

Love God. Love Others. Make Disciples.

February 2023 Vol. 1:1

"The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God,"

Mark 1:1 (NIV2011)

I am absolutely **LOVING** my study and the work in the Gospel of Mark that I'm doing as I prepare for the sermons and the training of our Sunday School team. It's so exciting to see the entire church family focus on the same Biblical material each Sunday. I hope you're interacting with your children and discussing what they're learning and memorizing. Our prayer is that this will bring our families closer together around the Word of God and motivate us to follow the Lord Jesus wholeheartedly.

As you've probably heard, I came down with my third (maybe fourth) episode of COVID and, thankfully, I've come through it pretty well. But, like many of you, it had me on my back for several days with a splitting headache and some mild congestion. As frustrated as I was, however, I must confess that it gave me the chance to catch up on my favorite television program, *The Chosen*. Have you watched that yet?



It's now in season three and I can tell you as someone who is not the biggest fan of Bible movies, that I unequivocally encourage you to watch it. The source material comes basically from the four Gospel accounts of the New

Testament with considerable "artistic license" adding imaginative back stories to characters and scenes that develop qualities of the characters.

My favorite program is the third episode of the first season in which Jesus is shown interacting with children. It is entirely in keeping with the emphasis in Scripture that Jesus loves children. With a cast that resembles middle-easterners, it is so enjoyable to watch Him playfully engage the rambunctious little boys and girls.

Watching the dramatizations of His healings, and driving out demons is awe-inspiring. It matches up well with my repeated listening and reading of Mark and the other Gospels in preparation for messages each Sunday. It challenges me to radically trust Him.

Too frequently I read (or listen!) too fast. I move too quickly through a passage on my way to the next, rushing. Forcing myself to slow down to watch and also to read more deliberately is opening my eyes to scenes, comments and even words that I've previously missed even though I've read Mark probably more than a hundred times.

As we reflect with Mark on "the Good News of Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God," I urge you to read along slowly and watch *The Chosen*. I believe you'll find yourself being more amazed by Jesus, more in love with Him and resolved to follow Him more faithfully.

Because He lives,

Badveli Greg



FAPC Missions Committee Update

February 2023

The Missions Committee wants you to know that it is with pure joy that we serve our great God and the Body of Christ at FAPC. Missions and Evangelism are at the heart of the Great Commission.



“What is a Real Christian?”

Here is the second Myth of what some would answer why they are a Christian:

Myth #2:

Thinking Positively Makes You a Christian

Some people also think that if you give a hearty handshake, pat others on the back, smile, and ask, “ How are you doing?” that you’re somehow a Christian.

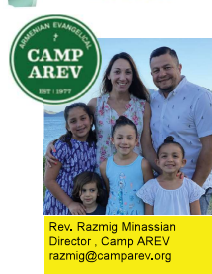
Now, normally a Christian is cheerful and excited about life, and genuinely cares about others. A Christian also understands that he or she is valuable in God’s eyes because He made us in His image and loves us deeply.

But you could develop a certain sense of well-being and self-worth apart from knowing that God’s Word, the Bible, teaches us about thinking right in an unright world. So thinking positively about life in general and about yourself in particular doesn’t automatically make you a Christian.

Luis Palau Association. 1985. *What Is a Real Christian? An Honest Look Behind the Myths*. 4th Edition. Luis Palau. United States of America.

Below are your current 2023 FAPC Missions Committee Members:

- *Paul Haroutunian, Elder Director
- *Nelda Baker, Vice Chair
- *Jay Khushigian
- *Elaine Rubio
- *Rev. Gregory Haroutunian (ex officio)

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FAPC MISSIONS 2022
FAPC missions exists to fulfill the Great Commission of Jesus instructing His disciples to make obedient disciples. **Ten percent** of all FAPC tithes and offerings goes to missions. We have vetted and formally chosen to provide financial support for these individuals and organizations posted on this page because they evangelize and make disciples for Jesus. We hope you are excited to hear what God is doing with these partners and we strongly encourage you to get to know them and prayerfully support them. Their contact information is posted below. If possible, please consider providing direct further individual financial support.
Your Missions Committee at FAPC



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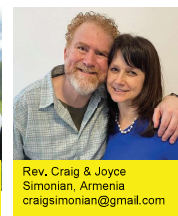
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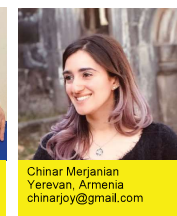
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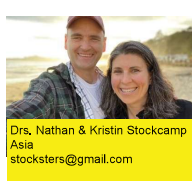
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DEACON'S CORNER IS COMING SOON!

The Wednesday **Men's Bible Study** Luncheon Group concluded the 2022 calendar year with a Christmas Feast at Noah's Ark Restaurant in the Headliner Shopping Center near Hoover High School. The celebration luncheon took place December 22 and guests dined on an array of Near Eastern delicacies. The Men's Bible Study Group focused on the 23rd Psalm and its New Testament counterparts during the Thanksgiving and Advent Seasons. In 2023, the Group will study the Gospel of Mark from January through May, the Parables of Jesus in the summer months, and continue in the Gospel of Mark from September through the end of the year. The Group meets for a delicious meal and Scriptural study most Wednesdays from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room Kitchen. Badveli Greg Haroutunian serves as the discussion leader. To be included in the E-list for the Study Group, email administration@fapc.net or call (559) 237-6638.

Armenian News

Armenian Christians Endure Christmas Blockade in Artsakh

Closure of corridor to Nagorno-Karabakh by Azerbaijani activists stretches into third week.

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Image: Photo by Davit Ghahramanyan / AFP / Getty Images

A protestor wearing the Armenian national flag stands in front of Russian peacekeepers blocking the road outside Stepanakert, capital of Nagorno-Karabakh, on December 24, 2022.

Please click on the link below to read the complete article.

https://www.christianitytoday.com/news/2023/january/nagorno-karabakh-christmas-blockade-armenia-artsakh-lachin.html?share=CB36pFB1Q3%2fCPLJlyJ7yAALo%2BQRAGDBS&utm_medium=widgetsocial

Upcoming Events



CHARLIE KEYAN ARMENIAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL
INVITES YOU TO AN EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT AND
ALL YOU CAN EAT CRAB DINNER

Join us in the Roaring Twenties for our 20th Annual
CRAB FEED
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2023

The BANKERS BALLROOM PACIFIC SOUTHWEST BUILDING
1060 FULCON STREET | FRESNO, CA

Auction and Entertainment
DOORS OPEN FOR COCKTAILS AT 6 P.M. · DINNER SERVED AT 7 P.M.
EMCEES: ALEKSIAN & STEPHANI BOOROOJIAN · WITH SPECIAL GUEST MAYOR JERRY DYER

Become a Sponsor
THE PROCEEDS FROM THE EVENT WILL HELP SUPPORT OUR
SCHOOL'S SPECIAL PROGRAMS SUCH AS TECHNOLOGY, ART,
MUSIC, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, AND MANY ACTIVITIES
FOR OUR STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE ACADEMIC YEAR.

FOR RESERVATIONS
CALL (559) 325-1955
SEE BACK FOR TICKET + SPONSORSHIP DETAILS

Vartanantz Commemoration

Thursday, February 16th, 2023

Divine Liturgy at 6 PM

Food and Fellowship to Follow

St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church, Fowler

220 S 3rd St, Fowler 93625



Hosted by:

The Knights & Daughters of Vartan, Yeprad Tahlij & Alidz Otyag

Vartanantz Address by Asbed Dn. Van Der Mugrdechian

With the participation of:

Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church

St. Paul Armenian Apostolic Church

St. Mary Armenian Apostolic Church, Yettam

First Armenian Presbyterian Church

Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church

Charlie Keyan Armenian Community School



Dr. David Jeremiah will keynote the 2023 Fresno-Clovis Prayer Breakfast. The Breakfast will be held from 7 to 9 a.m. on Wednesday, March 1 in the Fresno Convention Center Exhibit Hall. Reverend Jeremiah is an American Evangelical Christian author, founder of Turning Point Ministries, and Pastor of Shadow Mountain Community Church in El Cajon, California. For more information, please visit: <https://fresnoclovisprayerbreakfast.org>.

Please contact Jacci in the office if you'd like to attend. There are a few seats available for the event.

Contact Information:

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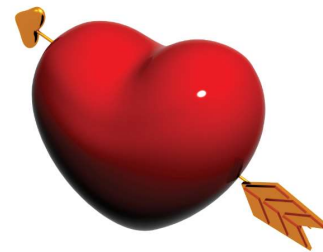
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Upcoming Events



Hope Now for Youth, Fresno's Faith-Based Gangs-to-Jobs Ministry, will hold its 30th Anniversary Banquet on February 23, 2023 at the Clovis Veterans' Memorial Building.

Visit <https://hopenowforyouth.org> or call (559) 237-7215 for more information.



HEARTS FOR LEBANON BANQUET

Your Christian love and compassion and generous donations help sustain the lives of so many desperate and hopeless families, as Lebanon continues to submerge deeper into an unprecedented economic crisis – making food, fuel, and medicine scarce and unaffordable.

A Lebanon Relief Benefit

Hosted By
PILGRIM ARMENIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
FIRST ARMENIAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saturday, March 11, 2023

5:30 p.m. Fellowship • 6:00 p.m. Dinner
 Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church
 3673 North First Street, Fresno • Social Hall

Guest Speaker:
DR. RAFI BALABANIAN
Calvary Armenian Congregational Church, San Francisco
 AMAA Board Director

For information, contact Edward Saliba (559) 907-8110 or Janie Bedrosian (559) 351-3651

"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'"
 - Matthew 25:40

HEARTS FOR LEBANON BANQUET MARCH 11, 2023 - Please RSVP by February 28, 2023

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____ Evening phone _____

I will attend! Please reserve: _____ Adult tickets at \$40/each _____ \$ _____
 _____ Children under age 12 tickets at \$15/each _____ \$ _____

I would like to be a sponsor: _____ \$1000 Sponsorship (includes 8 dinners) _____ \$ _____
 _____ \$500 Sponsorship (includes 4 dinners) _____ \$ _____
 _____ \$250 Sponsorship (includes 2 dinners) _____ \$ _____

I am unable to attend, enclosed is my donation _____ \$ _____

Total Enclosed _____ \$ _____

Please make checks payable to PACC, earmarked "Lebanon Mission"
 Mail this form and your payment to: Donna Robinson, 2864 W. Wellington Ln., Fresno, CA 93711

February 2023

4th | Crab Feed CKACS,
Pacific Southwest Building

16th | Vartanantz Commemoration,
St. Gregory, Folwer

23rd | Grace Wins Banquet, Clovis
Veteran's Memorial Bldg.

March 2023

1st | Fresno Clovis Prayer Breakfast,
Fresno Convention Center

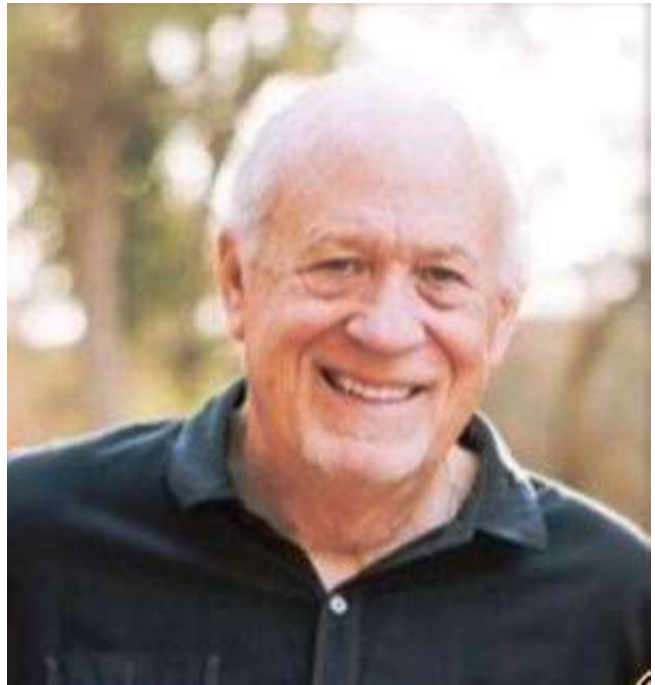
4th | AMAA Los Angeles Fashion Show,
Beverly Hills Hotel

Our Condolences



Georgia L. Malakian-Mickaelian, dear sister in Christ, passed away on January 7, 2023 at the age of 77 following a long and courageous battle with cancer. Georgia graduated from Roosevelt High School, attended Fresno City College, and worked at the Office of the Fresno County District Attorney for six years. She went on to work for three decades as a Program Technician II with the Disability Determination Service Division, the State of California agency that works in tandem with the Social Security Administration federal disability program. Georgia was preceded in death by her beloved parents, George Ardaches and Nevert Elizabeth (Caffejian) Malakian. She is survived by her daughters, Danyelle and her husband, Steven Baker, and Melissa Mickaelian, and by her granddaughters, Piper Ruby Baker and Leighton Araxie Baker.

Willard Dale “Billy” Phipps, II, dear friend of FAPC, passed away on December 10, 2022 at the age of 76. A native of Omaha, Nebraska, Billy grew up in Fresno and graduated from Roosevelt High School, California Lutheran College, and the California College of Mortuary Science. With his father, Bill, Sr., the late Oscar Kevork, and the late Jack Sarafian, Billy served as funeral director to five generations of the FAPC Family through the Yost & Webb Funeral Home, founded in 1930. A classic car collector and lover of sports, Billy was a community servant leader, Past Distinguished President of the East Fresno Kiwanis Club and member of the California Funeral Directors Association for more than half a century. Billy was preceded in death by his parents, Willard Dale Senior and Esther Phipps. He is survived by his loving wife, Lisa; children Levi, Caleb, Kendra, Blake, and Bailey; many dear nieces, nephews, and cousins; and his Yost & Webb Funeral Home Family.





Rosemarie (Souza Adanalian)

Williams passed away in Clovis on December 5, 2022 at the age of 81. A native of Los Banos, Rosemarie grew up in LeGrand, Merced County, and graduated from local schools before attending then-Fresno State College. She worked for a number of Fresno financial institutions through the years and was also a childcare provider. She was passionate about Jesus Christ, her family, and Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF), an international interdenominational Christian ministry that for 85 years has taught the Gospel to children and encouraged their involvement in local Churches. Rosemarie was preceded in death by her first husband, Simon “Si” Adanalian; her granddaughter, Alina Rose Adanalian; her parents, Joe and Margaret (Fraga) Souza; and her siblings Joe Souza, Margaret Mary McIntire, Mary Agnes Wilson, and Caroline Sigona. Rosemarie is survived by her dear husband of 31 years, Dick “Willie” Williams, and her brother and sister-in-law, Fred and Karen Souza of Gustine.

She is also survived by her beloved children and grandchildren, Simon, Jr. and Lisa Adanalian and their children, Simon III and Joey; Monica and Clark Crapo and their children, Joel and Seth; Matt Adanalian; and John and Zovig Adanalian and their children, Julia, Lucas, and Natalie. She is also survived by her stepson Ken Williams and his children, Jenna and Luke, and many nieces and nephews.

Prayer Requests

Zelia Takelian: For healing of skin in shunt area on her head and good health. That there would be a peaceful and harmonious atmosphere at school.

Family of Kevork Minassian: (Krikor and Nerses Cardoux's nephew) – passed away in December. For comfort and peace for his family.

Wayne Garabedian: He will be healed from his cancer.

Ed Thurber: Praying for physical healing from his blood infection. Praying for wisdom for the doctors and peace for Ed, as well.

He was admitted to the hospital on Friday, January 27, after a positive result for infection (sepsis) was found during a routine blood test. He has had a chest cold and is immunocompromised from the cancer.

High School Students: “There is a new level of hurt and brokenness with high school students that we are unprepared for. School personnel need a lot of prayer that God gives us wisdom on how to interact and help them through these dark moments in their lives.”



First Armenian Presbyterian Church

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Return Service Requested

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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5 Prayer Bridal Room 9:30 AM Communion Service 10:30 AM Armenian Family 12:30 PM	6	7 Women's Bible Study 2:55 PM Women's Zoom Bible Study 5:55PM Family Fellowship 6:45 PM	8 Men's Bible Study 12:00 PM Fireside	9 Women's Bible Study Fireside 9:45 AM Family Fellowship 7PM Zoom	10	11
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