

Our next study will begin in September. We will continue to meet on Friday mornings from 10am to 12pm, in the Christian Education room of the church. We plan to study a lecture series on the book of Revelation by Beth Moore. In our upcoming eleven-session study, the author attempts to seek the wisdom and knowledge of God-fearing scholars through multiple commentaries and perspectives. In doing so, she translates some of their interpretations into laymen's terms and applications.

The study is open to all women, no matter age, background or church affiliation. You are all welcome to attend and I hope to see you in September. For more information, you can contact me at (248) 219-9544 or the church office (248) 352-0680.

Salpi Tachian
Women's Bible Study Leader

Happy Father's Day

Annual Father's Day Luncheon

**Sunday June 19, 2016
12:00 p.m.**

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With a Great Summer Comes Great Responsibility

The Sun is out, the weather finally starts warming up. People shed their winter coats and long johns for shorts, T-shirts and flip-flops. Summer is finally in the air! And with it comes a shift in our routine. Summer is characterized by vacations, trips and camps. Planned getaways to break up the monotony and enjoy the warmer weather with family and friends. We try to throw off as much responsibility as possible and take a much-needed vacation from our every day lives.

That is why I find it interesting that we usually kick off this season with Graduations and Father's Day. In many ways they are occasions to celebrate the throwing off of responsibilities that so often characterizes the Summer months. Graduates can finally celebrate their accomplishments, throw off the yoke of school and look forward to their newfound freedom and bright future ahead. Dad's are celebrated for their hard work and commitment all year round and are given a day to enjoy, relax with the family, grill in the backyard and let loose a little. All befitting the laid-back attitude that Summer brings.

Finding time to relax and enjoy life is not a negative by any means. It doesn't connote laziness or unreliability, but it is in fact part of the human condition. Intrinsic to our creation and existence is this sense of rest and contemplation. God himself ordained it in creation by taking a rest on the 7th day and codified it into law by requiring His people Israel to "observe the Sabbath and keep it holy" (Exodus 20:8). Jesus himself reminds us that "the Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath" (Mark 2:27).

But with our rest comes a true reflection and contemplation of our great responsibilities. Not only those we have to family, friends and ourselves, but also those we have toward God, His Kingdom and the Gospel.

It's the same way with Graduates and Dads. Graduation signifies completion of rigorous courses in education, a Graduate is deemed worthy and fully vested with this knowledge and is considered to have expertise and mastery over it. A Graduate doesn't leave behind and forget what they have learned but now carries it all with them into their next endeavor in life. This knowledge earned also bears with it responsibilities, they must now plan, act and live according to their newfound knowledge and understanding. Ignorance is no longer an excuse and they must live worthy of the education they have claimed as their own.

Dad's are no different and bear a tremendous amount of responsibility in the family. They are called to "Bring up a child in the way they should go...and when they are old they will not soon depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). They represent our Heavenly Father to us in a real, tangible, and worldly way. They provide through sacrifice, instruct through love and illustrate godliness through example. It is an important and tall order, that is why Paul instructs Fathers to "not exasperate your children; instead bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). As the Summer months drift on, let us enjoy the moments of rest and relaxation but also realize the greatness we are called to live up to.

Soli Deo Gloria (Glory to God Alone),
Rev. Shant Barsoumian

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Ossanna Avakian graduated from Alex and Marie Manoogian School. She will be attending Oakland community college in the fall to receive her associates degree in graphic design. She then will transfer to Central Michigan University or Michigan State to continue her education. Ossanna is the daughter of Steve and Sima Baylerian, granddaughter of proud grandparents Moses and Maggie Avakian.

Taleen Avakian graduated from Alex and Marie Manoogian Middle School. In the fall she will be attending Alex and Marie Manoogian High School. Taleen is the daughter of Steve and Sima Baylerian and granddaughter of Moses and Maggie Avakian.

Alex Basmadjian graduated from Burton Elementary. In the fall he will be attending Norup Middle School. Alex is the son of Chris and Shannon Basmadjian, grandson of Carole Basmadjian and the late George Basmadjian.

Areena Basmadjian graduated from Berkley High School. During her junior and senior years, Areena attended the Oakland Schools Technical Campus in the afternoon where she took classes in biotechnology and health sciences, and also participated in an internship as a pharmacy technician. She will be attending Wayne State University in the fall where she plans to pursue medical studies. Areena is the daughter of Chris and Shannon Basmadjian, granddaughter of Carole Basmadjian and the late George Basmadjian.

Kylie Basmadjian graduated from Schroeder Elementary School in Troy. She will be attending Bollan Park Middle School in the fall. Kylie is the daughter of Kenny Basmadjian, granddaughter of Carole Basmadjian and the late George Basmadjian.

Matthew Glenn Charles graduated from Michigan State University Bachelors Degree in Chemistry with high honor. Matthew is the son of Glenn and Kathryn Charles, grandson of Dr. Richard Marburger and the late Mary Marburger.

Alec Czartoryski son of Kevin and Pam Czartoryski and brother of Kyle, grandson of Patricia Jernukian and the late Herbert and Arlene Jernukian,

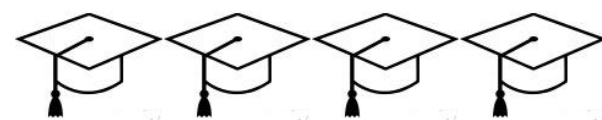
graduated from Eisenhower High School. He plans to pursue a career in business/sales/marketing. He will attend Macomb Community College in the fall and later transfer to a four year university to complete his Bachelor's Degree. His parents are very proud of the young man he is becoming. May God bless his endeavors.

Gabriel Elizabeth Kadian graduated from New York University Tisch School of the arts with honors with a bachelor of fine arts in Theatre and a bachelor of arts in English and American literature. Gabriel is the recipient of the Founders Day Award for highest academic achievement. Gabriel is the daughter of proud parents Mark and Ronni Kadian and sister of Bailey, Samantha and Tess. She is the granddaughter of Alice Kadian and the late Dr. George Kadian and the late Arthur and Barbara Sugarman.

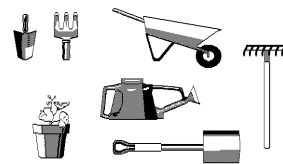
Gregory Margosian graduated from Bloomfield Hills High school, he is the son of Tom and Michele Margosian, grandson of Gladys Margosian and the late Zaven Margosian.

Andrew Rosa graduated from Brother Rice High School in Birmingham, MI. In the fall he will be attending Michigan State University in Lansing, MI. He is the son of Lori and Todd Rosa, grandson of Sue and Haig Arabian.

Peter Rosa graduated from Pierce Elementary in Birmingham, MI. In the fall he will be attending Derby Middle School of Birmingham. He is the son of Lori and Todd Rosa, grandson of Sue and Haig Arabian.



Spring Clean-Up Day



**Saturday, June 11, 2016
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Join us in sprucing up ACC, and enjoying some great fellowship all at the same time. Wear old jeans, a sweatshirt, and, plan to have fun! Lunch will be provided for all participants.

We need help in the following areas:

- Pruning Trees, Shrubs and Planting Flowers.
- Cleaning Church Grounds, Balcony, Classrooms, and the Parking Lot.

**ACC Gratefully Acknowledges the
Following Donations**

- Carole Basmadjian-Memorial
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- Alice Kadian-Memorial
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- Joan Swain-Memorial
- David Terzibashian-Memorial
- Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Vahan and Rosette Tootikian-Mothers Day
- Diran & Joyce Yazejian-Mothers Day
- Ari & Carine Zartarian-Mothers Day
- Andrew & Mary Zazaian-Memorial

Mother's Day Banquet



We celebrated our Mother's on the evening of May 8th, 2016 during our annual Mother's Day Banquet. We had about 100 people in attendance and had a wonderful program including special presentations by many of our Sunday School Students and Youth in honor of their mothers. Dr. Taline Hagopian treated us to a

wonderful poem in Armenian, and a special musical performance by our very own Emma Bagdasarian. Special thanks to our Banquet Chair Ms. Monica Seferian Koehler and our special EmCee Hovhannes Koehler for leading such a wonderful program. Also thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Moses and Maggie Avakian and Staff for the wonderful meal for our Banquet and the many volunteers, up front and behind the scenes, who helped make the event such a success.

Women's Bible Study



I so look forward to Fridays. Not because it's the end of the work week or because it's the start of the weekend, but because I get to meet with a wonderful group of women who love Jesus. Every Friday morning, we gather around a table with a fresh, hot cup of coffee, our Bibles, and an open heart to receive God's word. Sometimes we might even be blessed with delicious home made choreg, cookies or muffins provided by various ladies in the group who enjoy baking. It is a friendly, warm and supportive atmosphere, where we get to know God better and implement His word in our everyday lives.

We recently completed the Joyce Meyer study on renewing our minds (Romans 12:2), titled "Battlefield of the Mind". We learned the importance of our thought life. In other words, the impact our thoughts have on our lives. "We don't struggle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, authorities, powers and spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms" (Ephesians 6:12). Worry, doubt, confusion, depression anger and feelings of condemnation are all attacks on our minds. We learned how to deal with various negative thoughts we have everyday and focus our minds to think the way God thinks, in order to gain peace, joy and fulfillment. (continued→)