

“Sin, sin, sin! All you pastors do is talk about sin! Can’t you ever speak about the love of God?!”

While it’s not always the case, we really have been doing a lot of talking a lot about sin these last couple of months during Lent as we’ve focused on **“The Deadly 7”, the Seven Deadly Sins**. We’ve reflected on Pride, Envy, Anger, Sloth, Greed and Gluttony. On Palm Sunday, we’ll focus on a case of mistaken identity: Christ Himself and love vs. lust.

On Resurrection Sunday we will celebrate the power of Christ’s resurrection in us to overcome the power and grip sin too frequently holds in our lives.

But we have to talk about sin, don’t we? It’s so easy for me to minimize my sin or rationalize it or simply accept that “This is just who I am. There’s nothing I can do.” Some days I don’t even recognize or see it! I don’t imagine I’m alone in this struggle.

I believe that’s why we read in Psalm 19:12-13 “But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults. Keep Your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.”

The Lord knows our sin and He has compassion for us. His love is so great that He desires to forgive and empower us to resist. He even offers us His Holy Spirit to replace our disobedience and weakness with His character, His heart and behavior that reflects Him! But it starts with recognizing our thoughts, words and actions that grieve Him. So we talk about our pride and how we dethrone God and place ourselves as the final authority and as the center of the universe. We look envy in its “green eyes” and see our dissatisfaction with what we have and our inability to be grateful

*10 The death [Christ] died, He died to sin once for all; but the life He lives, He lives to God. 11 In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. 12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. 13 Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. **Romans 6:10-13 (NIV)***

to the Lord. Our anger, born from fear, poisons our relationships. With our eyes fixed firmly on ourselves sloth and apathy keep us fixed inward, away from the Lord and other people. Our affair with greed, gluttony and lust reveal our inability to genuinely love and live beyond ourselves.



Is there any hope?!

Absolutely! Christ is risen from the dead! He brings life to our frail and feeble bodies. He enlightens our minds and revives our spirits! We now have the choice to offer ourselves to Him or to continue in darkness.

Christ is risen from the dead! It’s more than just a slogan to say at Easter, it’s the call to a way of life that disarms and destroys sin’s hold in our lives. The risen Christ is our hope every day!

We can be humble, grateful, patient & forgiving, diligent, generous, self-controlled and loving because Christ is risen from the dead! He is alive, not just in heaven, but in us! Nothing, no temptation or sin is stronger than the risen Lord Jesus Christ!

I love Resurrection Sunday!

Let’s carry the reality of Christ’s resurrection daily, resisting sin and expressing His power, joy and love!

The Armenian Missionary Association of America has announced the 2019 John G. Jameson Essay Contest for high school and college students of Armenian descent attending schools in North America. The essays must be previously unpublished, written in English, have a length of one to two thousand words, and touch on some aspect of Armenian heritage and experience. The deadline for entries in May 1, 2019. For more information, please e-mail [sponsorship@amaa.org](mailto:sponsorship@amaa.org).



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We're looking to hire another Nursery Attendant to care for our 1-2 year olds (9:30am-12:30pm) on Sunday mornings, alongside Marine. The primary and most important thing is the person loves Jesus and wants to express the same love and nurture to our little ones. If interested, please have their resumes emailed to Badveli Mgo, at [associate@fapc.net](mailto:associate@fapc.net).

### NO SUNDAY SCHOOL:

APRIL 21

Join us for Easter Breakfast 9:30AM.

MAY 12 (Mother's Day)

**LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL JUNE 9**

### SAVE THE DATES:

JUNE 9

Youth Celebration Sunday

JUNE 17-21

Vacation Bible School



## Attention all Graduates

Entries for the graduation booklet are due no later than Monday, May 27. For kindergarten, 6th & 8th grade promotions, please submit your names. All other graduates, please submit your name, picture, institution you're graduating from, degree earned, activities, favorite scripture, & future plans, to Marine @ [fapc3@fapc.net](mailto:fapc3@fapc.net).

## Deacon's Corner

On January 29th, a few of us visited Gerry Karabian at the Solstice Retirement Home. I had forgotten this until the Lord prompted me; I hadn't planned on going. At the last minute, I jumped in the car and after a long out of the way drive, I finally made it to Shaw and Fowler. For me this was "jeheminjot!" When I got there, they were already in a lively conversation. Gerry was in good spirits and sharing about the loss of Irma. At the end of our visit and after praying for him, I wanted to ask the truck driver hot to get to the church from the home the best way. He told me to the detail! I was truly blessed that day visiting Gerry. I am so glad I went. Gerry Karabian was a blessing and joy to our church family. I will never forget that visit with him. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, when you hear the prompting of our Lord to visit, call, or send a note... do it! You will not regret it and you will be blessed. Our heartfelt sympathy and condolences to Lexi, Henry, and Rosie.

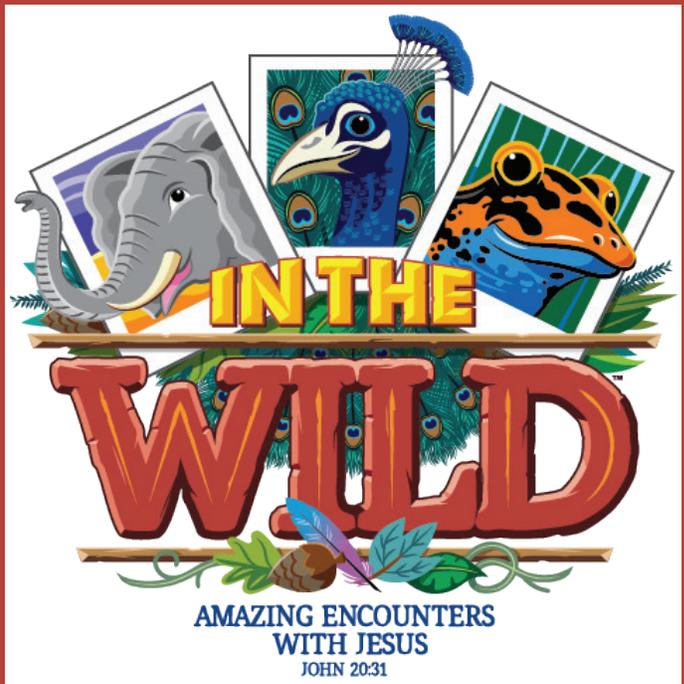
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## Vacation Bible School

JUNE 17-21

(9:15AM-11:45AM)



The FAPC Congregation reviewed the 2018 Annual Report at a breakfast meeting on Sunday, March 17. The Fellowship Hall gathering included a delicious Armenian meal prepared by Elders Sevag Afarian and Razmig Minassian and their team, a review of financial and pastoral reports, and group prayer. During the meeting, several questions were raised about tithing and stewardship. The Session Subcommittee on Endowments is pleased to share the following thoughts by Christian author Gordon MacDonald and GenerousChurch founder Patrick Johnson in their devotional book, “Generosity: Moving Toward the Life that is Truly Life”:

- 1. **John 3:16** “God is the first and most generous giver.”
- 2. **Philippians 2:5-7** “We are most like God when we give.”
- 3. **Acts 4:32-34** “When we give, the world takes notice.”
- 4. **Matthew 6:25** “Generosity helps free us from the dangers of money.”
- 5. **Luke 12:15** “The antidote to materialism is generosity.”
- 6. **Luke 16:13** “Generosity leads us to greater dependence on God.”
- 7. **Acts 20:35** “Great blessings accompany the generous life.”
- 8. **2 Corinthians 8:1-2** “Generous givers experience a life full of joy.”
- 9. **Acts 2:44-47** “God’s power abounds in a community of generous givers.”
- 10. **2 Corinthians 8:7** “Everyone can excel in the grace of giving.”
- 11. **1 Corinthians 13:3** “Giving accomplishes great things when done in love.”
- 12. **2 Corinthians 9:7** “Excellent planning leads to excellence in giving.”

## ● Men’s Ministry News ●

“Walking Together in Christ” is the first quarter theme of the Friday Men’s Bible Study Luncheon Group. On March 22, 2019, Study Group member Jeff Esraelian described his March 5-13 Missions Trip to Lebanon. Jeff and other missions team members met Maher El Hajj, Youth for Christ Lebanon National Director, and visited MANARA (“LightHouse”), the YFCL Youth Reconciliation Center in Bourj Hammoud. They also learned about the YFCL Youth Outreach to Syrian Refugees. Jeff and other members of his group rounded out their stay by visiting the Armenian Evangelical Church and Secondary School of Anjar. Please call the Church Office or e-mail [administration@fapc.net](mailto:administration@fapc.net) to be placed on the E-list for the Friday Men’s Luncheon Group.




**AMAA**  
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 July 4-19, 2019

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“...Young men shall see visions...”  
 Acts 2:18  
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 Applications can be picked up at a local church office or by visiting [amaa.org](http://amaa.org)

Alicia Minassian has applied for the 2019 AMAA Summer Internship Program in the Republic of Armenia. Alicia is a Hoover High School student who emigrated from Syria in 2015. Please pray for Alicia’s ministry this summer. To make special gifts to assist in her summer service, please contact the Church Office at 237-6638 or e-mail: [administration@fapc.net](mailto:administration@fapc.net).

**CAMP AREV SUMMER**  
**Jul 7-13: Juniors**  
**Jul 14-20: Junior High**  
**Jul 21-27: High School**  
 for more info [www.camparev.org](http://www.camparev.org)



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# 2019 ARMENIAN GENOCIDE COMMEMORATION CENTRAL CALIFORNIA EVENTS

— Wednesday, April 24, 2019 —

**10am FLAG RAISING: ANC-CENTRAL CALIFORNIA**

Fresno City Hall, 2600 Fresno Street

**12 noon FRESNO STATE-ARMENIAN STUDENTS ORGANIZATION**

Armenian Genocide Monument, Fresno State

**ARMENIAN GENOCIDE  
COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE OF FRESNO**

Armenian Genocide Monument, Fresno State *[Relaxed Campus Parking in P1, P5 & P6]*

**6pm Laying of Flowers**

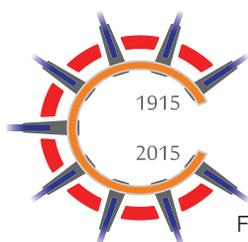
**6:45pm Presentation of Flags**

**7pm Religious Service**

**7:30pm Civic Service**

**Keynote Speakers:** Armenian Genocide Essay Competition Winners  
High School and University Students

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



**Armenian Genocide Centennial, Fresno Committee:** 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 Turkish 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.

For a complete listing of events visit [www.agcfresno.org](http://www.agcfresno.org)  agcfresno  agcfresno@gmail.com  agccfresno



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***Upcoming Special Events***

All-Church Lenten Series	
Wednesdays, 6:30pm-8:15pm	Mar 6-Apr 18
Palm Sunday Service	Apr 14
Maunder Thursday Service, 6:30PM	Apr 18
Easter Breakfast, 9:30am & followed by Worship Service	Apr 21
Armenian Genocide Commemorative Service, Fresno State Genocide Memorial, 7PM	Apr 24
“Clothe Yourself in Love,” Fashion Show, hosted by The Gathering, 1PM	May 5
Mother’s Day	May 12
Joint Memorial Day Picnic @PACC	May 27
Last Day of Sunday School	June 9
VBS	June 17-21

**Church Office:**  
8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.  
(M - F)  
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are due by the  
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