



Sunday Morning Study (SMS) each week @ 9 a.m. in the Fireside Room

Check out the recap of the 2024 76th Annual Fresno - Clovis Prayer Breakfast

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3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ... 16 For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. 17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. 19 If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. - 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, 16-19 (NIV)

I'm not sure if you're watching the streaming series The Chosen. But as the storyline takes us closer and closer to the cross, they are portraying how Jesus anticipates His conflict with the Jewish leaders and, ultimately, with death. His anguish grows episode by episode.

In some ways, our familiarity with Good Friday and Easter can diminish its impact. We share communion Maundy Thursday evening and then spend Friday and Saturday getting ready for Easter Dinner. The horror of the cross and silence of Saturday can be lost. Unless we choose intentionally to remember.

While we don't have a Good Friday worship service, many churches do. Why not join one and take an hour to worship our Savior? Or why not take your lunch hour on Friday and fast, spending the time reading each Gospel account of the crucifixion? (Matthew 27:24-66, Mark 15, Luke 23:18-56 & John 19) Taking some quiet, hungry time with our Lord reflecting on His great love and unfathomable sacrifice will humble you. The Holy Spirit will fuel your love and admiration for Jesus. You will glimpse His sorrow and worship Him.

On Saturday, talk less. You don't need to put on a façade of solemnness. Just talk less. Practice the discipline of Silence. When Jesus died, the sky went dark, and the disciples hid. For them, life as they knew it was over. That's worth pondering. If we will deliberately give Jesus' last hours and death our attention, He will meet us and prepare us to celebrate His resurrection.

He defeated death. He opened the way to know the Living God. Don't miss this special time to refocus on Him.

Happy Resurrection Day!!!

Because He lives



Jesus Christ is ALIVE!!!

Just a few short months ago we celebrated Jesus' birth. We exchanged presents, sang His praise, and glorified God for His incredible mercy. Throughout 2023 we spent Sunday after Sunday focused on the life of Jesus Christ in the Gospel of Mark. God the Son became a human being like us. Unlike us, He resisted every temptation and even faced death.

Prayer Requests?
Submit your requests online at fapc.net or via ChurchCenter app.



Armenian Churches in Central California Commemorate Vartanantz: Remembering the Brave Stand for Faith and Freedom



Community gathers at Saint Paul Armenian Church in Fresno to honor the legacy of Vartan Mamigonian and the Battle of Avarayr in 451 A.D., marking a poignant moment of solidarity and remembrance.

- by Phil Tavlian

The Armenian Churches of Central California commemorated Vartanantz on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at Saint Paul Armenian Church in Fresno. The early evening event included Divine Liturgy, a presentation by the students of the Charlie Keyan Armenian Community School, and light dinner served by the Knights and Daughters of Vartan Yeprad Tahlij and Alidz Oytag. FAPC Senior Pastor Gregory Haroutunian delivered the worship message in the English language.

Vartanantz celebrates the Battle of Avarayr in 451 A.D. in which a thousand Armenian soldiers under the leadership of Vartan Mamigonian fought the 300,000-member Persian army and died in defense of their Christian faith and freedom.





Vartanantz Celebration



76th Annual Fresno-Clovis Prayer Breakfast Draws Over 2,400 Attendees for Inspirational Morning of Reflection and Unity

Former NFL Coach Tony Dungy Delivers Keynote Address, Urging Importance of Prayer and Faith Amidst Challenges, in a Gathering of Civic Leaders, Public Officials, and Community Members.

- by Phil Tavlian

More than 2,400 people gathered in the Exhibit Hall South on Tuesday, February 27, for the 76th Annual Fresno-Clovis Prayer Breakfast. The Breakfast took place from 7 to 9 a.m. and included the blowing of Shofar by Rabbi Amnon Shor, introductions by Emcee Paul Loeffler, and an opening prayer by Dr. André Stephens, President of Fresno Pacific University. Trevor Morgan and instrumentalists from The Well Community Church led the gathering in praise music and worship. Public officials in law enforcement, fire prevention, and education offered video messages for the occasion.

Fresno Mayor Jerry Dyer, Clovis Mayor Lynne Ashbeck, and Nathan Magsig, Chair of the Fresno County Board of Supervisors, offered prayers from the dais. A host of pastors and lay people shared prayers for our cities and communities. Anthony Kevin "Tony" Dungy delivered the keynote address. Dungy coached the Indianapolis Colts to victory over the Chicago Bears in Super Bowl XLI (2006) and is a current analyst for NBC Football Night in America.

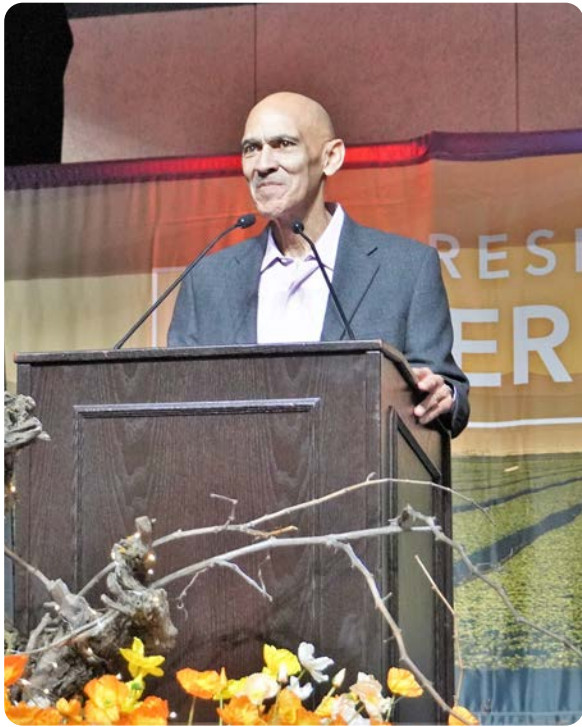
A 2016 inductee into the Pro Football Hall of Fame, Dungy is the author of such books as "Quiet Strength," the "Uncommon" series, "The Mentor Leader," and "The Soul of a Team." He is also actively involved with the All Pro Dad ministry and Quiet Strength Foundation. Dungy posed the questions, "Why is it important to pray? Why is prayer so important?" and then answered those questions by sharing his prayer life and faith journey—from a childhood in Jackson, Michigan, to college football at the University of Minnesota, to a National Football League playing and coaching career with stops in Pittsburgh, New York, Kansas City, Minnesota, and Tampa Bay.

Coach Dungy pointed out, "One of the biggest problems we have (in America today) is that not everyone has a reverence for God. It doesn't matter what everyone else thinks; it depends on us. . . . I've seen the results (of prayer) over the years and you've seen results over the years because God does not change!" Coach Dungy commended the following verses to the gathering: Matthew 16: 26, 2 Chronicles 7: 14-15, and James 5: 13-16.

Coach Dungy also addressed an assembly of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) at Peoples Church on Monday evening, February 26.

Fresno Prayer Breakfast





Fresno Prayer Breakfast





SAVE THE DATE

Armenian Genocide Commemoration

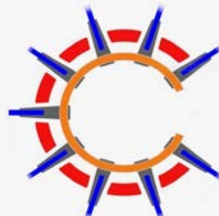
With Keynote Speaker
KSEE24's News Anchor
Stefani Booroojian



Wednesday, April 24, 2024
6:30pm

Armenian Genocide Monument
Fresno State University
Fresno, CA

THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE
COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE-FRESNO



Community Leader Discusses Expansion Plans for Charlie Keyan Armenian Community School on San Joaquin Valley Spotlight

Dr. Christopher Shamlian, Chairman of CKACS Board of Education, outlines vision for growth on CMAC's program with host Sevag Tateosian.



Christopher Shamlian, D.D.S. appeared on the February 1, 2024 broadcast of San Joaquin Valley Spotlight. The program is part of the Community Media Access Collaborative (CMAC) and Sevag Tateosian is the host. Dr. Shamlian, the Chairperson of the Charlie Keyan Armenian Community School Board of Education, spoke on CKACS expansion plans.

The nine-member Board also includes Rosie Bedrosian (Vice-Chair), Robert Garabedian, and Sarene Klachian.

The February 1 broadcast (also known as Episode 306) may be viewed by visiting: <https://cmac.tv/show/san-joaquin-spotlight-ep-306-charlie-keyan-armenian-community-school/>

Vacation Bible School



Congratulations to Deacons Co-Chair Noelle Nightingale on her new newspaper column, "Dear Noelle: Seeking After God's Wisdom."



The column appears in the Kings County Christian News magazine. Download the entire February issue online at: www.ChristianNewsMagazine.com



DEAR NOELLE by Noelle B. Nightingale
Biblical Counsel for Christian Women

Dear Noelle,

My husband and I just had our first baby. We are happy to have a child, but every day is so mundane. I used to work a full-time job, but we have decided it's best if I stay home to take care of the baby. Now it feels like I get nothing done, and I feel useless. I want to take care of the baby, but I also feel this pull back to work where I can feel more useful. What should I do?

~ Mundane Mom

Dear Mom,

Congratulations on your first baby! The Bible says, "Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward." (Psalm 127:3) You have been given one of the most wonderful gifts that can be experienced in life, and I hope you will be able to see your baby the same way God does!

I completely understand the difficulty of transitioning from a full-time working woman to a full-time mom. This is a huge change in your life, and the world makes it super hard to make this transition. If anything, the worldly influences in our lives want to discourage women from having children at all and want to keep moms away from their children and busy

We want to hear from you. Send your questions to:

Noelle@
ChristianNewsMagazine.com

in the workplace. So we need to go to God's word to know how He wants us to think about motherhood. Having God's perspective about this incredibly high calling of being a mom can completely change the way that we think about the mundane tasks of changing diapers and cleaning up messes. If we know that we have a divine calling in being a mom, the pull to return to the workplace is considerably lessened.

Now before we talk about what you should do, it's important to talk about how to think. God wants us to think what is right (Phil. 4:8), not being conformed to this world but being transformed by the renewing of our minds (Rom. 12:2). Children are not a nuisance, but a blessing (Ps. 127:3). We need to retrain our thoughts to think about our children in this way. Whenever you are tempted to complain about your baby, turn that thought around and give thanks out loud to the Lord for how He has blessed you with this baby.

Thinking biblically about children is an important first step because the Bible's instructions to young moms are extremely counter-cultural. The world says that young moms should go back to work, but Titus 2:4-5 tells "young women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled." In other words, God wants young moms to make their service to their husbands and children the most important thing in their day. And by loving your husband and baby and by working in the home, the amazing thing is that you are loving God and serving Him. This is an incredibly high calling that God gives to you as a young mom. So don't think about checking boxes off in your day, but instead think about how God is pleased with you as you do those messy tasks. He sees your efforts and gives value to your day.

By His grace,

Noelle

**Noelle B. Nightingale is a wife and mother and enjoys counseling women in the church.*





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Join us after church service for Armenian brunch. After brunch, children can enjoy the petting zoo. There will be table activities as well. Free event. Donations are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Nataly Wairdian. Nataly@fapc.net



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Men's Bible Study



The Wednesday Men's Bible Study Luncheon Group concluded a yearlong study of the Gospel of Mark on February 21. The Group has now joined the Church Family in the study of Revelation under the guidance of Senior Pastor Greg Haroutunian. The Men's Bible Study Luncheon Group meets at noon on Wednesdays in the Fireside Room Kitchen. Men of all ages are invited to attend as their schedules permit. Please contact Administrator Jacci Rustigan at jacci@fapc.net to be placed on a no-obligation E-list for the Bible Study Luncheon Group.

Armenian Men's Bible Study

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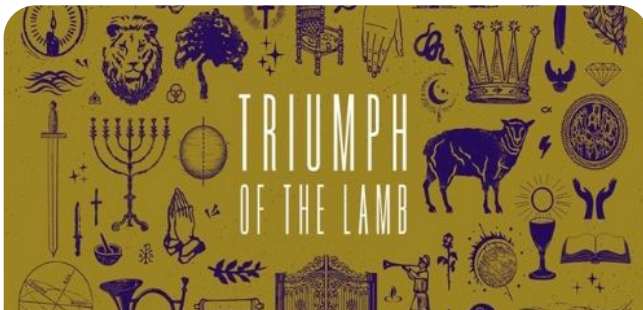
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Sunday Morning Events



Sundays: **9:00 A.M.-9:45 A.M.** in the Fireside Room!

In our new Sunday Morning Study (SMS), Badveli Greg will lead us through the *Book of Revelation*.

1ST & 3RD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH



JOIN US FOR

**COMMUNION
SUNDAY**

JOIN OUR FAMILY OF
BELIEVERS AS WE GATHER
AT HIS TABLE

Empower Your Words: Enter Two Prestigious Writing Contests!

High school and K-12 students, participate in the Knights and Daughters of Vartan and William Saroyan Writing Contests! Submit your essays and seize the chance to make a difference. Deadlines approaching soon – don't miss out!



The Knights and Daughters of Vartan fraternal organizations have announced their annual essay contest in conjunction with the 109th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. High School students (grades 9-12) are invited to participate in a writing contest to enhance awareness of the Armenian Genocide. All submissions should be emailed to april24nyc@gmail.com by 11:59 p.m. on **Monday, April 8, 2024.**



Essay prompts and complete details may be found by visiting the Saturday, February 24, edition of the Armenian Mirror-Spectator newspaper at: www.mirrorspectator.com.

Winning essays will be announced at the New York City Times Square Genocide Commemoration Sunday afternoon, April 21.

THE WILLIAM SAROYAN SOCIETY

"**The Time of Your Life**" is the theme of the 2024 William Saroyan Writing Contest. The Contest is presented by the William Saroyan Society in association with the Fresno County Public Library and Office of Education. Students from Kindergarten through 12th Grade are eligible to participate and prizes will be awarded in five divisions based on year of schooling.

The deadline for entries is **April 1, 2024** and complete information on the contest is available by visiting: williamsaroyansociety.org/writingcontest.

Printed contest information is also available by visiting branches of the Fresno County Public Library.





AMAA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Each Academic year the Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA) offers scholarships to full-time undergraduate students of Armenian descent studying in North America.

Students interested in applying for scholarships should personally request the Link for the Application Form by calling 201-265-2607 ext. 127 or by email, lucyr@amaa.org or sponsorship@amaa.org. Previous recipients must reapply each year. It is the responsibility of the student to request an application form.

Incomplete items and/or missing documents will automatically disqualify an applicant.

Applications open in February and must be completed online, not later than May 1st of the current year.

Awards are made by the Scholarship Committee, which takes into consideration the applicant's grades, financial need, the tuition cost of the college he/she will attend, accomplishments, future leadership potential and good character references. **Please note, Scholarship Grant checks are issued directly to academic Institutions and not individuals.**





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2024 AEUNA BIENNIAL



June 27-30, 2024



San Francisco Bay Area (San Mateo)

*Just as a body, though one, has many parts,
but all its many parts form one body, so it is
with Christ.*

1 Corinthians 12:12



SCAN to LISTEN

Sign into Spotify to enjoy the FAPC Worship playlist and learn the new songs that will be performed during Worship service.

DR. TAMAR SEVAJIAN, LMFT
PRESENTS

GRIEF CARE

A 6 WEEK SUPPORT GROUP FOR GRIEF AND LOSS

MEETS IN PERSON WEEKLY ON SATURDAYS FROM 10:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.
MARCH 9 - APRIL 13, 2024

MEETING LOCATION: FIRST ARMENIAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CE BUILDING, 430 S. FIRST STREET, FRESNO, CA 93702



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(626) 755-8078

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FOR THE EVENT
One-time \$10.00 fee includes the
workbook



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Christian Women of First Street

Thursday, April 4, 2024

The Dorcas Guild of Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church invite the women of the churches on First Street from Ventura to Herndon Avenue. Join us for a time of fellowship and lunch. **To pray for our world, country, state, city, our neighborhood, our churches, and our sisters in Christ**

First Street is the heart of Fresno and the best place to start this powerful unity of prayer

Fellowship begins at 11:00 a.m.

Lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m.

in the church's social hall at 3673 North First Street, Fresno, California

Gather to pray at 12:45 p.m.

The bells of the churches will ring at 1:00 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you.

For more information, Joyce Kierejczyk, 559-307-3733

and reservations, Donna Robinson, 559-260-0205

Make checks payable to Dorcas Guild and mail to:

Donna Robinson, 2864 West Wellington Lane, Fresno CA 93711

by March 25, 2024

RESERVATION FORM - Please make checks payable to Dorcas Guild and mail the check and reservation form to: Donna Robinson, 2864 W. Wellington Lane, Fresno, CA 93711

Church Name _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Number attending at \$20/each _____ Total enclosed \$ _____

For check-in purposes, please list the names of those attending: _____



Women's Retreat

Friday, April 12, 2024 - Sunday, April 14, 2024

Age Group: 18+ All Women

MEET OUR SPEAKERS CAMP AREV WOMEN'S RETREAT 2024



Lena Ekmekjian



Cynthia Ketenjian



Ani Kassabian



With Special Guest Comedian
Ruzanna
Featuring Saturday Night



Lucy Chakerian



Kim Haroutunian



Men's Retreat

Friday, April 26, 2024 - Sunday, April 28, 2024

Age Group: 18+ All Men

MEET OUR SPEAKERS

CAMP AREV MEN'S RETREAT 2024



REV. AREN BAHADOURIAN



REV. ARA CHAKERIAN



WITH SPECIAL GUEST COMEDIAN
ANTIC
FEATURING SATURDAY NIGHT



REV. RAZMIG MINASSIAN



DAN ARNOLD





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High School

Sunday, July 14 - Saturday, July 20
Age Group: 9th - 12th

Juniors

Sunday, July 21 - Saturday, July 27
Age Group: 3rd - 5th Grade



Junior High

Sunday, July 28 - Saturday, August 3
Age Group: 6th - 8th Grade

College & Career

Friday, Sept. 13 - Sunday, Sept. 15
Age Group: 18+ College & Career





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Return Service Requested

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 Media Tech: Brandon Petrie; Nursery Attendants: Anna Arakelian and Sepideh Sayadipour

March 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	1 Mommy & Me 9:30 am 6:00 pm Strengthening Relationships	2 8:30am - 2:30 pm Strengthening Relationships
3 Sunday Morning Study - 9 am Prayer Bridal Room - 9:45 am Sunday School - 10:45 am Worship Service - 10:30 am Arm. Family Bible Study - 12:30 pm FSR CA Armenian Home Service - 1:45 pm	4	5 Women’s Bible Study 2:55 pm Women’s Zoom Bible Study 5:55 pm Family Fellowship 6:45 pm	6 Men’s Bible Study 12:00 pm FSR	7 Women’s Bible Study Fireside 9:45 am Family Fellowship 7pm Zoom	8 Young Families Bible Study - 7:30 pm	9 Grief Care Group 10-11:30 am
10 Sunday Morning Study - 9 am FSR Prayer Bridal Room - 9:45 am Sunday School - 10:45 am Worship Service - 10:30 am	11	12 Women’s Bible Study 2:55 pm Women’s Zoom Bible Study 5:55 pm Family Fellowship 6:45 pm	13 Men’s Bible Study 12:00 pm FSR	14 Women’s Bible Study Fireside 9:45 am Family Fellowship 7pm Zoom	15 Mommy & Me 9:30am Family Game Night Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm	16 Grief Care Group 10-11:30 am
17 Sunday Morning Study - 9 am FSR Prayer Bridal Room - 9:45 am Sunday School - 10:45 am Worship Service - 10:30 am Arm. Family Bible Study - 12:30 pm FSR 24/7 Prayer - 1 pm FSR	18	19 Women’s Bible Study 2:55 pm Women’s Zoom Bible Study 5:55 pm Family Fellowship 6:45 pm	20 Men’s Bible Study 12:00 pm FSR	21 Women’s Bible Study Fireside 9:45 am Family Fellowship 7 pm Zoom	22	23 Grief Care Group 10-11:30 am
24 PALM SUNDAY Sunday Morning Study - FSR 9 am Prayer - Bridal Room 9:45 am Sunday School - 10:45 am Worship Service - 10:30 am Palm Sunday Brunch - 12 pm	25	26 Women’s Bible Study 2:55 pm Women’s Zoom Bible Study 5:55 pm Family Fellowship 6:45 pm	27 Men’s Bible Study 12:00 pm FSR	28 Women’s Bible Study Fireside 9:45 am Maundy Thursday Supper & Worship 6-8 pm	29	30 Grief Care Group 10-11:30 am
31 EASTER Prayer - Bridal Room 9:45 am Sunday School - 10:45 am Worship Service - 10:30 am Easter Egg Hunt - FSR 12 pm	1 Easter Holiday Office Closed	NOTES				

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