

*“Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household,”  
Ephesians 2:19 (NIV2011)*

## “JOY IN THE FAMILY”

Community is crucial and family is vital for our thriving. When I think about our church family, I get so excited because we have the opportunity to experience community and family beyond our immediate relatives.

Have you been as excited as I have been these last several weeks seeing around forty children come forward for our Children’s Message?! It’s incredible! I can’t remember the last time I’ve seen 40 children come forward and then head off to Sunday School.

At the same time, it’s amazing to realize that we have ten people who have been members of our church since 1946, 1957-60, and 1964! Can you believe that?! Do you know who they are? Take a look at the box to the side to see if you guessed correctly.

When Arpi Keledjian invited us to pray for the children of the church, it struck me that we should include our long-standing members as well. Take that box and pick a couple of them and commit to pray for them every week. It really matters! Then, give them a call and let them know that you’re praying and ask if they have any specific requests.

When the children scattered on Rally Sunday to distribute their prayer cards, I ended up with five! I think it was because I was sitting right there next to them! Arpi has more, too, if you’d like to join in.

Our goal is to have three people praying for each child every week. This morning I prayed that these children (and their parents!) would grow to love God’s Word and love to be prayed for. I also prayed that their parent’s love for each other would grow richly and spill all over the kids (you can see that I pray visually with my eyes closed!).

This is what it means to be in relationship with each other, to pray for each other and encourage each other across the age spectrum. These children will be so blessed to have many “uncles & aunties” and surrogate grandparents in the church family. That’s what FAPC Family Camp was all about! Let’s keep that going this month by praying for our children and our “Senior Saints”.

Because He lives,

**Badveli Greg**

### FAPC LONG STANDING MEMBERS

ELIZABETH SHIRINIAN	APRIL 18, 1946
ARMENE BAGDASARIAN	APRIL 20, 1957
ELAINE GARO	APRIL 20, 1957
CARLOTTA BEDROSIAN	APRIL 21, 1958
KENNY BEDROSIAN	APRIL 21, 1958
AL LION	APRIL 15, 1959
ANN HOVSEPIAN	APRIL 14, 1960
RICHARD ESAJIAN	MARCH 26, 1964
BARBARA GARABEDIAN	MARCH 26, 1964
DOROTHY GARABEDIAN	JUNE 07, 1964
KATHY BEDROSIAN	DECEMBER 27, 1964

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# Family Life News

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Rally Sunday 2022



**OUR CONDOLENCES.**

**JEFFREY LION**

*August 25, 1957 - August 13, 2022*

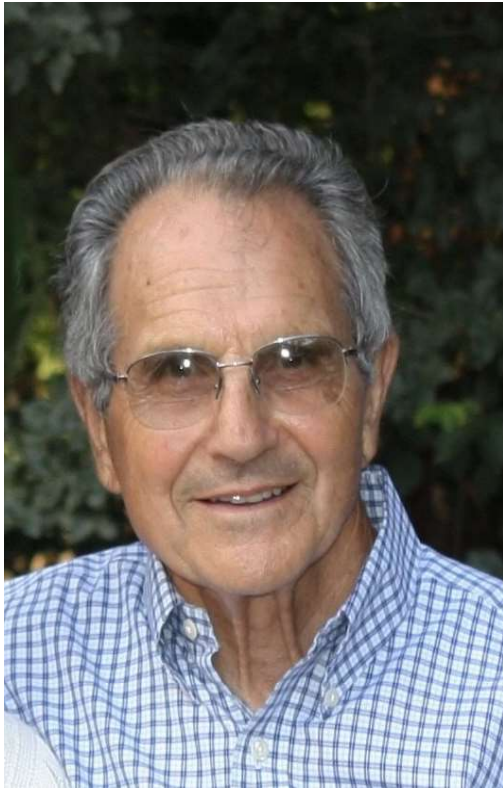
Jeffrey Alfred Lion, member of a five-generation FAPC Family, passed away on August 13, 2022 at the age of 64. Born in Tacoma, Washington, Jeff grew up in the Sunnyside area of Fresno and attended Lane Elementary, Kings Canyon Middle School, and Roosevelt High School. Following high school, Jeff entered the family business and helped build Lion Farms into the largest independent raisin grower and Lion Raisins as the largest family owned and operated raisin processor. Jeff was a pioneer in dried-on-the-vine (DOV) raisin production using overhead trellis systems. Jeff was also the benefactor of the Lion Fund at the University of Minnesota, which accelerates development and design of novel biological drugs genetically engineered for cancer patients. Jeff was preceded in death by his mother, Pearl (Najarian) Lion, and his grandparents, Alfred, Sr. and Queenie Lion and Matthew and Florence Najarian. He is survived by his father, Alfred Lion, Jr.; his children, Gabriella Christine Darakjian and her husband, Christopher; Joshua Jeffrey Lion, and Demetria Marie Lion, and their mother, the former Ingrid Sislian; his brothers, Daniel and his wife, Jacqueline, Bruce and his wife, Robin; aunts Nancy Asadourian and Lorraine Cornish; and many dear nieces, nephews, and cousins.



**EDWARD BARTON**

*September 29, 1933 - September 13, 2022*

Edward Barton, beloved Ruling Elder and Sunday School Teacher of FAPC, passed away on September 13, 2022, at the age of 88. Born in Fresno, Ed spent his early years in Selma and moved back to his native city and attended Roosevelt Junior High School and Roosevelt High School. Ed majored in agriculture and minored in biology at then-Fresno State College and worked as a date inspector in Indio for 18 months. He completed a teaching credential and returned to his alma mater, Roosevelt, for a 36-year teaching career. Near the end of his tenure, Ed earned a master's degree in marriage, family, and child counseling and worked as a counselor for an additional 24 years. At FAPC, Ed's servant leadership included ministry on the Church Session and faithful teaching of the Gospel to high school and college students. He was active in the Christ-centered Young Life ministry while teaching at Roosevelt and volunteered with the Victim Offender Reconciliation Program (VORP), New Creation Ministries, and Comprehensive Youth Services. A dedicated track runner participant since his teen years, Ed was also lifelong horticulturist who tended his own orchard and vineyard and helped many others with their home gardens. Ed was preceded in death by his parents, James and Mary (Sohigian) Barton and his brother Leonard James Barton. He is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Carole (Corcoran) Barton; his children, Suzanne Barton, Jeannette Machoian; Amy Chitwood and her husband, Derek; and Ned Barton and his wife, Darlene; his grandchildren, Kiera, Erin, and Ian Chitwood and Andrew, Joel, Nathan, and Laurel Machoian; his sister-in-law, Donette Barton; and many dear cousins.



UPCOMING EVENTS... OCTOBER 2022



THE COLLEGIAN

Peter Kazarian, Ani Haroutunian, and their summer missions internship in the Republic of Armenia were profiled in the September 15 edition of The Collegian, student newspaper of Hillsdale College in South Central Michigan. Read reporter Maddy Welsh's story at the following link:

[HTTPS://HILLSDALECOLLEGIAN.COM/2022/09/SUMMER-OF-ESPRESSO-AND-PRAYER-STUDENT-INTERNS-IN-ARMENIA/](https://hillsdalecollegian.com/2022/09/summer-of-espreso-and-prayer-student-interns-in-armenia/)

THE ANNUAL FAPC FRESNO

# Harvest Fest

FOOD(FREE) TRUCK | NACHO & CHILI BAR

TRUNK OR TREAT | GAMES & MUSIC

COSTUME CONTEST | MUCH MORE!

Everything is FREE!

**October 30, 2022 3-7 P.M.**

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. SAFE FAMILY FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT. ALL AGES WELCOME!

<https://www.facebook.com/FAPCFresno/videos/404339237963214/>



Missions

FAPC missions exists to further support and encourage the gospel of Jesus Christ around the world. 10% of our church giving goes to the ministries below. These are all the groups our church supports. Paul Haroutunian, Elder for Missions.

Armenian Missions/Overseas



Craig & Joyce Simonian, Armenia



Peter & Shushan Telian, Armenia



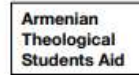
Chinar Merjanian, Armenia



Vardan -Armenian Pastor of a church.



Nathan & Kristen, unnamed country



Local Missions



Women's Bible Study  
Thursday Mornings 9:45-11:00 am  
Join us as we continue our study in Revelation taught by Barbara Tirapeite  
Starting September 1<sup>st</sup> in the Fireside Room

"Women's Tuesday Evening Bible Study."  
Please join us as we will be studying The Book of Ezekiel, starting September 13th, virtually, via ZOOM.  
For more information please contact Sonia at 559-287-6615 or email at soniaymenjian@gmail.com"

Tuesday evenings 5:55 P.M. - 7:15P.M.



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## October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2 9:30A Prayer - Bridal 10:30 Worship Service 12:30 Armenian Group 1:45 Armenian Home	3	4 EPC Pastor's Retreat Family Fellowship 5:45P Women's Bible	5 12PM Men's Bible Study	6 Family Fellowship Zoom 9:45A Women's Bible	7 Camp AREV Men's Retreat 9:30A Mommy & Me	8
9 Camp AREV Men's 9:30A Prayer - Bridal 10:30 Worship Service	10	11 Family Fellowship 5:45P Women's Bible	12 12PM Men's Bible Study	13 Family Fellowship Zoom 9:45A Women's Bible	14	15
16 9:30A Prayer - Bridal 10:30 Worship Service 12:30 Armenian Group	17 7PM 24/7 Prayer Fireside	18 Family Fellowship 5:45P Women's Bible	19 12PM Men's Bible Study	20 Family Fellowship Zoom 9:45A Women's Bible	21 9:30A Mommy & Me	22
23 9:30A Prayer - Bridal 10:30 Worship Service 11AM Coffee Fellowship	24	25 Family Fellowship 5:45P Women's Bible	26 12PM Men's Bible Study	27 Family Fellowship Zoom 9:45A Women's Bible	28	29
30 9:30A Prayer - Bridal 10:30 Worship Service 3PM Harvest Festival	31	Notes <b>Prayer every Sunday in the Eridal Room @ 9:30AM</b>				

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