

NEXT ARMENIAN SPEAKING FAMILY BIBLE STUDY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024 - 12:30PM FIRE SIDE ROOM

FAPC Worship Team Experiences the *SING!* Conference in Nashville, TN!

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4 "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!"

- *Philippians 4:4 (NIV)*

I've been learning a lot about joy this year. The irony is that 2024 has been filled with deep sorrow and loss. I never would have believed that sorrow and joy could coexist so seamlessly.



This summer Sossy & I had the privilege of visiting our sister church in Goris and the Young Life Pioneer Camp in Artavaz. Armenia perfectly depicts this union of joy and sorrow. Everyone we met had some connection to the anguish of the ethnic cleansing of Artsakh. We met soldiers who have finished their service yet are prepared to be called up on a moment's notice.

Mosig & his girlfriend asked to pray with us about their growing relationship and their calling to ministry. We arrived home from our trip to receive a text informing us that he was going back for more training. His attitude? "Praise the Lord! I will serve Him wherever He sends me!"

Another former soldier shared how God rescued him when he was separated from his unit and caught behind an Azeri battalion. After being shot at repeatedly by his peers, after hiding in the undergrowth for three days, he miraculously made it back unbound and unscathed. He describes his experience with joyful exuberance because the Lord met him so personally and powerfully.

Watching the way our brothers and sisters love the people in their communities in both ministries

was humbling and invigorating! I so want to be like them! I want to be an open vessel so that the same Holy Spirit that works through them to demonstrate the love of Christ will work through me and through us here in our community!



There is so much to share! I hope the pictures will give you a glimpse of what we experienced, and I'll be sharing stories and videos in the weeks to come. Thank you, again, for the privilege of the sabbatical. I am refreshed and inspired to serve the Lord with you as a disciple making community that shares the reconciling love of Christ!

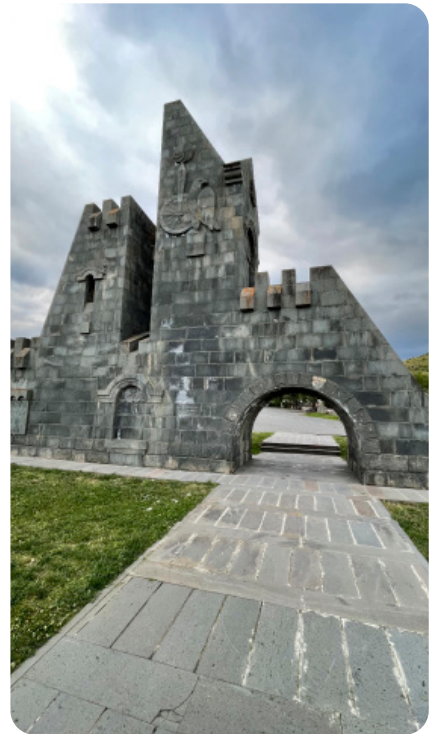
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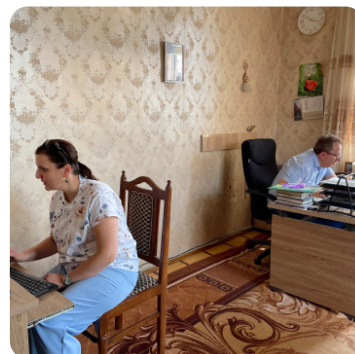
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Submit your requests online at fapc.net or via ChurchCenter app.

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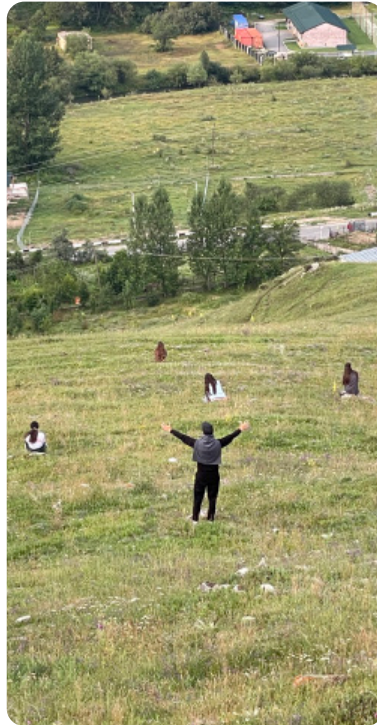
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Community News

Lovenet559.org Launches as New Platform for ESA/Love INC Ministry

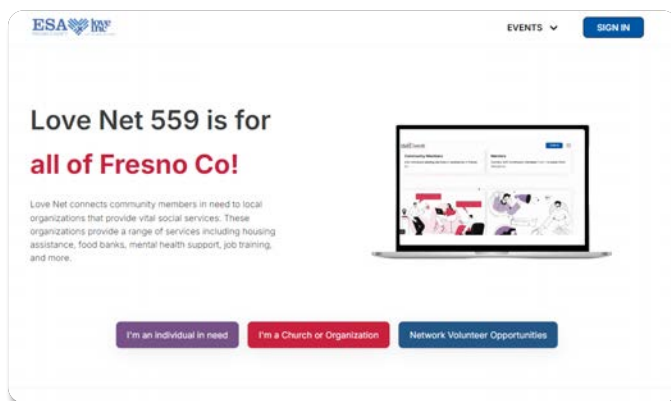
Connecting Local Churches and Ministries to Serve and Transform the Community

by Paul Haroutunian

Lovenet559.org is the new digital platform for ESA/Love INC, a ministry hub dedicated to fostering cooperation between local churches, ministries, and helping agencies.

With over 400 “branch offices” and a reach of more than 100,000 people, the Church stands as the largest organization in our city.

Uniquely equipped to create positive, lasting change, the Church, through ESA/Love INC, connects those in need with resources and support from the community.





Young Life Pioneer Camp in Armenia Celebrates Successful Summer

FAPC-supported Ministry Sees Over 1,100 Campers Engage in Faith and Fun
by Nelda Baker



We are filled with joy and gratitude as we share the final statistics from the Armenia Young Life eight-week summer camping program. Under the leadership of Arman and Lilit, a total of 1,134 kids attended camp, including many non-churched youth. They were guided and encouraged by 176 dedicated leaders to begin or deepen their personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

In addition, 264 workers supported the camp by providing meals, cleaning rooms, and organizing fun activities and games for the campers. It was truly a wonderful experience, and we are so thankful to our Lord for His abundant provisions.

EPC Physicians Share Medical Missions Work in Central Asia During July 7 Worship Service

Evangelical Presbyterian Church World Outreach Seeks Prayer and Laborers for Global Mission Efforts
by Phil Tavlian

Two physicians from the Evangelical Presbyterian Church World Outreach (EPC-WO) shared their experiences in medical missions in Central Asia during the July 7 Service of Worship. EPC-WO seeks prayer for "partnerships, health, joy, protection, and strengthening of families and marriages," and that God would "draw laborers into the harvest."

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EPC global workers serve in five regions worldwide—Americas, East Asia and Pacific, Europe and Central Asia, Middle East and Africa, and South Asia. These areas include some of the hardest spiritual environments, where people have little to no access to the Gospel.



A stateside team supports these efforts through strategic planning, missionary care, prayer coordination, training, and recruitment. For more information, contact Elder Paul Haroutunian of the FAPC Committee on Missions or visit epcwo.org.

Wednesday Men's Bible Study Group Welcomes Young Life Armenia Leaders

Arman and Lilit Asatryan Share Impact of 2024 Summer Camps and Invite Church to Support 2025 Mission by Phil Tavlian

The Wednesday Men’s Bible Study Luncheon Group opened the 2024-2025 Church Year with a special visit on September 4 from Arman and Lilit Asatryan, along with their younger daughter, Nanor. The Asatryans serve as Regional Directors for Young Life Armenia and oversee the Pioneer Camp in Artavaz, located along the Marmarik River, about 90 minutes from Yerevan. In the summer of 2024, the camp ministered to nearly 1,200 unchurched Armenian youth.

During their visit, the Asatryans shared about Young Life Armenia’s various ministries, including Wyldlife for 10- to 14-year-olds, Club Ministry for high school students, College Ministry for young adults, and Campaigners Discipleship Group. They emphasized that Young Life Armenia’s Bible Study groups not only teach the Scriptures but also instill a strong work ethic in participants.

Senior Pastor Greg Haroutunian spoke about the ministry work he and Pompish Sossy led at the Pioneer Camp earlier this summer. The five-day camps explore themes like: What Is Life? Who is God? What is sin? Who is Christ? How do you Protect Your Faith?

The Asatryans asked the Bible Study Luncheon Group and the congregation to pray for Young Life Ministries in Armenia and extended an invitation to the Church Family to visit the Pioneer Camp in the summer of 2025.





FAPC Honors Susan Ruiz for Over 20 Years of Dedicated Service

Church Family Celebrates Longtime Sexton and Steward of Facilities with Autumn Fellowship

by Phil Tavlian

Members and friends of First Armenian Presbyterian Church (FAPC) welcomed the first day of autumn 2024 with a special after-service coffee fellowship honoring Susan Ruiz for her more than 20 years of faithful service to the congregation and community. Susan has served in numerous roles, including Sexton, Custodian, Facilities Manager, Events and Meetings Organizer, and Steward of the Church Buildings and Grounds.

The celebration, held in the Fellowship Hall on the afternoon of September 22, featured a spread of homemade pastries, breads, ethnic delicacies, fruits, and desserts prepared by church members. The Session and the entire congregation extend their deepest gratitude to Susan for her decades of dedication and loving care for the church and its facilities.



Her work has been instrumental in maintaining the beauty and functionality of FAPC, and her contributions to our extended family of faith will be remembered for years to come.



The Pregnancy Care Center of Fresno will hold its 2024 Ladies' High Tea on Saturday, November 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The gathering--celebrating life and 40 years of ministry--will take place at New Covenant Community Church, 1744 East Nees Avenue in Fresno. For reservations information, please call (559) 237-0789 or email events@pregnancycarecenter.com.



Children's Ministry Wraps Up a Fun-Filled August with Exciting Events and Family Camp

From Move Up Sunday to Olympic-Inspired Games, August Brings Joy and Learning to Church Kids

by Mrs. Nataly Wairdian

August was an exciting month for the children in our church community, filled with events and activities that sparked joy and growth.

The month began with **Move Up Sunday** on the first Sunday, August 4, where children transitioned into their new grade rooms for Sunday school. Due to the enthusiasm of many students, Sunday school was expanded to include 6th graders, combining 2nd-6th graders in the large youth room.

During the second and third weeks of August, sports and activities were held in the Fellowship Hall, inspired by the Olympics. Led by Ben Dadian and George Semirdjian, children participated in games like soccer, basketball, and musical chairs. These activities offered not only fun and exercise but also valuable lessons in teamwork and sportsmanship.

The month ended on a high note with Family Camp during the last week of August. Children engaged in Bible-themed science activities, with the 1-4-year-olds enjoying sensory play such as kinetic sand, playdoh, and motor skill exercises. Meanwhile, the 5-12-year-olds had a blast with experiments like making explosions with diet soda and Mentos in the mud pit, symbolizing how God can make something big out of something small—just as Jesus did with the feeding of the 5,000. They also crafted lava lamps and competed in a pajama relay race, which emphasized the importance of rest and listening to God.

Family Camp offered many other memorable experiences, from bear hunting to zip lining, and even catching bugs in jars crafted during craft time. It was a truly unforgettable weekend, capping off a month filled with joy, learning, and lasting memories for the children and families in our church community.



In faith and fellowship,
Nataly Wairdian
Children's Ministry Director

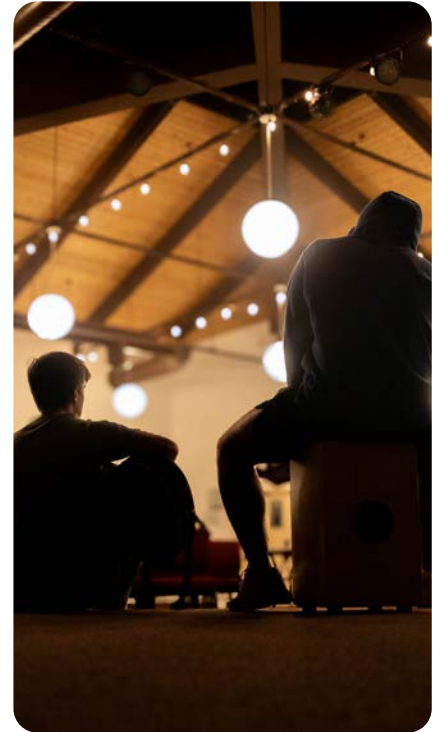
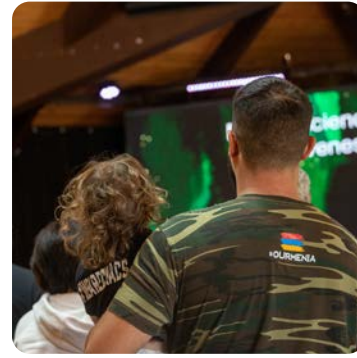
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Family Camp





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Sing Conference in Nashville Inspires Worship Team with Renewed Purpose in Praise

Exploring the Power of Song to Deepen Connection with the Gospel and Magnify Christ

by Dr. Chistoper Shamlian

Our time in Nashville at the Sing Conference was both refreshing and inspirational, as we immersed ourselves in studying the purpose and power of singing praise to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We explored how to strengthen our connection to the gospel through song, focusing on the acronym SING:

S: Setting – Understanding the context of hymns or songs is essential. Where do these songs take place in the Bible? Who was the author? What was the historical setting, and who was the scripture written for or in response to? Exploring these elements allows us to engage more deeply with the message.

I: Intention – We are called to sing loudly and praise God's Holy name with enthusiasm. As Psalm 100:1-2 declares, "Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!" Our singing should be energetic and heartfelt, stirring our souls and showing our gratitude for all that God has done for us.

N: Nature – What is the message of the song? Is it rooted in the Word of God? Songs should express emotions like wonder, gratitude, remorse, and joy, while focusing on the truth of scripture. As Ephesians 5:19-21 encourages, "Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything."

G: Goal – What is the goal of our praise? Worship isn't about making us feel better or simply sounding good. The goal is to magnify the name of Jesus Christ. It should teach us the Bible, remind us of God's faithfulness, and deepen our understanding of His incomprehensible love. Our worship starts with knowing the Word of God, and that knowledge leads our spirits and emotions to respond with exuberant praise.

We are so grateful for this incredible opportunity, and I speak for the entire worship team when I say we are forever changed. We eagerly look forward to this upcoming season of impactful worship, where our minds and hearts will be strengthened as we sing to our Lord and King.

Let us sing!

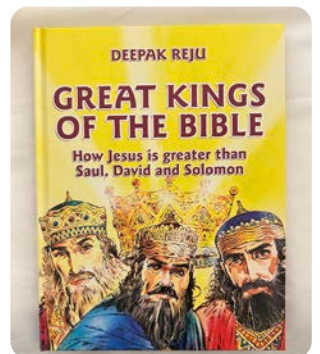
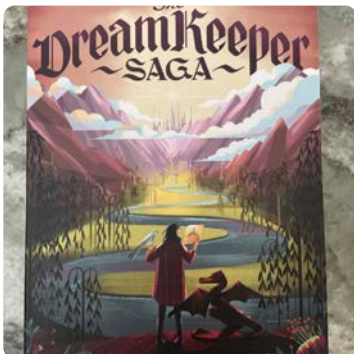
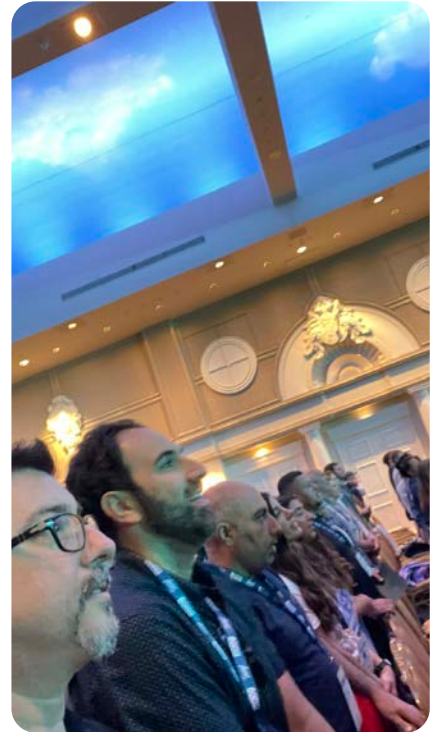
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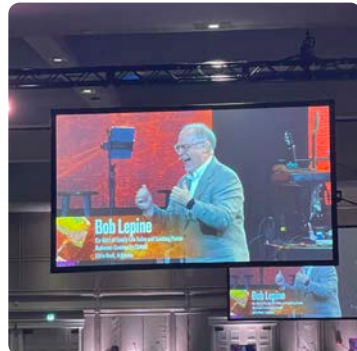


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Joan Lee (Bujulian) Kevorkian, Fourth-Generation FAPC Member, Passes Away at 92

Dedicated Family Matriarch and Community Leader Remembered for Her Generosity and Devotion

- by Phil Tavlian

Joan Lee (Bujulian) Kevorkian, a fourth-generation member of a pioneering First Armenian Presbyterian Church (FAPC) family, passed away on August 24, 2024, at the age of 92.

Born on June 2, 1932, to Hagop and Naomi (Paul) Bujulian, Joan grew up in then-rural northwest Fresno. Her father was a member of the FAPC Session and chaired both the Congregation's General Building Council and Phase One and Phase Two Building Committees, while her mother served as President of the Young Women's Society of Fidelis in 1943-1944 and again in 1955-1956.

Joan attended Clovis Union High School, where she was actively involved as Student Body Secretary, a cheerleader, a tennis team member, and a participant in Job's Daughters and the Figarden 4-H Club. She also played a significant role in the FAPC Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.



After graduating, Joan married George Santikian, owner of Pacific Raisin Company in Fowler, and focused on raising their three children while also contributing to the family business. She was an active member of the Fowler Improvement Association and its Nightingales organization.

Known for her exceptional cooking, baking, and gardening skills, Joan was beloved for her mottos: "Always on the go/always available" and "If you ever need anything, I'm here." Her warmth and generosity were felt by all who knew her.

Joan was preceded in death by her husband, Art S. Kevorkian; her great-grandparents, Haroutune and Mariam (Kachian) Bagdasarian; her grandparents, Israel and Persape (Bagdasarian) Paul; her parents, Hagop and Naomi (Paul) Bujulian; and her sister, Corinne Bujulian Wallet, RPh.

She is survived by her son, George J. Santikian, and his wife Debra Lee; her daughters, Lynn Santikian and Jean Ann Kallie; her grandchildren, Leslie Santikian and her fiancé Jonathan Coley, Stephanie Asdourian and her husband Daniel, Kimberly Santikian, Christian and Alex Kallie; her brother-in-law, George Wallet, RPh; and many dear nieces, nephews, and cousins.



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"Celebrate!" Themed Retreat Set for September 27-29, Inspired by Psalm 145:6-7

Jonelle S.G. Kazarian will keynote the 2024 Women's Retreat at the Sugar Pine Christian Camps in Oakhurst. The Retreat will take place September 27-29 and the theme is "Celebrate!" (Psalm 145: 6-7). More information is available by calling (559) 683-4938 or online at: <https://www.sugarpineorg/womens-retreats/>

Central Valley Veterans Invited to Join 105th Annual Veterans Day Parade

The military veterans of FAPC and the Armenian-American Community of Central California are warmly invited to participate in the 105th Annual Central Valley Veterans Day Parade in Downtown Fresno.

The Commemoration will begin on Monday, November 11, with a 9:45 a.m. Opening Ceremony at Fresno City Hall, 2600 Fresno Street. The Parade will step off at 11:11 a.m. Please call or text Alain Ekmalian at (310) 283-9496 for complete information.



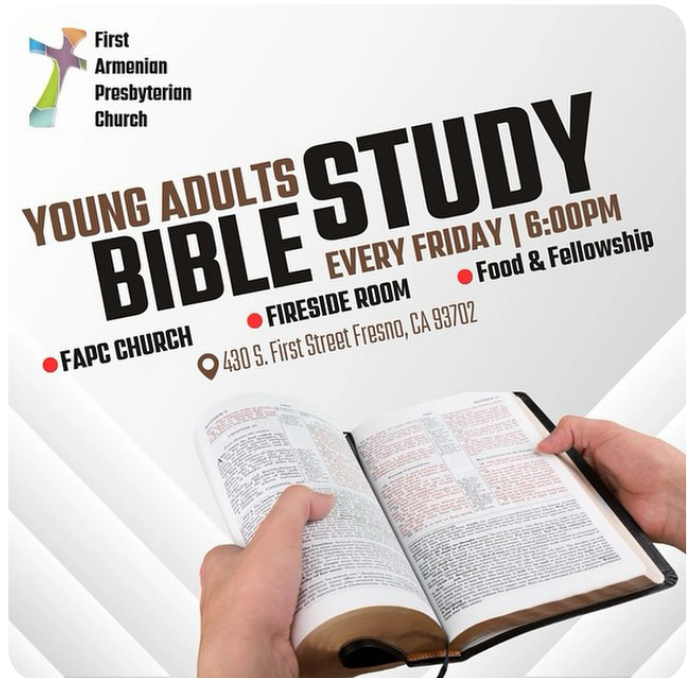
AMAA's 105th Annual Meeting to Be Held in Montreal, Canada

The The 105th Annual Meeting of the Armenian Missionary Association of America will take place in Montreal, Canada on October 17-20, 2024.

The 105th Annual Meeting Banquet, Celebrating Youth, will be held at the Sheraton Laval Hotel, Quebec, Canada, October 19, 2024, with Raffi Shnorhokian, Director, Defense and Security Programs at Canadian Aviation Electronics (CAE), as Master of Ceremonies.

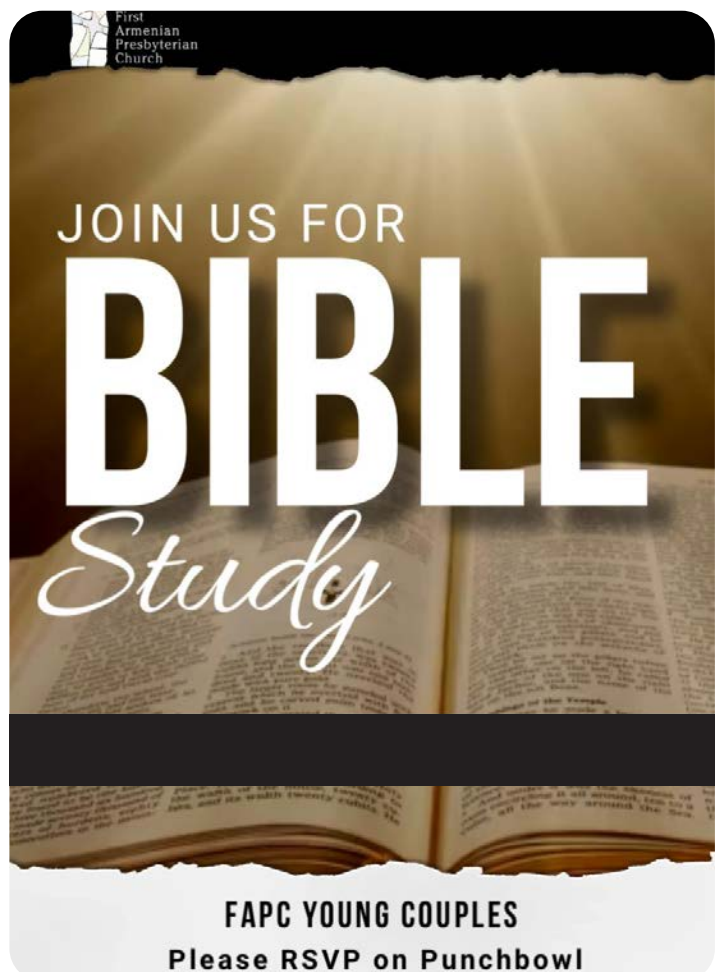
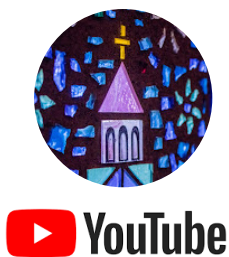
The First Armenian Evangelical Church of Montreal will be the host congregation for the weekend. For complete information and online registration, visit: <https://amaa.org> or call AMAA Headquarters in Paramus, New Jersey at (201) 265-2607.





Never Miss a Service with FAPC's YouTube Livestreams and Sunday Replays on www.youtube.com/fapcfresno

Did you miss a Sunday Worship or special service at FAPC during the summer months of 2024? Visit our YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/@FAPCFresno to watch Past Live Stream Services, Videos, Music Group entries, and Short presentations. Just look for the purple stained glass icon and Subscribe to get notifications of new videos right in your inbox!



FRIDAY | OCTOBER 18 | 7:30 PM





Armenian Family Bible Study



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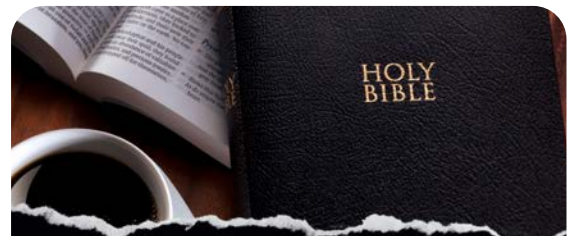


Women's Bible Study



Join us as we study “The Book of John”

The Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study is held
Thursday's 9:45am - 11am in the Fireside Room.
All women are invited and encouraged to attend.



BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study
Book of Revelation
Sonia Yemenjian: (559) 287-6615
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Men's Bible Study



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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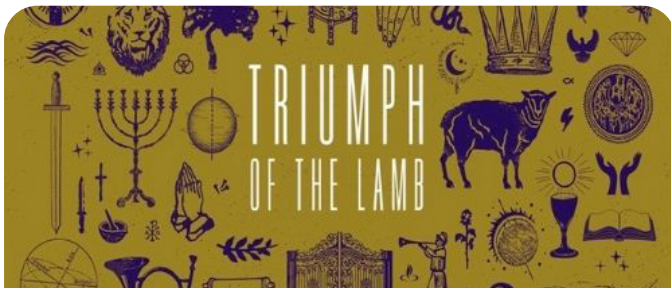
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Sunday Morning Events



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





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 Email submissions to ara@fapc.net with subject line "Mosaix" and section (i.e. Mosaix - Community News; Mosaix - Ministry Update)

October 2024

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6 *SMS Bible Study *Communion Worship *CA Armenian Home Worship	7	8	9 *Men's Bible Study	10 *Women's Bible Study	11 *Young Adults Bible	12
13 *Worship Service *Pastor Appreciation Day *Armenian Speaking Bible	14	15	16 *Men's Bible Study *Budget & Finance *Personnel Committee	17 *Women's Bible Study *24/7 Prayer *Leadership Training	18 *Mommie & Me *Young Adults Bible *Young Families Bible	19
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