however, is that where there's a leak that goes undetected or unexposed, there's likely mold in the ceiling. I think we've had that problem here at church. During our evening of prayer on January 9th, I walked passed one area and was overwhelmed by the stench of mold. I'm super sensitive & allergic to mold, so it really hit hard. We're on it now, but, boy, was there a stench for me!

That made me think, "I wonder if the unattended 'leaks' in my personal life and character have spawned 'mold' that others and, especially, the Lord find unpleasant, at least, and repugnant at worst! I'm praying and asking some confidants who deeply love me to pray with me about this.

When I've brought up the mold metaphor, several have said, "Oh yeah! But it's not just literal mold here at church, we have a lot of 'leaks' and we have significant 'mold' in our relationships. And it's not just you, Greg, we're all leaking & molding."

Hmmm...

What do you think? Any "leaks" in your life? Any "leaks" in your relationships here at church? Any "mold" growing under the surface that's choking out relationships? I'm using these *21 Days of Prayer &*

## Our Condolences:

**Irma Lee (Beaty Webb) Karabian** passed away on December 3, 2018, just three weeks shy of her 89<sup>th</sup> birthday. A native of Maljamar, New Mexico, Irma studied at the University of North Texas in Denton and was a young widow with three small children when she married Gerald Karabian in September 1955. The family relocated from the southwest to Gerald's hometown of Fresno and Irma came to Christ at FAPC. In a lay ministry spanning seven decades, Irma served as Administrative Assistant to the Senior Pastor, Sunday School teacher and Superintendent, Adult Bible Study Leader, Fidelis Society President (1957-1958, 1985-1986), Secretary of the Second Phase Building Committee that erected and dedicated the current Sanctuary in June 1976, Ruling Elder, member of the Chancel Choir Alto Section for 48 years, and Chair of the Memorial Luncheons Committee for 14 years. A decade ago, the Session warmly saluted Irma as a Silent Servant of FAPC. Irma was preceded in death by her parents, Willard and Mary Beaty; her first husband, Henry Arthur Webb, Jr., and four siblings. She is survived by her beloved husband, Gerald; children Alexis Bagdasarian and her husband, Gary, Henry Arthur Webb III and his wife, Karen, and Rosemary Harrison and her husband, Ted. She is also survived by her siblings, Helen Morrow, Louise Mathews, Ray Beaty and Katherine Spencer; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



father, John Tikijian. He is survived by his beloved wife, Linda; his daughter, Jaime Tikijian; daughter, Julie Bogosian and her husband, Chad; son, Jason Tikijian and his wife, Gina; mother, Gladys Tikijian; and sisters, Carol and Debra Tikijian. He is also survived by 4 grandchildren, Andrew and Lily Bogosian, Jeffrey and newly-born granddaughter, Blair Lynn Tikijian and many nieces, nephews, and a large loving extended family.

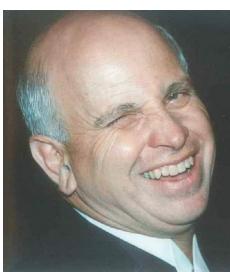


**Raymond John Niksarian** passed away on January 14, 2019 at the age of 88. A native of San Francisco, Ray graduated from the University of California and worked as an electrical engineer in the Southern California aerospace industry for many decades. He was an active Christian layman, serving in Gideon's International, UACC, and at FAPC. Widowed in 1991, Ray moved to Fresno in 2006, where he met and married Mary Katherine Kalashian. He is survived by Ray is survived by his wife, Mary Katherine; son, Steven Niksarian; daughter, Karen Muncherian, and husband Stephen; grandchildren, Andrew and his wife Dylan, Nicholas, Jonathan, and Julianna. In addition, he is survived by sisters-in-law, Verjene Kalashian and Sylvia Kalashian, brother-in-law, Richard Kalashian and Gail Purtell, niece and nephews, great nieces and great nephew, and many cousins.

## Deacon's Corner

We know that God is in control! Let's praise our Father in heaven for all that he has done for us. Fully focus our eyes on Him and trust Him in every circumstance. Deacons of FAPC will continue to pray for every member of our church, and for the church leadership. We will continue to pray for the protection of our congregation, for a revival of our church, and for the Holy Spirit to dwell within us. I thank God for using us in more ways than we can ever imagine in bringing Glory to our Lord Jesus Christ.

*"Pray diligently. Stay alert, with your eyes wide open in gratitude."*  
*Colossians 4:2*



**John James "Jim" Tikijian** passed away on January 20, 2019, just four days shy of his 71st birthday. A product of Fowler High School and Reedley College, Jim owned and operated Johnny's Automotive Service, a Fowler business founded by his father. In recent years, Jim served as a Program Representative for the State of California Bureau of Automotive Repair. At FAPC, Jim was best known as the "Master of the Count," meticulously overseeing the tallying and securing of tithes and offerings at the Sunday worship services. Jim was preceded in death by his

● ● ● ● Sela Ghazarian

# Family Life News

## Greet, Eat & Meet Kicks Off!!

Our new GEM groups are off to a fantastic start! Each of the three groups met for their first potluck dinner at a member's home recently. Although we are a church family, sometimes it takes a more intimate setting to get to know one another better. What better way to do that than to gather around a table for a meal and fellowship? Groups will meet a few more times before sign ups for new groups begin. Keep an eye out for upcoming sign ups and join a GEM group to deepen old friendships and create new ones!



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Please help us love, teach, and raise little ones know more about Jesus. It is a ministry for ages 3-5 during the worship hour after children's message. If interested, please email me at [associate@fapc.net](mailto:associate@fapc.net).

## YOUTH MINISTRY

On January 5, 2019 the FAPC youth enjoyed a wonderful day in the mountains. Thank you, hosts, Adanalians and Thurbers! And Thank You Jonelle Kazarian, and Tamara Shamlian for driving.

After an afternoon of fun, games, and meaningful conversations we engaged the Scriptures and connected with Abraham and Isaac. In commemoration with the New Year, and the reminder from the Story of Abraham and Isaac, that God can be trusted with our very best, indeed, God will do more with our best than we can, the youth were invited to identify one area in their life that they wanted to offer to God in 2019. It was a wonderful way to kick-off the year, which has a very full schedule indeed. We will be convening Youth Group on Wednesday nights, partnering with Camp Arev, and engaging in a variety of other activities in partnership with others at the church. If you would like to be added to the e-mailing list please let me know.

There are some very exciting events planned for the Youth at FAPC these next two months!!

**Jan. 30: 7:00pm-8:00pm**

Peer Evangelism Training (led by Paul Haroutunian)

**Feb. 6: 7:00pm-8:00pm**

Peer Evangelism (led by Paul Haroutunian)

**Feb. 13: 7:00pm-8:00pm**

Parable of the Sower (Tim)

**Feb. 20: 7:00pm-8:00pm**

Camp Arev Debrief (Tim)

**Feb. 27: 7:00pm-8:00pm**

Christ and our Career (led by Tamara Shamlian)

Each week will have a game and accompanying lesson from Scripture. I am looking forward to this schedule and the fruit that will come from it.

● ● ● ● ● Tim Nightingale



## The Three Wise Women

The Gathering held an event this past December at Karen Daoudian's residence called, "Wise Women Still Follow Him: The Three Wise Women." We had 80 women present at this event, and we hope that this number keeps growing! The women and young ladies that attended this event were blessed, encouraged, and inspired by our wise women Silva Esajian, Karine Martirosyan, and Narguise Tashjian. These faithful women shared moments in their lives when they needed God the most and how He gave them the strength and peace to endure the difficulties they faced. Rather than give just one opinion on the event, The Gathering's committee felt it was important to include the perspectives of all ages that were in attendance at the event.

"I thought it was cool how they responded to their problems and that they prayed and asked God for help and strength and how God helped them prepare for what they went through." – Isabella Thurber (age 15)

"This event inspired me to think about when I'm going through tough times that I need to pray and ask God for strength."—Julia Adanalian (age 14)

"I was blessed to hear three of our church women share their wisdom and testimony of how God has worked in their lives."—Arminé Christenson

"Hearing the message from these three women and the struggles they went through yet their faith in God held them together and gave them the strength to go on in spite of the difficulties was incredible. We need to keep our eyes on God."—Nancy Nersesian

Thank you to all who attended this event and to our wonderful speakers. It would not have been possible without your presence. Please join us for the next Gathering event on January 19, 2018 at FAPC's fellowship hall where we will learn the art of flower arranging by Master Gardener Maggie Courtis. You can RSVP by purchasing a ticket from one of The Gathering's committee members after the church service. Hope to see you there!

● ● ● ● Joy Rubio





On January 19, 2019, women from FAPC, as well as friends they had invited, gathered together on a Saturday morning to spend time appreciating God's creation through a floral arranging demonstration. Maggie Courtis shared tips and tricks on how to use what is in your yard, or on your morning walk, to supplement flowers purchased at a store. Maggie also drew our attention to some amazing ways God can be seen, or heard, in nature around us. A highlight for many of the women attending was listening to a slowed down recording of crickets chirping. It literally sounded like a choir singing a beautifully arranged piece of music. Maggie highlighted the amazing truth that God puts together combinations of color and texture that we would never think of, and yet those combinations never clash!



The second half of the morning was spent creating our own arrangements according to the thoughts Maggie had presented, our own creativity, and inspiration from God. I was particularly impressed by the variety of flower arrangements that women throughout the fellowship hall created. It reminded me that each one of us has something unique to offer to the world as we allow our gifts to be used through the power of the Holy Spirit. My prayer leaving the event that morning was simply that the women of FAPC, and our larger community, would truly bloom where we have been planted as we encounter the power of God in our created world.

● ● ● ● Kim Haroutunian

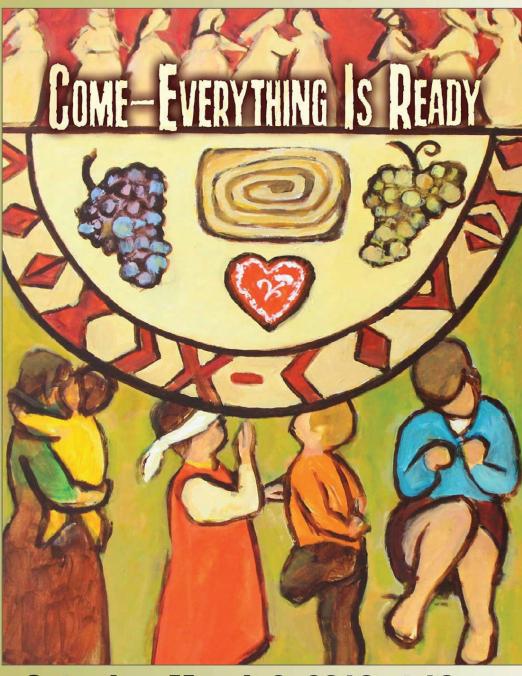
## SOME OTHER KEY EVENTS HAPPENING!

*Women's Retreat with Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth, San Jose, March 29-30*

*Spring Fashion Show  
May 4th 11AM at FAPC*

## World Day of Prayer

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**COME—EVERYTHING IS READY**

**Saturday, March 2, 2019 at 10 am**

**First Armenian Presbyterian Church**

430 S First St, Fresno, 93702

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It's a new year and maybe you've started a new commitment, a new resolution, you find yourself wondering how you can help your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. I'm excited to tell you there is at least one way, with many opportunities; ***music ministry***. Have a look at these opportunities, pick one, and then come find me, or one of the Badvelis, and share with us which one you picked: ***Choir, Music Librarian, Piano Accompanist, Instrument Soloist, Adult Band, Youth Band, Media: Audio, Video, Computer, Platform Tech, Youth Group Worship Leader, JAM, The Gathering, Men's Retreat, Family Camp, VBS, Handbell Choir***

This list should excite you! Look at all we have at FAPC! Look at how much opportunity to have fun! And the more volunteers we have to share the load, the more joy we will have. How many opportunities to fellowship with your fellow brothers and sisters. Please call or text Jesse Dunbar at 978-7832, or email, [music@fapc.net](mailto:music@fapc.net).

*"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity"*  
**Psalm 133:1**



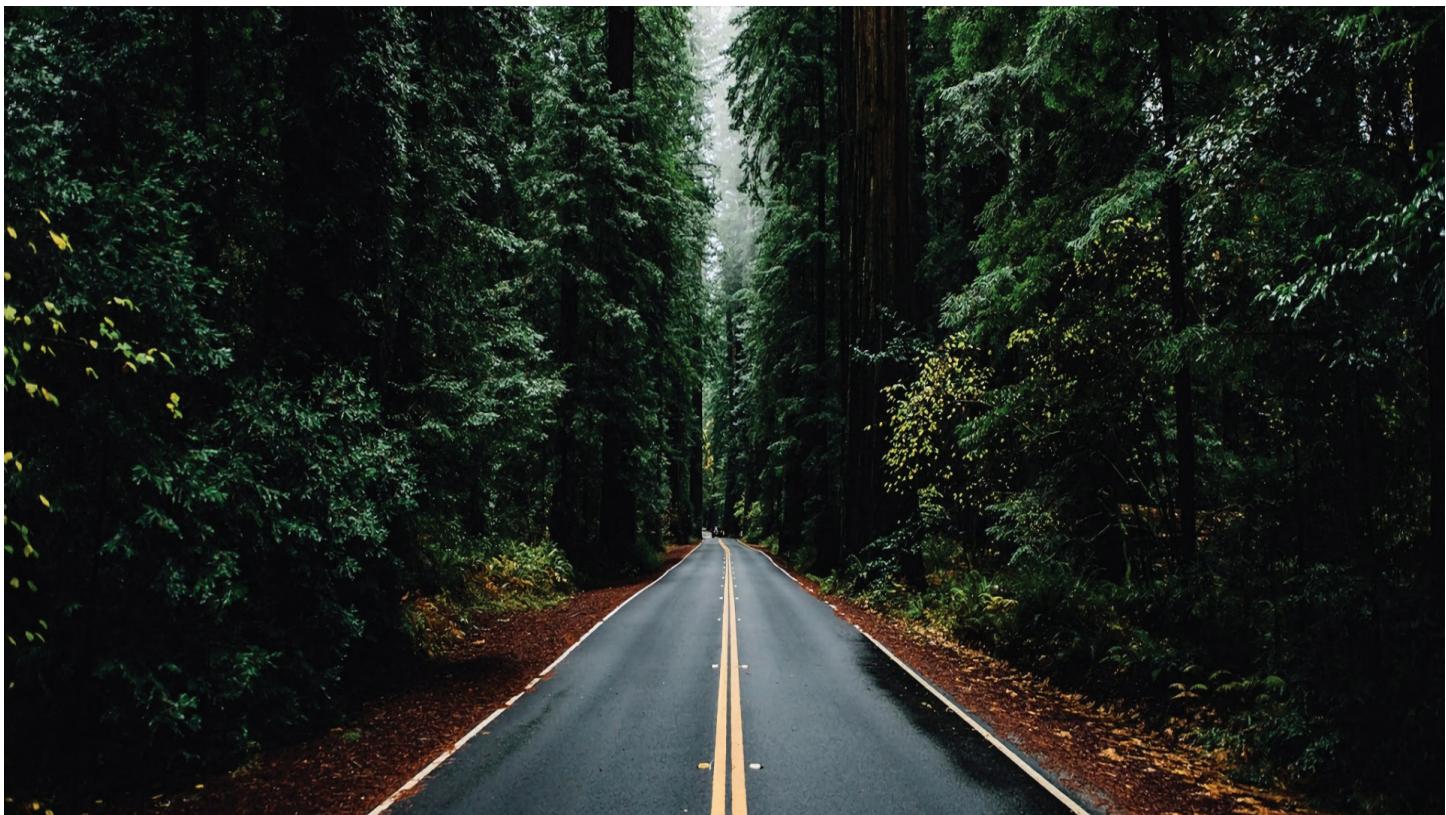
*Want to join us at this year's Men's Retreat?*

Feb 22-24 at Hartland Christian Camp

*Our theme: **Like Father, Like Son**  
If you have a son 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up, bring him along.*

**Guarantees:** Quality time connecting with God, connecting and building your relationship with other men from the church, learning about God, eating, singing, sleeping, target practice, eating, hiking, beautiful creation, playing sports, time away to reflect, eating, no cell service, belote games, rest, eating...

REGISTER with the brochure found online  
[www.fapc.net](http://www.fapc.net) or after church!



## FINDING THE PATH OF JOY, WHEN THE STRUGGLE IS REAL...

At first glance at the Bible plan on the app, my natural reaction to "Finding Joy When the Struggle is Real" isn't for me.

"I don't have a problem. I'm fine."

But if you're anything like me, sometimes the answer of "I'm fine," to the question of "how are you?" is not the response we want to give.

I love what the devotional said, "I believe that God has written a story line for each one of us that integrates all of the random and frustrating and confusing struggles--both little and big--into a life of wholeness and purpose. God's Word is clear that when we choose to follow Him, we should expect to be changed--not a little, but entirely transformed. God's kind of change doesn't make our lives perfect...He offers us lives of freedom and space rather than confinement and striving. He who can calm the storm, raise the dead, provided a way for us to not only understand life, but to grow stronger and smarter through it all."

So starting on March 6 (Ash Wednesday), we will begin a Lenten Bible Study for all ages. We will go weekly, beginning with dinner, (6:30pm).

### All-Church Lenten Bible Study

**March 6-Maundy Thursday April 18.**

**Wednesday Nights 6:30-8:15pm  
(ending with Maundy Thursday, Apr 18)**

**What to expect?**

**Dinner: 6:30-7pm**

**Worship & Prayer: 7-7:15pm**

**Children program (ages 1-10): 7:15-8:10pm**

**Adult Study 7:15-8:10pm**

COST to be determined. Please RSVP with Rev. Mgo so we can better plan the Children program and dinner. As well as, if you're interested in helping lead with this ministry, please contact Rev. Mgo, [associate@fapc.net](mailto:associate@fapc.net).



THE GATHERING  
INVITES YOU TO OUR  
FIRST CO-ED EVENT!



# COFFEE AND COLORS

Join us for an evening of coffee, painting, and fellowship.

Artist Sona Atoyan will lead us in the paint nite.

Lanna Coffee will provide a coffee cart with various espresso selections.

**Location:** FAPC's Fellowship Hall

**Date:** Saturday, February 9

**Time:** 6:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M.

**Tickets:** \$25 per person

(cost covers paint supplies and coffee/light refreshments)

\*Doors open at 5:30 with coffee available\*



**RSVP BY PURCHASING A TICKET  
QUESTIONS? CONTACT NOELLE AT (559) 355-4111**

We hope to see you all there!



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# 2019

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JUNIORS FEBRUARY 1-3

JUNIOR HIGH FEBRUARY 8-10

HIGH SCHOOL FEBRUARY 15-17

IN THE SAME WAY LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE  
OTHERS, THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD DEEDS  
AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN.

-MATTHEW 5:16

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## Upcoming Special Events

Armenian Home Worship Service

The Gathering, Coffee & Colors

Men's Retreat

Vartanantz Service, 5:30pm

@ St. Paul Armenian Apostolic Church

World Day of Prayer, FAPC, 10am

Armenian Home Worship Service

All-Church Lenten Series

Wednesdays, 6:30pm-8:15pm

Annual Meeting Breakfast

Palm Sunday Service

Easter Breakfast, 9:30am & followed by  
Worship Service

Feb 3

Feb 9

Feb 22-24, 2019

Feb 28

Mar 2

Mar 3

Mar 6-Apr 18

Mar 17

Apr 14

Apr 21

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