

# The ACC Bulletin

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*“... To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ... I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge – even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

*(1 Corinthians 1:1-9)*

The church is often criticized for many things. It is criticized for its lack of love. It is criticized for being hypocritical. It is criticized for not being spiritual enough, or for having problems, being irrelevant, and the list goes on. Even though the church might have many weaknesses, this should not discourage us from regularly attending church, nor become the cause for totally abandoning it, as some have done.

The above passage from the prologue of the letter to the Corinthian church, gives us some pointers as to what our attitude should be like. The Corinthian church had many problems, and Paul is writing in response to some of the news that had reached him about them. Paul is able to give thanks to God for them because of God's character. God will always remain faithful to His promises to make His people perfect despite their imperfection. God through His Son Jesus has given His people the necessary gifts to remain strong until His Son's return. God Himself was going to keep them until Jesus' return. We also should be thankful, and should be praying to God for His church and its ministry in the world. The church is not perfect, and will not ever achieve perfection in this world, but God is constantly working on perfecting (sanctifying) His people. We, as Christians who have been blessed by the gift of the Holy Spirit, should be on an upward journey towards perfection and holiness.

God is faithful; let us also be faithful to His church. Let us pray and work to improve and encourage the ministry of the church, because it is God's instrument in this world. It is through the church's ministry of proclamation of the Gospel and evangelism/witnessing to Jesus Christ that God works to change and transform people.

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# CHURCH CALENDAR

## Weekly

**Choir Practice**, Sunday 10:00 a.m.

**Worship Service**, Sunday 11:00 a.m.

**Sunday School**, Sunday 11:00 a.m.

**Children's Library**, Every Sunday

**Youth Group**, Friday, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

## Monthly

**Children's Message**, (First Sunday of the month. Parents bring your children into the worship service).

**Choir Practice**, (First Thursday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m.).

**Community Groups**, (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m.)

**Adult Bible Study**, (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.)

**ACC Women's Fellowship**, (Second Sunday of the month, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.).

**Board of Trustees Meeting**, (Third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.).

**Board of Deacons Meeting**, (Last Sunday of the month, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.).

**Prayer Meeting**, (Third Sunday of the month following the worship service).

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Harvest Party

Are you ready for some wholesome fun? Don't miss out on our annual Harvest Party! Please reserve the following night, Friday, October 28, 2011, starting at 5:30 p.m, dinner at 6:00 p.m. The ACC Children's Ministry is organizing a special evening of delicious food, fun and games for the whole family. All ages are welcome. Children ages 3 and under are free, children under 10: \$3, 10 years and up \$6.00.

### Youth Ministry Weekend

The Armenian Congregational Youth Fellowship Weekend will be held on Friday, November 11 through Sunday, November 13, 2011. Youth ages 12-17 are invited to the church. AEYF Eastern Region Youth Pastor Ara Jizmejian will be speaking

and leading the weekend. Teens come and bring your friends!

## Missions

### **E.A.C.H Service Opportunity**

Come join a group of volunteers from area churches as they spend a day sprucing-up the House of Help in Detroit (7 Mile and Grand River). Workday is Saturday, October 8th. Work to be done: cleaning, repairs, painting, mowing, landscaping, and community beautification. Work hours are: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, and 1:00 pm to 4 pm. 12:00-1:00 is lunch. People can work either or both shifts. If you are interested in helping please sign-up at [www.signupgenius.com/go/house23](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/house23).

### Operation Christmas Child

The Sunday School is participating again this year in Operation Christmas Child, a ministry started by Franklin Graham that reaches out to poor and underprivileged children around the world with the good news of the gospel through gifts packed in shoe boxes. If you would like to participate, pick-up a form from the church foyer and return completed boxes no later than Sunday, November 13.

### Christmas In October

Bring Christmas joy to children of Armenia and Karabagh through AMAA Armenia Summer Camp Christmas Committee. You can make checks payable to ACC. Or you may mail the check directly to AMAA. The forms are available in the hallway.

### Angel Tree

Angel Tree is a program of Prison Fellowship started by Charles W. Colson. Your support will help bring joy to the children of prisoners by giving them a Christmas present, letting them know they are not forgotten, and telling them about the love of Jesus. If you would like to make a donation please make checks to Angel Tree, P.O. Box 1550 Merrifield, VA 22116. For more information please talk to Pastor Mak.

## Congregational Meeting

The fall congregational meeting will be held on Sunday November 7, 2011 following the church service. The two agenda items for the meeting are:

1. Electing new board members to serve for the term 2012 – 2015.
2. Approve the 2012 Budget.

The current board members are:

### Board of Trustees

- Mr. Mark Kadian – Chairman
- Dr. Robert Kachadourian – Vice Chairman
- Mr. Rodney Keteyian – Treasurer
- Mrs. Sima Baylerian – Secretary
- Dr. Edward Baylerian
- Mr. Kenneth Basmadjian
- Mr. Harold Gant
- Mr. Robert Kurkechian

### Board of Deacons

- Pastor Makarios Darawi – Chairman
- Mrs. Frances Garabedian – Mission
- Mrs. Hourig Jacobs – Secretary
- Mr. Roupén Arslanian
- Mrs. Carole Basmadjian
- Mrs. Marian Flanagan
- Mr. Daniel Haroutunian
- Mr. Tony Janigian
- Mrs. Gayaneh Kachadourian
- Mrs. Alice Kadian
- Mrs. Dicranouhi Keshishian

## Mission Sunday

The ACC Missions Committee and Pastor Mak extend their heartfelt thanks to all the church members and friends for their donations to the AMAA on Mission Sunday. On September 11, close to \$2,000.00 was collected. Mr. David Aynejian from the AMAA gave an up-to-date report during the Mission Luncheon, with a video presentation on the work and ministry of the AMAA in Armenia and around the world.

## Donations Needed

The ACC is collecting used clothes and household items in excellent condition to give to the resale store of West Side Christian School. All donations will go to support the schools' financial needs. Please support this school as it seeks to offer a Christian, private school education to many needy students. Please bring your donations to the ACC and give them to Moses.



### Important Dates

<b>October 2</b>	World Communion
<b>October (TBA)</b>	Community Groups
<b>October 9</b>	Congregational Meeting
<b>October 28</b>	Harvest Party
<b>November 6</b>	Daylight Savings Time Ends
<b>November 13</b>	Youth Weekend
<b>November 13</b>	Deadline for Christmas Shoeboxes
<b>November 20</b>	Thanksgiving Banquet
<b>December (TBA)</b>	Youth Christmas Party
<b>December (TBA)</b>	Christmas Program
<b>December 24</b>	Christmas Eve Service

## Choir

The ACC Sanctuary Choir is in the process of replacing their existing robes with new ones. They are seeking church members who would like to support them by making contributions towards the purchase of the new robes. If you would like to help please make donations to the ACC, memo: Choir Robs.

## Your Suggestions Matter

The ACC Board of Deacons has placed a Suggestion Box at the entrance of the fellowship hall, if you have any suggestion or concerns that you would like to bring to the attention of the Board please write them down and place the slip in the box.



## The ACC Annual Thanksgiving Dinner



We invite all of you to come and join us on Sunday, November 20 as we begin our day with the celebratory Thanksgiving Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.

Later that day at 5:00 p.m., join us for our annual Thanksgiving dinner. Ticket prices are \$25 per adult -- \$10 per child 6-15 years. (No charge for children under 6 years old). For R.S.V.P please call Suzan at the church office 248-352-0680 or email [accgd@comcast.net](mailto:accgd@comcast.net)



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