

Makarios Darawi, Pastor
Mrs. Susan Harrison, Choir Director and Organist

11:00 A.M.
2010

September 12,

We welcome all who are worshipping with us, especially guests and newcomers. We invite you to take part in worship, to engage in the activities of the church and make this your home church.

PRELUDE
CALL TO WORSHIP

CHORAL INTROIT

***HYMNS & SONGS** - #114 "Praise To The Lord, The Almighty" (vv.1,2,3,4)
- #11 "Shout To The Lord" (x2) Songbook

PRAYER

SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF INSTALLATION

ENGLISH MESSAGE: *Matthew 19:27, 20:16 (pp. 1529-30)*
"Laborers in God's Vineyard"

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY
OFFERING - OFFERTORY ANTHEM

ARMENIAN MESSAGE: *Ruth1:1-22 (pp. 411-13)*
"Naomi's Pain and Ruth's Loyalty"

REMINDERS

***HAYR MER** - #133

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** "*Park K'hez D'her, Asdvadz M'her*"

POSTLUDE

***Congregation is requested to stand**
***** Latecomers may be seated**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR this morning is sponsored by Mr. Bob Arabian in memory of Mrs. Olga Arabian. The cake comes from Mr. and Mrs. Tony and Lori Janigian in honor of Nico's 13th and Brian's 11th birthday celebration.

COMMUNITY GROUPS. We want to see you grow deeper in your love for God, develop authentic friendships with other church members and give you a place to invite your friends and loved ones to introduce them to Jesus. That's why we've created Community Groups. Groups will meet at the Kachadourian, Darawi and Arslanian homes, starting on Wednesday, **September 22 at 7:30 pm.** We will be studying Philippians.

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY. We invite all men and women to join us on Wednesday, **September 29, at 7:00 p.m.** as we continue to study God's Word together. This year we are studying the book of Hebrews. Why not join us for the first time?

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING will be held *this* Thursday, **September 16, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.**

ACC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING will be held **TODAY** during the fellowship hour.

YOUTH MINISTRY SLEEPOVER. The Armenian Congregational Youth Fellowship sleepover will be held on Friday, October 1, 2010. Youth ages 13-17 are invited to sleepover at the church. AEYF Eastern Region Youth Pastor Ara Jizmejian will be speaking and leading the weekend. The newly rede Simplistic answers won't do for youth room will be initiated. For more details see Michael Banerian. Teens come and bring your friends!

ACC 2010 YEAR TO DATE BUDGET

Budgeted stewardship and offerings \$75,000
Received to date (January-August) \$52,527.00

Total year budget \$167,427.00
Received to date (January-August) \$89,490.62

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY.

Pray that God will, “Do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us” at the ACC in the coming year. Pray for the Choir, the Community Groups, the Sunday School, the Youth Ministry, the Women’s Fellowship, the Board of Deacons and Trustees, and the Mid-week Bible Study.

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

Today I will start a mini-series on the book of Ruth. The beautiful story of Ruth is set during a time in the history of Israel when following the death of Moses and then Joshua the people of God were led by “Judges”. This was a chaotic time that in the book of Judges is described as, “In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit.”

The story begins with Naomi, one of the main characters, accompanied by her husband and two sons move to Moab from the land of Canaan because of famine. Soon after their move to Moab, the husband and the two sons die leaving Naomi alone with her two daughters-in-law. When Naomi hears that things have changed in Israel, she decides to go back home. She tries to convince her daughters-in-law who were Moabites to go back to their families, but one of them, Ruth, could not be convinced. Ruth’s response to Naomi was, “Don’t urge me to leave you or turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me” (16-17). So Naomi and Ruth return to Israel and settle in Bethlehem.

In the this prologue we see Naomi dealing with issues of aloneness, hopelessness in suffering, and the plight of old age, and Ruth showing great commitment and loyalty. Friends, these are real and difficult issues, but as we will see in the rest of the story the sovereign Lord is still at work in the midst of all this.