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“By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.”

(Hebrews 11:8-10)

By now, many of you have already heard that my family and I have notified the Armenian Congregational Church that we believe the time has come for us to transition out of our current pastoral ministry at the church. The two questions I’m frequently asked when people hear of our decision are “Why?” and “Where to?” Let me state at the outset that this decision is not caused by any conflict at the ACC. Simply put, after a long time of much prayer, we believe that God is calling us out. We want to obey His call by faith. Christian faith is more than an intellectual assent to a set of biblical propositions; faith is also an action based on God’s Word and promises. Jesus said, “If you love me, you will obey my commandments” (Jn. 14:15). So, just like Abraham obeyed, we want to obey God. Now, as for the second question, “Where?,” we are told that Abraham “...went out, not knowing where he was going.” At this point we also do not know where we are going. We are simply stepping out by faith, trusting that in due time God will make His plans for us clear. (As for the part that says, “...living in tents with Isaac and Jacob...” well, we are praying and hoping that living in tents will not be part of God’s plan for Jennifer, the children and me). Humor aside, we are also looking forward to a new ministry “...that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.”

Friends, as the writer of Ecclesiastes put it, “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.” There is a time to come and a time to go, and we believe that the time has come for us to go. For now, and for the coming months, we will continue to serve the church as we work together to make arrangements for a smooth transition.

Please join us on Sunday, November 20, as we gather to worship the Lord and proclaim His Gospel at 11:00 a.m. and later to celebrate God’s goodness with our annual Thanksgiving Dinner at 5:00 p.m.

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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.)

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

Adult Bible Study, (1st & 3rd 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

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. We are expecting guests from the Armenian Evangelical Church of Toronto youth group, and possibly Chicago as well. Teens come and bring your friends!

Lecture

Meet Peter Hrechdakian Volunteer Administrator Armenian DNA Project on Tuesday November 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the ACC Banquet Hall. Admission is free with light refreshments.

December Bulletin

The December issue of the A.C.C. monthly bulletin will be a Christmas issue. Once again, as in the past, we offer you the opportunity to send your Christmas greetings to all the church members and friends by making a contribution to our mission fund. Please submit your names by December 9 to Suzan at the office or Pastor Mak.

Missions

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.

2011 Stewardship

As the end of the year is approaching, we kindly ask that if you have not submitted your 2011 pledge, please do so. It is with your help and donations that the church will be able to continue its ministry.

Congregational Meeting

The fall congregational meeting will be held on Sunday November 6, 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 Bayleran
- 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

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.

Time To Fall Back

Remember to adjust your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 6. Or you will be at church one hour before everybody else.

Important Dates

November 6	Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 6	Congregational Meeting
November 8	Lecture-Peter Hrechdakian
November 11-13	Youth Weekend
November 13	Deadline for Christmas Shoeboxes
November 20	Communion Sunday
November 20	Thanksgiving Banquet
December (TBA)	Youth Christmas Party
December (TBA)	Christmas Program
December 24	Christmas Eve Service
January 1	Communion Sunday

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

Christmas Eve Service



The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held on Saturday, December 24th at 7:30 p.m. following the service, there will be a fellowship hour with refreshments and desserts sponsored by the A.C.C. Women's Fellowship. We invite you all to join us and bring family and friends for this very special service.

Christmas Calendar



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Saturday, December 24 – 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Sunday

Sunday, December 25 – 11:00 a.m.

New Year's Service – Communion

Sunday, January 1 – 11:00 a.m.

Reminders!

Is your anniversary, birthday or graduation approaching? Why not share your celebration with the church family by sponsoring the fellowship Hour. Please sign-up on the bulletin board or call the church office.

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