

Love God. Love Others. Make Disciples.

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

Mark 1:1 (NIV)

What do you want to know about Jesus? If you could sit down with Matthew, John, Luke or Mark, what would you like to ask them about Jesus? If you could ask Jesus a question about His life, what would your question be?

We begin 2023 as a Year of Following Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. We will go verse by verse, chapter by chapter with a summer hiatus in Jesus' parables. It's going to be a tremendous year in which our sermons, Sunday School lessons, Family Fellowships and Men's Bible Study will be in sync studying Mark's gospel, focusing on knowing Jesus, on following Jesus, and on being wholehearted disciples of Jesus Christ who make disciples of Jesus Christ. It's going to be a great year!

Would you please send me any questions you have about Jesus? I'll do my best to study and research them and try to include them in our work together. Tim Nightingale will be leading our Sunday School team and our children will be memorizing verses, working on crafts, playing games and enjoying dramas from the text of Mark.

The Elders & I are praying that this will be a year when the Lord knits our hearts together by His Holy Spirit as we seek to live together in Mark and live out faithful discipleship to Jesus.



January 2023 Vol. 1:2

Let's say "yes" to Jesus' call to "Come and follow Me." Let's offer our lives to Him as living sacrifices. Let's spend the 21 Days of Prayer & Fasting, January 9-29, daily pursuing Him in His Word, in prayer, and fasting, to see His kingdom come and His will be done in our lives and in our church.

I urge you to pray that the Lord will reveal any specific initiatives He has for FAPC that will push us out of our comfort zones and into the realm of genuine faith, trust and kingdom-building. We desire to follow Him wherever and however He leads.

I'm deeply challenged by the following question: What are people's view of God based on what they see God doing through your life?

Think about that! What does His work in and through my life reveal about Him? How about you? What does His work in you display of Him? I'm counting on our time together in Mark to turn my life inside out and upside down, so I live more fully & honestly by faith and not by my own resources.

Sossy, the children & I want to wish you a Happy New Year and a Merry Christmas as we launch out into 2023!

Because He lives,
Badveli Greg



Armenian Evangelical Youth Fellowship



Rev. Mgo emphasized that as leaders first we must be led by Jesus, then live and lead like Jesus, and eventually lead to Jesus. All the participants were excited for this leadership conference and we had a great time engaging with the speaker, getting to know one another, the congregation members of the host church and the beautiful scenery of Salt Lake City and Park City.

We were blessed by the hospitality of the Ararat Armenian Evangelical Church which is located in Salt Lake City, Utah, which is led by Reverend Kevork Paronian who supported us during our leadership conference. Also, we are grateful to AEUNA and the AMAA for their financial support to the AEYF through this event.

This was a great time for both AEYF West and East committees to meet, be engaged with one another, and get to know each other. We look forward to planning similar events which will support and guide our leaders to better serve in their churches and various ministries to build God's Kingdom.

My name is Garo Minasian, and I am the current Chairperson and President of the AEYF West Committee which stands for the Armenian Evangelical Youth Fellowship.

I want to present to you a report about our AEYF leadership conference that happened in Salt Lake City, Utah on November 11 through 13. First of all, I would like to thank FAPC for financially supporting me and the participants who were selected to go to this event. Your support is very much appreciated.

It was very encouraging having 3 participants from our church who were Michael Ketenjian, Kristine Ketenjian, and Alicia Minasian. All of them actively participated in the leadership conference and they had a great time learning about how to become Jesus centered leaders and they were excited to bring back their gained knowledge from the conference to our church to apply it in their leadership positions at FAPC.

We were thankful for having 40 leaders and mentors joining us in our leadership conference. Our mission for this conference was to invite a group of leaders from our AEUNA churches to participate in an intensive 3-day leadership training seminar. As we gathered in fellowship, our goal was to use this time in unison to equip each other with leadership tools, a vision-driven mindset, and further encourage one another in our commitment of service to our personal churches.

Our guest speaker was Rev. Mgo Mekredijian who spoke about who we can become as Jesus centered leaders and how we need to understand who we are in Jesus first and foremost.





FAPC MISSIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

JANUARY 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.

Below are your current 2022 FAPC Missions Committee Members:

**Paul Haroutunian, Elder Director *Nelda Baker, Secretary *Jay Khushigian *Elaine Rubio *Rev. Gregory Haroutunian*

In December, the Missions Committee provided the congregation with a booklet on, "What is a Real Christian?"

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

Being Born in America Makes You a Christian

"I was born in America, so of course I am a Christian." "I've been a Christian all my life." "I was born in a Christian home or in the church."

"Be thankful for where you were born, and for the family and church in which you were reared. But don't assume that automatically makes you a Christian. Everyone has to make that decision for themselves."

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



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



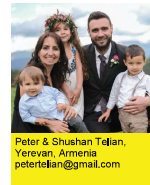
Rev. Razmig Mnessian
Director Camp AREV
razmig@camparev.org



Arman & Lilit Asatryan
Armenia
kboxter@intlyounglife.org



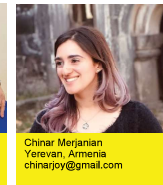
Pastor Vardan,
Asia
missions@fapc.net



Peter & Shushan Tellan,
Yerevan, Armenia
petertellan@gmail.com



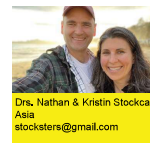
Rev. Craig & Joyce
Simonian, Armenia
craigsimonian@gmail.com



Chinar Merjanian
Yerevan, Armenia
chinarjoy@gmail.com



clerk@aeuna.org



Drs. Nathan & Kristin Stockcamp
Asia
stocksters@gmail.com



info@hopenow.org



info@justicecoalition.org



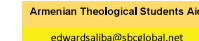
info@amaa.org



marva.ward@esali.org



evh@evangehome.org



Armenian Theological Students Aid
edwardsaliba@sbglobal.net



Deacon's Corner



Congratulations to the following Communicant Members on their election to the FAPC Board of Deacons:
(Class of 2025)



**Richard Bittikofer *Ara and Sosé Catchatoorian *Edward and Silva Esajian *Janik Oganesyian*

The election took place at a Congregational Meeting following the Worship Service on October 23, 2022. The Session extends heartfelt thanks to the following members of the Committee on Nominations: Kalem Kazarian (Elder Chair); Paul Haroutunian (Elder Representative); Noelle Nightingale (Deacon Representative); Joanne Garabedian; Susan Khushigian; and Luther Sevajian.



Acknowledgements

HYE SHARZHOOM
Armenian Action
ՀԱՅ ՇԱՐԺՈՍ



Eddy Thurber is one of five Fresno State University students attending the American University of Armenia during the Fall Semester of the 2022-2023 Academic Year. Their matriculation abroad is under the auspices of the Kashian Family Foundation. To read Eddy's reports and dispatches from Yerevan, visit the website of Hye Sharzhoom, newspaper of the Fresno State Armenian Students Organization and Armenian Studies Program. The website may be found at: <https://hyesharzhoom.com>.



We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate **Eddy Thurber**, on his newly acquired position as the part-time Youth Director Intern at First Armenian Presbyterian Church. We are looking forward to watch Eddy work with our teenagers and expand the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ in their lives. We are excited to see what he will accomplish with FAPC in the near future.

Eddy has worked as an Assistant Leader of our Youth Group and has been an active volunteer at Camp AREV for several years. His faith has continued to grow and we are excited to have him join the team.



Congratulations to **Garo Minassian** on being named President of the Armenian Evangelical Youth Fellowship--West Region for the term 2022-2024. The Mission of the AEYF--WR is to make Christlike disciples out of the Armenian Youth Community on the West Coast. Together with the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America (AEUNA) and AEYF--East Region, the AEYF--WR is commissioned to share the Good News of life in Jesus Christ in youth peers, both in the local communities and in the larger Armenian Diaspora.





From the Congregation



To: The Elders Board at FAPC

From: Tamar Sevajian

Date: December 19, 2022

Re: Caroling and Pastor Greg

Hello Dear Ones,

I just want to share something that has been on my heart since Saturday.

Luther and I had the privilege to go caroling in Fresno for the first time. Our list to visit homes included some elderly from this church who have had health challenges over the past year. We thought God was presenting us another opportunity to serve Him by this visit. I was wrong. We were the ones who were blessed - not only through their smiles, joy, and encouragement - some of them even prayed for us.

However, my main point to write you this note is to report to you about my amazement at Badveli Greg's genuine love and compassion for God's people. He was very moved by each member's health progress or just to see their faces gave him such joy. He prayed over each of them with tears praising the Lord for His Sovereignty and care, for answered prayers, and for their faith.

I told my husband "This is the type of pastor I would like to visit me when I am in a nursing home one day;" "he may not be perfect, but I love his shepherd's heart... he truly loves and cares for his flock."

Luther and I have been and served in Armenian churches long enough to know not to ignore such value. We Armenians are very good at judging or criticizing pastors. Sadly, we have seen this doing more harm than good in our previous church in LA. I just feel it's time for me to take the initiative to appreciate someone (our pastor) at the right opportunity.

"Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing"
(1 Thessalonians 5:11).

With much love, respect, and prayers for each of you,

Tamar Sevajian





A Traffic Report for Members and Friends of FAPC

The City of Fresno has reconfigured traffic patterns on First Street between Tulare and Ventura Streets as part of the City’s new “Complete Streets Policy.” Since Thanksgiving 2022, motorists traveling northbound or southbound on First Street will have a single travel lane in their direction. Motorists traveling southbound can use a dedicated right turn lane at the intersection of Huntington Boulevard and First Street to drive to Raisina Street and the FAPC parking lot adjacent to the Fellowship Hall. Motorists traveling northbound can use a shared, dedicated left turn lane to enter the First Street parking lot. The Fresno Department of Public Works has explained the Complete Streets Policy is designed to provide “safe mobility for all users – including bicyclists, pedestrians, transit vehicles, trucks, and motorists.” FAPC has been located at the southwest corner of First Street and Huntington Boulevard for the past 80 years.



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.

January Special Events

- Armenian Christmas January 6th
 - Young Families Dinner & Bible Study January 7th
 - Christmas Angel January 7th
 - Camp AREV - Young Adult January 7-8th
 - 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting January 9-29th
 - Camp AREV - High School January 13-15th
 - 24/7 Prayer January 17th
 - Camp AREV - Juniors January 20-22nd
 - Camp AREV - Junior High January 27-29th
- Please contact the Church office for additional information.





Upcoming Events



FASTING RESOURCES & INFORMATION

Sign up for daily emails, FAQ's and more: NorthparkChurch.org/Fasting

JANUARY 9 – 29, 2023 – NIGHTLY SERVICES

In Person or Online | Hosted by different churches every night
For the most up to date information, please go to NorthparkChurch.org/ fasting

MONDAY – FRIDAY 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
SATURDAY & SUNDAY 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9 - First Armenian Presbyterian w/Rising Star
430 S 1st St, Fresno, CA 93702
www.youtube.com/@FAPCFresno/streams

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10 - New Life Community Church Clovis
2165 Gettysburg Ave, Clovis, CA 93611
newlifeclovis.squarespace.com

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11 - New Covenant Church
1744 E Nees Ave, Fresno, CA 93720
www.newcov.com/

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12 – Campus Bible Church
4710 N. Maple Ave., Fresno, CA 93726
www.campusbiblechurch.com

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13 – The Word Community Church
2611 E Hammond Ave., Fresno, CA 93703
www.thewordfresno.org

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14 – Oakview Baptist Church
31701 Lodge Rd, Auberry, CA 93602
Website Link TBA

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 – Mountain View Church
3600 N. Fowler Ave., Fresno, CA 93727
www.mountainview.org

updated 12/24/

MONDAY, JANUARY 16 – Legacy Christian Church
2171 Villa Ave., Clovis, CA 93612
thelegacychurch.net

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17 - Breaking Free Revival Center w/Harvest Fresno
3620 N Millbrook Ave, Fresno, CA 93726
www.facebook.com/HarvestFresno

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18 - Bethany Church
9161 N Maple Ave, Fresno, CA 93720
www.youtube.com/bethanychurchfresno

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19 – House of the Gospel
3941 E. Mono Ave., Fresno, CA 93702
www.houseofthegospel.org

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20 - Crosspoint Church
2518 N Cedar Ave, Fresno, CA 93703
www.youtube.com/@CROSSPOINTFresno

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 – Northwest Church
5415 N West Ave., Fresno CA 93711
nwc.org

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22 - Valley Christian Center
4649 E Shields Ave, Fresno, CA 93726
www.youtube.com/c/ValleyChristianCenterFresno

MONDAY, JANUARY 23 - New Joy Church
980 Gettysburg Ave, Clovis, CA 93612
www.youtube.com/c/NewJoyClovis

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24 - Westside Church of God
1424 W. California Ave., Fresno, CA 93706
www.wscog.org

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25 - First Presbyterian Church
1540 M St, Fresno, CA 93721
fpcfresno.org

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26 – Clovis Christian Church
1701 Locan Ave., Clovis, CA 93619
www.clovissc.com/live-stream

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27 - Northpark Community Church
2297 E Shepherd Ave, Fresno, CA 93720
www.youtube.com/@northparkfresno

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28 - Clovis Hills Church
10590 N Willow Ave, Clovis, CA 93619
www.clovishills.com

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 **CELEBRATION Cornerstone Church**
1545 Fulton St, Fresno, CA 93721
www.youtube.com/user/cornerstonefresno



● ● ● ● *FAPC Christmas Moments* ● ● ● ●



FAPC Christmas Moments





M E R R Y
CHRISTMAS
&
HAPPY NEW YEAR



Camp AREV--a ministry of the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America--has activated Phases 2 and 3 of the Master Plan for the Edward J. Manishagian Armenian Evangelical Conference Center in Frazier Park. The theme of the expansion program is "Forward by Faith" (Psalms 119: 90). Highlights of Phase 2 are a gymnasium, swimming pool, sand volleyball and outdoor basketball courts. Phase 3 projects include family lodges, family village meeting room, and expanded dining hall. To learn more about the Camp AREV Vision of the Future, visit <https://www.camparev.org> or call (818) 507-0922, ext. 1.



There are plans to renovate and expand the existing lodge to 5,800 square feet (currently it is 3700 square feet) and to add an adjoining 1300 square feet activity room with vaulted ceilings, clerestory windows, with 21 foot pocket doors that lead to 1500 square feet of outdoor patios, creating a spacious indoor/outdoor pavilion.

THE LODGE & FELLOWSHIP CENTER



GET READY!

FOR THE BEST WEEKEND EVER

MEET JESUS CHRIST, BE TRANSFORMED, SERVE THE WORLD

YOUNG ADULTS CAMP (18+)

JANUARY 7-8 (Sat-Sun)

HIGH SCHOOL CAMP (9th-12th GRD)

JANUARY 13-15 (Fri-Sun)

JUNIORS CAMP (3rd-5th GRD)

JANUARY 20-22 (Fri-Sun)

JUNIOR HIGH CAMP (6th-8th GRD)

JANUARY 27-29 (Fri-Sun)



First Armenian Presbyterian Church

430 S. 1st St. Fresno, CA 93702

Return Service Requested

Teaching Elder: Rev. Greg Haroutunian; Badveli@fapc.net
 Ruling Elders: Dr. Hagop Afarian, Paul David Bedrosian, Rev. Paul Haroutunian, Kalem Kazarian and Rev. Razmig Minassian
 Deacons: Noelle Nightingale, Sandra Marashian, Maral Afarian, Steven Baker, Rita Barsamian, Grace Chavoor, Simon Kalebjian, Karine Martirosyan, Ando Sivas, Kinsey Sivas
 Staff Team: Church Administrator: Jacci Rustigan, Jacci@fapc.net; Financial Assistant: Araz Ghazarian, Araz@fapc.net; Custodian: Susan Ruiz; Music Director: Rev. Razmig Minassian, Razmig@camparev.org; Media Director: Frank Kazarian; Media Technician: Brandon Petrie; Nursery Attendants: Anna Arakelian and Marine Frnzlyan

January 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Prayer Bridal Room 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM	2 Office Closed	3 Family Fellowship 6:45 PM	4	5	6 Office Closed Armenian Christmas Mommy & Me 9:30 AM	7 Christmas Angel 1-3PM Young Families Dinner and Bible Study 5PM Camp AREV: 18+
8 Prayer Bridal Room 9:30 AM Communion Service 10:30 AM Camp AREV: 18+	9 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting Sanctuary 7PM	10 Women's Bible Study 2:55 PM Women's Zoom Bible Study 5:55PM Family Fellowship 6:45 PM	11 Men's Bible Study 12:00 PM Fireside	12 Women's Bible Study Fireside 9:45 AM Family Fellowship 7PM Zoom	13 Camp AREV: High School	14 Camp AREV: High School
15 Prayer Bridal Room 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Camp AREV: High School	16	17 Women's Bible Study 2:55 PM Women's Zoom Bible Study 5:55PM 24/7 Prayer 7:00PM Fireside Family Fellowship 6:45 PM Badveli's Birthday	18 Men's Bible Study 12:00 PM Fireside	19 Women's Bible Study Fireside 9:45 AM Family Fellowship 7PM Zoom	20 Camp AREV: Juniors Mommy & Me 9:30 AM	21 Camp AREV: Juniors
22 Prayer Bridal Room 9:30 AM Communion Service 10:30 AM Camp AREV: Juniors Armenian Family Fireside 12:00PM	23	24 Women's Bible Study 2:55 PM Women's Zoom Bible Study 5:55PM Family Fellowship 6:45 PM	25 Men's Bible Study 12:00 PM Fireside	26 Women's Bible Study Fireside 9:45 AM Family Fellowship 7PM Zoom	27 Camp AREV: Junior High	28 Camp AREV: Junior High
29 Prayer Bridal Room 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Camp AREV: Junior High	30	31 Women's Bible Study 2:55 PM Women's Zoom Bible Study 5:55PM Family Fellowship 6:45 PM	1 Men's Bible Study 12:00 PM Fireside	2 Women's Bible Study Fireside 9:45 AM Family Fellowship 7PM Zoom	3	4

*UNSOLICITATED SUBMISSIONS ARE WELCOME. ALL SUBMISSIONS ARE SUBJECT TO EDITORIAL REVISIONS. PLEASE EMAIL TO JACCI@FAPC.NET

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M. PHONE: (559) 237-6638 FAX: (559) 237-9526