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“But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:14-17)

As this is my last article that I will write to you in the ACC Bulletin, I thought I would leave you with a few final words from The Word itself. The context of the above-mentioned exhortation is Paul writing specifically to Timothy, whom he had left in Ephesus to oversee the work of the church. Having said that, the exhortation can generally be applied to all believers. First, *“Continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed.”* Paul is reminding Timothy to remain faithful to the sound doctrinal teaching he had learned and believed. In an age when traditional Christian beliefs are being abandoned, reinterpreted and redefined, **you must continue to firmly believe in all the basic Christian doctrines.** Second, *“...Knowing from whom you learned it...”* Timothy learned these doctrines from his mother, grandmother, and Paul who had an unquestionable faith and passed it on to him. Later on, in chapter 4, Paul says this to Timothy, *“In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; ...”* I also received the same charge at my ordination, and all the years I served you, I had no other desire but to *“Preach the Word.”* **You are all my witnesses that “in season and out of season I preached the Word.”** I wanted to make sure that what I teach you is God’s own Word and nothing else. Third, *“Sacred writings or Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”* Let me be very clear, no one is a genuine, true Christian unless they have experienced salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. In other words they have been born again through the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit that leads to repentance and the forgiveness of their sins. And no one comes to saving faith in Jesus Christ apart from hearing the Gospel, which is most clearly taught in the Word of God. So let me encourage you to **make sure of your salvation.** Fourth, *“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.”* God not only uses His Word to bring people to faith in Jesus, He also uses his Word to continue the process of salvation (sanctification). God wants to do more than just save you, He wants to perfect you and use you for His kingdom and His glory. **Be a good and regular student of God’s Word,** allowing God to transform and shape your life, and then find ways to put your faith into action through good works.

Friends, I pray that these words will be an encouragement to you in your Christian walk, and I also pray that God’s Holy Spirit will empower you as you continue to grow in your faith and as you serve Him.

Farewell and God bless,

Pastor Makarios Darawi

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Congratulations and God's Blessing and Success To All The A.C.C. Graduates of 2012

KATHERINE ALICE BANERIAN, graduated from Michigan State University from the College of Education with a degree in elementary education, focusing on language arts and minoring in teaching students who have English as their second language (TESOL). In the fall, Katherine will begin her student teaching at Whitman Elementary School in Pontiac, MI. Katherine is the daughter of Kirk and Leslie Banerian and the granddaughter of Alice and the late Dr. George Kadian and Angela and the late Carl Banerian.

AREENA BASMADJIAN, daughter of Chris and Shannon Basmadjian and granddaughter of George and Carole Basmadjian, graduates with honors from Norp Middle School. Areena will attend Berkley High School in the fall.

CHRISTINA CHARLES, granddaughter of Dr. Richard Marburger, received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing with honors from Michigan State University's College of Nursing. Her plans for the coming year will be to continue to work at Fox Run Retirement Village as a Home Health Aid while studying for the State of Michigan RN Licensing Exam. Her hope is to then obtain a RN position at a local hospital.

GABRIEL ELIZABETH KADIAN, graduated from West Bloomfield High School. In the fall, Gabriel will be attending New York University Tisch School of the Arts and double majoring in English literature and theater. Gabriel is the daughter of Mark and Ronni Kadian, granddaughter of Alice and the late Dr. George Kadian and Arthur and the late Barbara Sugarman

ROBERT THOMAS LINDEMAN (BOBBY), son of Bill Lindeman and the late Margie Lindeman, grandson of Anahid Haroutunian, graduating from Sterling Heights High School.

ARAM JOSHUA POPE, graduated from Thurston High School. He is the son of Souzanne Pope.

Bibles Given To ACC Sunday School Students

The Armenian Congregational Church acknowledged the following Sunday School students who received Bibles on Sunday, May 20.

- Jake Basmadjian
- Ariana Eurdekian
- Gabriel Kadian
- Tess Kadian
- Robert (Bobby) Lindeman

Thank You

- The A.C.C. would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to all the church members and friends for their generous donations to the Mother's Day Banquet. Also thank you to Mrs. Carole Basmadjian, Mrs. Sima Baylerian and Mr. Garo Koundakjian for donating their valuable time and their hard work for putting together a wonderful program for the special event.
- The A.C.C. would like to also thank all those who donated their time to help clean up the church grounds, classrooms, and the parking lot on June 9. Your efforts made a great improvement to our grounds and facilities.

Mailing List

We are updating our current mailing list. If you know someone that would enjoy receiving the ACC Monthly Bulletin, please submit their name and mailing address to the church office. On the other hand, if you wish to stop receiving this publication, please inform our office by calling 248-352-0680.

Fellowship Hour

Is your anniversary, birthday or graduation approaching? Why not share your celebration with the church family by sponsoring the Fellowship Hour.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Weekly

Worship Service, Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Children's Library, Every Sunday

Monthly

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

The Annual Father's Day Luncheon

Please join us on Sunday, June 17th for the Father's Day luncheon following the morning worship service. Invite family and friends to join us for a fun day at the ACC to honor all the fathers. For more information please contact the church office. Luncheon cost: \$15.00 adult, \$10.00 for children 6-15 years old, free under 6 years. Menu: Kebob, Rice Pilav, Humus, Salad, Watermelon & pop.

Suggestion Box

The Board of Deacons received their first suggestion and wish to share it with the congregation.

"Never be noisy when you're in class when the teacher is talking."

Do you have a suggestion to share? Please put it in the Suggestion Box today. We are waiting to hear from you!!!

Thank you,
The Board of Deacons

A Special Movie Event

Come join the Mid-Week Bible group on Wednesday, June 13, for a special presentation of "Courageous." This movie has a great fatherhood theme. Hope to see many of you there!

AEUNA'S Camp Arevelk

Are you looking for a summer camp program for kids ages 10 to 16. This program provides the campers with many opportunities to experience the beautiful outdoors, while learning more about God's Word. The camp is located in Greenville, NY, and it will be held August 12, thru Saturday August 18th, 2012. To obtain more information please visit <http://www.camparevelk.org>.

Joys and Concerns of the Church

In Christian Sympathy

Mrs. Debbie Smetana, sister of Mrs. Frances (Ralph) Garabedian passed away on Friday April 27, 2012. May the peace, grace and comfort of our Lord be with the Garabedian and Smetana families, their relatives and friends.



Important Dates

June 17	Father's Day Luncheon
June 28 – July 1	AEUNA General Assembly
September 9	Rally Sunday



Annual Father's Day Luncheon

Sunday June 17, 2012
12:00 p.m.

at

The Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian
Fellowship Hall
26210 W. Twelve Mile Road
Southfield, MI 48034
248-352-0680

Tickets: Adults \$15
Children ages 6-15 \$10
Under 6 Free

A.E.U.N.A 21st AEUNA Biennial Conference 18th AEYF Biennial Conference

Will take place at the Sheraton Airport hotel in Montreal, from Thursday June 27th to Sunday July 1 2012. This year, the theme of the conference is:

“The Power of the Cross, Our Passion for Christ”

To require additional information please call 514-832-0220 or send an email to biennial2012@hotmail.com. Those who would like to register online please go to www.hayavedmontreal.com/biennial.

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