



## NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON DECEMBER 24

**DON'T MISS FAPC Sunday School's  
A Miracle on Main Street  
Sunday, December 17, 4:30 PM**

**FAPC FELLOWSHIP HALL**

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*“When people do not accept divine guidance, they run wild. But whoever obeys the law is joyful.”*

Proverbs 29:18 (NLT)

Merry Christmas!!! I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at church this Advent season and, especially, at the Children's Sunday School Christmas program on December 17th! It is going to be quite the event, so don't miss it!

Can you believe 2023 is ending and 2024 is right around the corner?! I know it seems cliché, but each passing year seems to accelerate. Just when I want to experience life more slowly and richly, I find myself hanging on for dear life!

How about you? Are you content with what you've accomplished this last year? Are you getting to the bottom of your "To Do List"? Are you looking forward to starting the New Year with resolutions, dreams, and goals? For me, December is filled with assessments, evaluations and forward-planning. I love starting. It's finishing that's the challenge. I think that's one of the reasons I run races; experiencing the finish line in a race helps in the rest of life.

The verse from Proverbs is widely quoted from the King James Version of the Bible, "Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he." It is frequently quoted to motivate Christians to live with purpose and vision. In the seventeenth century, when this was translated, "vision" did not mean goal-setting and vision-casting. Vision was, and always will be Biblically, guidance from God.

As we evaluate this last year and look ahead to 2024, our greatest need is to hear from the Lord. What were His desires for us? What is His call on our lives?

For we are his creative work, having been created in Christ Jesus for good works that God prepared beforehand so we can do them. Ephesians 2:10 (NET)

What we need is clarity from God's Spirit and God's Word. What a gift it is that they will never contradict each other! Sometimes we may be convinced that the Lord is calling us to do or say something. We're absolutely sure! Then in reading



the Scripture we see clearly that God's ways are different than ours. Sometimes we read something in the Bible and are ready to act immediately, maybe confront someone or start something. Yet the Holy Spirit doesn't give us freedom, we lack peace, or the Spirit may move someone else to talk with us at just that moment confirming that our timing or discernment was off. "Divine guidance" comes from God and both His Word and His Spirit bear witness together.

Let's finish off this year asking God for His assessment of 2023 and seek Him for His call as we launch into 2024. Give Him the freedom to search your heart & mind, your calendar, your bank account, and your phone. Give Him full access to redeem things we may now regret. Let Him bring everything into the light. Seek Him for His grace and blessing on what's to come. Obedience brings joy!

Sossy, the children & I want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Because He lives

**CONGREGATION MEETING REMINDER**

Our Annual Year-End Congregational Meeting will be held after church on Sunday, December 10

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

Will be integrated with our Christmas Eve morning worship service on Sunday, December 24th at 10:30am

# FAPC Hosts Inspiring 2023 Women’s Conference for Armenian Evangelical Women’s Fellowship, West Coast

**A Weekend of Holiness, Worship, & Leadership Installation at FAPC as 120 Women Gather to Explore the Theme ‘Pursued for Holiness’ with Keynote Speaker Jaimi Fong - by Philip Tavlian**

First Armenian Presbyterian Church (FAPC) served as the host Church for the 2023 Women’s Conference of the Armenian Evangelical Women’s Fellowship, West Coast (AEWF-WC). The conference took place at the Church Campus on November 3-5 with 120 women in attendance.

The theme of the Conference was “Pursued for Holiness” (1 Peter 1: 15-16). Jaimi Fong, Director of Women’s Ministries at Trinity Community Church in Clovis, was the keynote speaker. On Sunday morning, November 5, Conference participants gathered at FAPC for Worship.

AEWF-WC Chairperson Alina Melkonian Balabanian extended heartfelt thanks to Senior Pastor Greg Haroutunian, the Session, Congregation, Media and Worship Teams, and FAPC Volunteers for hosting and making the Conference Weekend a reality. Mrs. Balabanian then installed the 2023-2025 Team of West Coast Officers and Directors: Chairperson Lena Garabedian (St. Nareg Church); Vice-Chairperson Noelle Daoudian Nightingale (FAPC); Treasurer Lisa Dilsizyan (St. Nareg); At-Large members Lina Arnold (United Armenian Congregational Church), Laura Zeronian (UACC), Aleen Afarian (FAPC), Nanor Arabian-Sadakian (Calvary Armenian Congregational Church), Alina Mugerdechian (Glendale Armenian Church of the Nazarene), Christine Gregory and Adele Eleazarian (Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church); and Ex-Officio Roseann Saliba and Alina Balabanian. Badveli Greg concluded the investiture with a Pastoral Prayer of Commission and Installation.





# Senior Pastor Greg Haroutunian Expands Gospel Impact: A Dynamic Week of Teaching and Leadership in Chicagoland

**Badveli Greg's Ministerial Journey Takes Him to Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and the National Leadership Development Conference, Culminating in a Powerful Sunday Worship Message at the Armenian Evangelical Church**

**- by Philip Tavlian**

Senior Pastor Greg Haroutunian extended his Gospel ministry to the Chicagoland region of Illinois in the Harvest Season of 2023. During the week of October 29, Badveli Greg co-taught a doctoral course for pastors on “The Challenges and Opportunities of the Immigrant Church” at his alma mater, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield.

During Veterans Weekend, Badveli Greg served as keynote speaker at the national Leadership Development Conference of the Armenian Evangelical Youth Fellowship. More than 50 young Christian servants from the East and West Regions, the Midwest, and Canada met at the Armenian Evangelical Church in Mount Prospect. Badveli Greg concluded the weekend by delivering the AEC Sunday Worship message on November 12.





# Mariné Frnzlyan Bids Farewell to Eight Years of Dedicated Service at First Armenian Presbyterian Church

**FAPC Expresses Gratitude as Mariné Frnzlyan Transitions from Administrative Assistant to Pursuing a Career in Speech-Language Pathology**

**- by Philip Tavlian**



On November 26, 2023, Mariné Frnzlyan concluded her eight-year tenure on the staff of First Armenian Presbyterian Church. Mariné served as Administrative Assistant in the FAPC Office from 2018 through 2021 and as Nursery Attendant and Sunday School Teacher to the toddlers of the Church Family from 2017 through her departure.

In May 2022, Mariné earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Communicative Disorders/Speech Language Pathology from California State University, Fresno. She has worked with The TALK Team, a Fresno-based pediatric speech therapy clinic since September and recently received her certification as a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA).

In 2024, Mariné plans to continue her education and pursue a Master’s degree and career as a Speech Language Pathologist. The Session and Congregation thank Mariné for her years of faithful service at FAPC and extend all good wishes in her future endeavors and pursuits.





# Samaritan's Purse Evangelical Christian Organization Provides Aid to Armenians from Artsakh

**WATERTOWN — Samaritan's Purse, an evangelical Christian organization that both provides physical aid and promotes the Gospel, has recently provided aid to the forcibly displaced Armenians from Artsakh in Armenia. Two flights of its DC-8 cargo plane brought emergency supplies from its base in Greensboro, NC.**

**by Aram Arkun, The Armenian Mirror Spectator (11/21/23)**

The first delivery on October 7 brought more than 30 tons of relief, including food, blankets and solar lights, to Yerevan. Samaritan's Purse set up its own Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) by working with local evangelical church partners to deliver this relief. According to its press release, it promised hot meals, and necessities such as personal hygiene kits, diapers, cleaning supplies, bed linens and blankets.

Moreover, Samaritan's Purse medical teams began working in local hospitals to help burn victims from a gas station explosion near Stepanakert during the exodus from Artsakh. Two burn specialty teams provided surgical care to these victims, including wound care, skin grafts, and post-operative physical therapy, as well as prayer.

"The depth and extent of these [wounds from the explosion] are probably some of the worst I've seen in my 27 years of experience working in burn treatment. The amount of suffering here is beyond human comprehension," said Joany McDougall, a nurse on Samaritan's DART, in an October 11 article.

By October 11, Samaritan's Purse had 28 people on the ground in Armenia, including the burn specialty teams. A second flight left North Carolina on October 12 with 23 tons of emergency supplies.

Rick Emenaker of Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) was on vacation with his Armenian-American wife during the Azerbaijani invasion of Artsakh in September 2023. Samaritan's Purse asked whether he could help with its relief efforts and MAF gave Emenaker permission to stay after his vacation in October and early November to assist in these efforts.

He said, "I did do some of the distribution and helped with it, but my main role was actually to get the two DC-8 airplanes in — to get landing permission for them. I know all of the people in civil aviation, up to the director." He also went out on the ramp on the aviation side, and help with the unloading and getting the items through customs.

Emenaker added, "I was in reality a point of contact for a lot of people because I know a lot of people. That enabled them to do their work a lot easier." Emenaker explained that he understands Armenian fairly well as well as Russian, because he and his wife lived in Russia for eight years. He said he knows a lot of people in Armenia, primarily within the Evangelical community, as well as outside it, because he has been there 8 or 9 times in the last few years for various reasons.

He found that the refugees he spoke with seemed not to want to try to return to Artsakh again. Emenaker related, "The interesting thing for me was that many of them said, [when asked], do you want to go back to





Artsakh, no, we are done. We are finished. Let's start life afresh and move forward.”

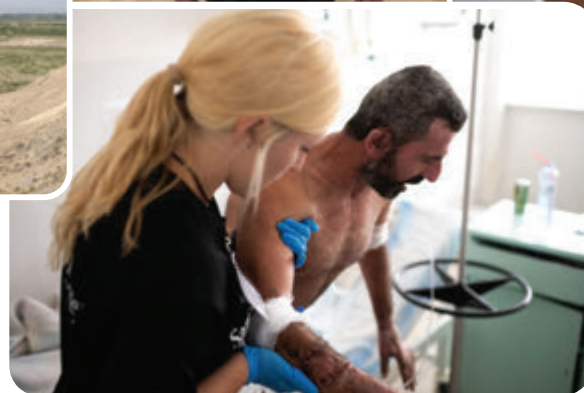
He declared, “Without going into a whole lot, I think there is such an opportunity here, if the diaspora and many others could realize that this is actually an opportunity for Armenia to regroup and become stronger. You have 120,000 people, many of them farmers who work the land, hard workers, and they have big families. Many of them have 6 or 7 kids.” They are looking for work, and considering going to Russia, he said, but when talking to some of them, “they said: If we had a piece of land to work and grow we would do it. We don't want to leave, but what choice [do we have]?”

Emenaker stressed, “Artsakh is gone. We don't like it but we have to face reality at the moment. It doesn't mean that in 20-30 years it can't be back. I mean, things do change, but that is all philosophical. I just think there is an opportunity for Armenia now. If you want to keep the land, if you really want to make Armenia prosper, there is an opportunity for that to happen.” Here, the diaspora could play an important role, he said.

Samaritan's Purse brought emergency supplies to Armenia after the 2020 war as well, according to its own press releases. It airlifted over 22 tons, including coats, boots, thermals, gloves, socks and beanies, while distributing winter kits, blankets and food to over 8,000 displaced families. Mobile medical teams provided care to more than 500 patients. Emenaker was in Armenia from the start of the war, and afterwards participated in the 2020 relief efforts, through MAF, in the same way as in 2023. He assisted Samaritan's Purse in getting aircraft permissions for landing, helped with customs to get donated items released, and then helped to work with local churches for distribution of goods.

He recalled, “That was hard. That was winter when that happened when a lot of people poured in. The difference is, back then they all thought they were going back, and many of them did, the majority. This time they know they are not.”

Emenaker stated that he had heard that Samaritan's Purse would conclude its current program of assistance on November 22. Meanwhile, he has his own plans connected with Armenia. He said, “We'll be back. In fact, my wife and I plan to climb Ararat next year with some friends.”



# FAPC's Heartwarming Success: 272 Shoeboxes Packed with Love and Faith for Operation Christmas Child

**First Armenian Presbyterian Church's Congregation Comes Together to Deliver Gifts, Discipleship, and Gospel Hope to Children Worldwide**

**- by Karen Doudian**

This year our church participated in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas child shoebox Ministry. It is a wonderful outreach for children across the world to not only receive the shoeboxes filled with gifts, but also to introduce them to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The children are invited to a 12 week discipleship course where they learn about Jesus from God's word the Bible. At the end of the course, they are given the opportunity to receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior and receive a Bible. Their families are also invited to come and learn.

This year people in our congregation were able to donate and pack 272 boxes!! Thank you so much to all who participated in various ways to make this wonderful outreach possible. Please pray for the children receiving these shoeboxes that they would come to know the Lord Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior their families too.

May God bless you all.





# First Armenian Presbyterian Church Honors Elizabeth Adanalian Shirinian on her 95th Birthday

## A Remarkable Journey: From Fresno's Armenian Town to 77 Years of Faithful Service at FAPC



Elizabeth Adanalian Shirinian –the longest-tenured member of First Armenian Presbyterian Church—celebrated her 95th Birthday on November 10, 2023. Liz was born to Simon and Flora (Nalbandian) Adanalian in Fowler Sanitarium.

She grew up with brothers George, Simon, Junior, and Aram in Fresno's historic Armenian Town, first on L Street and later at 333 N Street near Monterey Street. Liz was educated at Emerson Elementary School, Longfellow Junior High School, and Fresno Technical High School, which she attended with friend Alma Kazanjian.

She also studied at then-Fresno State College. Liz remembered attending services at the Fulton Street Church and the kindness of early-day members Nishan and Araxie Terzian and John and Agavne Avakian. The Terzians and Avakians would take turns and drive the Adanalian children back home after Sunday services.

The Adanalian kids referred to Mrs. Terzian as “The Gum Lady” because she made sure Liz and her brothers were supplied with chewing gum on the drive back to N Street. Liz also remembered Neva (Kaltakian) Tavlian picking up neighbor Karnig “Kay” Cloud at Cherry and Jensen Avenues, traveling into Downtown Fresno, and then picking up Liz for FAPC Sunday School. Liz's many other FAPC friends included Doris (Simonian) Thomas, Dorothea Simonian, and Wilma Giorgetti, daughter of founding Fidelis Women's Society President Grace Adams.

The Session received Liz into the membership of FAPC on April 18, 1946, the Reverend Arsham K. Yeramian officiating.

On May 14, 1955, Liz married U.S. Navy Veteran Harry Shirinian of Sanger. (Harry's nephew, Dr. Dennis Shamlian served as Ring Bearer!) The bridal couple made their first home in Reedley and Liz worked at the Tower District Branch of Security-Pacific Bank and later the Tuolumne Street Branch of Bank of America.

The Lord blessed Liz and Harry with son Randy on February 2, 1959, and the family settled into a beautiful home in the Sunnyside neighborhood of southeast Fresno. Liz remembered that the Shirinians lived “around the corner” from Alfred and Pearl (Najarian) Lion and that she and Pearl would often attend Fidelis Society meetings together.

Reflecting on 77 years of communicant membership, Liz vividly recalls her mother, Flora, “was at Church all the time, every Sunday - all the way to the end.” Liz continues to faithfully read her Bible and says her favorite passage is Psalm 91.





# Launch of Sister Church Relationship Between FAPC & ECA Goris Church in Armenia

**- by Tamar Sevajian**

On Monday Nov. 27, 2023, AMAA representative Harout Nercessian facilitated a zoom launch meeting between FAPC & Goris Church in Armenia with the participation of the two Ministers to the Unions (AEUNA and ECA), the two church pastors (Badveli Greg Haroutunian & Badveli Sarkis Ochinyan) and others appointed by the two parties. On the FAPC side, Luther and Tamar Sevajian were appointed to lead this relationship and the subsequent meetings. Each pastor then presented about their church’s vision, mission goals, services, and ministries.

The purpose of this relationship between FAPC & Goris Church in Armenia is to pray for each other, to listen to the concerns presented, to encourage our brothers and sisters (including refugees or not) in Armenia, and to provide emotional and spiritual support in the Armenian language.

The two churches would welcome and invite others to participate in this effort as they see appropriate. It was decided that the two groups would meet once a month via Zoom.



*Sister Church in Goris*





# Countdown to Christmas: Our Sunday School Christmas Program is in the Works!

**Mrs. Nataly Wairdian**

Dear Beloved Church Parents,

With the holiday season just around the corner, we are excited to announce that preparations for our annual Sunday School Christmas program have officially begun. This festive event is a cherished tradition in our community, and your support and involvement are invaluable in making it a memorable experience for our children.

To ensure that our young participants are well-prepared, we have organized practice sessions every Sunday during Sunday School. We kindly ask parents to assist their children with major roles by practicing lines at home. Additionally, the songs and script lines will be sent home for your convenience.

We understand the busy schedules that come with the holiday season, so we have also scheduled a special practice session on the Saturday before the program, December 16 starting at 9 am. Your child’s attendance at these sessions is vital for their confidence and a smooth performance on the day of the program.

The Christmas program itself is set to take place on December 17 in our beloved fellowship hall. Following the program, we will have a delightful dinner where we can all come together in celebration.

Your involvement, support, and encouragement are paramount in creating a joyful and meaningful Christmas program for our children. Your presence, as well as the time spent practicing with your child, will undoubtedly contribute to their growth and success during this special event.

Let us come together as a church family to celebrate the birth of Jesus. We look forward to your active participation in making this year’s program a resounding success. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to the children’s ministry director.



May the blessings of the Christmas season fill your hearts and homes with love and joy.

In faith and fellowship,

Nataly Wairdian  
Children’s Ministry Director  
First Armenian Presbyterian Church

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FIRST ARMENIAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SUNDAY SCHOOL PRESENTS



# A Miracle On Main Street

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

4:30 PM



Children's Performance



Dinner



Live Music

FAPC Fellowship Hall  
430 S First Street  
Fresno, CA 93702

REGISTER FOR EVENT





# A Heartfelt Thank You: Winter Coat Project Brings Warmth to Artsakh Refugees

## Craig Simonian Expresses Gratitude for Support in Providing Essential Winter Supplies and Shares Ongoing Efforts to Bring Comfort and Hope to Needy Families in Armenia

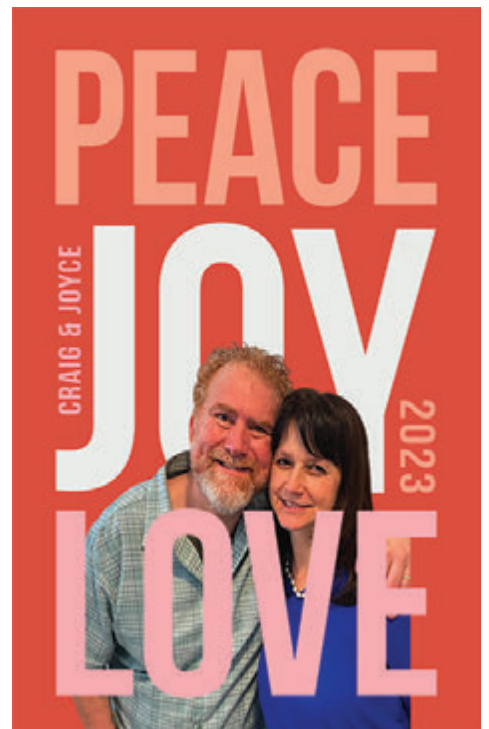
I want to offer each of you my deepest thanks for your help with our winter coat project for Artsakh refugees. Because of you, we were able to purchase about 1100 high quality winter coats for desperately needy families who have undergone so much hurt over the past years. We're now working very hard to not only purchase more coats, but heaters, thick blankets, pillows, and mattresses as well. Sadly, for those blessed to have been given a temporary home, most of those homes are completely empty... no heat, no refrigerators or stoves, no bed and bedding supplies. I could go on but you get the idea. It's been hard... and it's getting harder as the weather continues to get colder.

At the same time, we're also raising funds to help with outreaches to areas with a significant number of refugees. Next week, for example, a team of forty of our young adults will be leading the first of many two-day outreaches in highly populated refugee areas around Armenia. Not only will we have an amazing program for Artsakh people of all ages, where they'll have a fun, amazing time... but where they'll hear the Good News that lies at the center of this Christmas season. And from this, we'll be starting youth clubs, Alpha groups (a ten-week gathering of young adults interested in hearing more about faith in Christ), etc.

About a third of the coats that you helped us purchase will be distributed next week in the town of Masis and its surrounding villages. Thousands of refugees have settled there and are in immediate need of help. So, THANK YOU for helping us help them. If you know anyone who might be interested in helping with coats, heaters, blankets and mattresses, it would be wonderful if you could forward the giving link below. All gifts are tax-deductible... and every penny will get to us without any fees taken out.

May God bless you this Christmas season with the peace, joy, and love that only His presence can bring.

Craig Simonian  
Yerevan, Armenia



# Distinguished Leaders Elected to AMAA Board of Directors

## New Class of 2026 Board Members Chosen at the 104th Annual Meeting Held in San Francisco’s Calvary Armenian Congregational Church

The following individuals were elected to the Board of Directors of The Armenian Missionary Association of America (Class of 2026): Pamela Avedisian; Rafi Balabanian, D.D.S, M.A.G.D.; Nazareth Darakjian, M.D.; Karl Doghramji, M.D.; Reverend Joseph Garabedian; Denise Gertmenian; Berjouhy Gulesserian; Gary Philips, Esq.; and Michael Voskian, D.M.D. The election took place at the 104th Annual Meeting of AMAA at Calvary Armenian Congregational Church of San Francisco on Saturday, October 21, 2023.



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### THREE FRESNO STATE STUDENTS GRADUATE IN FALL 2023 WITH MINOR IN ARMENIAN STUDIES

Compiled by Sara Beberian



Eddy Thurber

**Eddy Thurber**  
Political Science  
Minor in Armenian Studies

**What encouraged you to take an Armenian Studies course?**

My grandparents did not teach my parents Armenian, hoping that they would fit into an English-speaking society and succeed. It worked and I grew up knowing my family’s history but wanting to learn our mother tongue. I decided to take Armenian Studies courses to learn Armenian history, to learn the Armenian language, and to take advantage of the Armenian Studies

scholarships.





# Men's Bible Study



Men, join our Wednesday Bible Study in the Fireside Room as Badveli Greg continues the study of the Gospel of Mark during the autumn season. Men of all ages are invited to attend as their schedules permit. Contact Administrator Jacci Rustigan at [jacci@fapc.net](mailto:jacci@fapc.net) or call (559) 237-6638 to be added to the Wednesday Bible Study Group e-list.



## Christmas Luncheon

The Wednesday Men's Bible Study Luncheon Group will celebrate Christmas at a special end-of-year luncheon on Wednesday, December 20, 2023. The luncheon will take place at Noah's Ark Restaurant and Bakery at 783 East Barstow Avenue, Suite C, at First Street in the Headliner Shopping Center. Men of all ages are invited to attend. For reservations, please contact Administrator Jacci Rustigan at (559) 237-668 or [jacci@fapc.net](mailto:jacci@fapc.net).



# Armenian Men's Bible Study



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**Prayer Requests?**  
 Submit your requests online at [fapc.net](http://fapc.net) or via ChurchCenter app.





# In Loving Memory: FAPC Mourns the Passing of Two Cherished Members, Helen Jean Baboian and Horsrof Davidian

## Remembering Lives Well-Lived: Honoring the Legacies of a Devoted Sunday School Teacher and a WWII Navy Veteran at First Armenian Presbyterian Church



Helen Jean (Mourad) Baboian – Primary Grade Sunday School Teacher to the FAPC Boomer Generation – passed away on October 30, 2023, her 101st Birthday. A native of Chicago, Helen worked for the Bell Telephone Company in the Midwest.

Her father, Hachadur K. Mourad was a charter member of the Armenian Congregational Church in the Windy City. On October 15, 1952, Helen married Chester C. Baboian at FAPC. Chester was an administrator with the then-U.S. Post Office, a longtime Trustee of the Church, and the youngest member of the Building Committee that moved the FAPC Campus from Fulton and Santa Clara Streets to First Street and Huntington Boulevard in 1942.

Helen was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Chester; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.K. Mourad; her brother Richard; and her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Jasper and Agnes Moomjian. She is survived by her daughters, Joyce Baboian of Fresno and Candy Vera of Oklahoma, and many dear relations in the Mourad, Baboian, and Moomjian Families.

Horsrof David “Horace” Davidian, longtime member of FAPC, passed away on November 4, 2023 at the age of 96. A 1947 graduate of Fresno Technical High School, Horace served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Theatre during World War II.

His vessel, the USS Natrona (APA-214) was an amphibious attack transport that saw action in the Battle of Okinawa. Upon discharge, Horace studied at California Western States Electronics School in Los Angeles and operated a number of businesses in Fresno, including Horace’s Mobil Service, H & H TV, Horace’s TV, and General Electronics Service.

At FAPC, Horace was a charter member of the Men’s Forum and well known for his barbecuing skills at Memorial Day Picnics and Merchants’ Lunches. Horace was preceded in death by his son, Douglas; his parents, Dick and Takouhi Rose Davidian; his siblings, Violet Patigian and Abraham, Aram, and Samuel Davidian; sister-in-law Lucylle Haroutunian, and brother-in-law Peter Boghosian.

Horace is survived by his beloved wife of 74 years, Dolores; daughter Breena McKenna and her husband Terry; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren





MEN'S RETREAT 2024

# SAVE THE DATE

APRIL

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
26	27	28

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

# WINTER Camp

## 2024

High School  
January 12 - 14

Juniors  
January 19 - 21

Junior High  
January 26 - 28

Young Adults  
February 2 - 4



OH NO! I lost my address book contacts!

WELL, NOT REALLY...BUT OUR FAPC DEACON TEAM WOULD LIKE TO BE SURE WE HAVE YOUR UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION.

IF YOU HAVE MOVED OR CHANGED YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION, YOU CAN E-MAIL US AT [jacci@fapc.net](mailto:jacci@fapc.net) OR GIVE THE CHURCH OFFICE A CALL AT 559-237-6638 TO LET US KNOW.

YOU CAN ALSO CHECK PLANNING CENTER TO BE SURE YOUR INFORMATION IS UP TO DATE.

THANK YOU!

THE FAPC DEACON TEAM

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**SCHOOL**  
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*"Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me"*  
MATTHEW 25:40





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## December 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	1 Mommy & Me Bldg 9:30 AM	2 CE
3 Prayer Bridal Room 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Communion 11:30 PM Family Fellowship 12 PM	4	5 Women’s Bible Study 3 PM Women’s Zoom Bible Study 6PM	6 Men’s Bible Study Fireside 12 PM	7 Women’s Bible Study Fireside 9:45 AM	8 Young Couples Christmas Party 6:30 PM	9
10 Prayer Bridal Room 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Family Fellowship 12 PM	11	12 Women’s Bible Study 3 PM Women’s Zoom Bible Study 6PM	13 Men’s Bible Study Fireside 12 PM	14 Women’s Bible Study Fireside 9:45 AM	15 Mommy & Me Bldg 9:30 AM	16 CE
17 Prayer Bridal Room 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Family Fellowship 12 PM Armenian Bible Study 12:30PM	18	19 Women’s Bible Study 3 PM Women’s Zoom Bible Study 6PM	20 Men’s Bible Study Fireside 12 PM	21 Women’s Bible Study Fireside 9:45 AM	22 Young Coupes Bible Study 6PM	23
24 Prayer Bridal Room 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Family Fellowship 12PM Christmas Eve Candle Lighting to be held during AM service	25 Office Closed Christmas Day	26 Session Meeting 1PM Women’s Bible Study 3 PM Women’s Zoom Bible Study 6PM	27 Men’s Bible Study Fireside 12 PM	28 Women’s Bible Study Fireside 9:45 AM	29	30
31 Prayer Bridal Room 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Family Fellowship 12 PM	1	NOTES	<p><b>Merry Christmas!</b>  <b>Ծնոթիվիդը Սուրբ Ծնունդ</b></p>			

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