

# The Calvary Messenger

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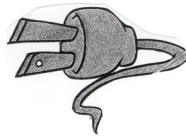


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## A View From Calvary

### Plugged In Vision 2006-2007



One year passed since the beginning of my service at CACC. It is time to evaluate our vision. On June 4, 2006, the Deacons and Council met to discuss the **vision** of CACC: **Where are we? Where do we want to be? How can we get there?** We had wonderful discussions. As a pastor, I praise God for this meeting and I feel privileged for having the opportunity of working with such dedicated sisters and brothers who share the vision. Prayer was a priority. We started our meeting by spending an extended time in prayer and asking for God's guidance. We experienced God's presence among us and were greatly blessed.

I would like to share with you some of the highlights of our discussion.

#### Short term goals (2006-2007)

**NURTURE** believers.  
**CARE** for their spiritual and physical needs.  
**ENCOURAGE** them to put their relationship with **JESUS AS PRIORITY**.

#### How can we accomplish these goals?

**Christian Education and life application for all age groups**  
**Bible Studies and encouragement for life application**  
**Prayer circles**  
**Christian leadership training**  
**Fellowship hours - Visits to each other to build accountability groups**

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## Renewal Sunday September 10, 2006



**10:00 am**  
**Continental Breakfast**  
**and**  
**Sunday School Registration**

**11:00 am**  
**Service of Worship**

July 15, 2006

Dear Family and Friends,

We are delighted to announce that we are now the proud parents of an eight-month old baby girl from Armenia!

We just arrived from Armenia yesterday after a three-week trip there to finalize our adoption and bring our little bundle of joy home. We have named her **Andrea Anna Shakeh Gulesserian**.

We are very happy to share this joyous news with you!

With Love,

*Alec and Anahid Gulesserian*

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- Christian counseling (either to get help or to help others)**
- Charity and Service**
- Giving to those less fortunate**
- Mission trips or supporting missionaries**

To summarize the vision, I choose the following expression as a call to all CACC members and friends: **PLUG IN.**

As a congregation, Council, Deacons and Pastor we will all work hard to help everyone at CACC to plug into one of the Bible Study and Prayer groups.

I believe this is a priority for our church life. To invite others to join us, we first need to be spiritually nourished. This does not mean that newcomers are not welcome. Of course, they are. However, our emphasis is on spiritual growth. Being a Christ-centered church, without the spiritual growth we will lose our focus.

Another area of growth is leadership training. On one hand, we need to continue finding volunteers who are ready to be trained as teachers and Bible study leaders to minister in various capacities of Christian education. On the other hand, we need to train members to serve in the leadership of the Church as Deacons and Council. Some weeks ago, I preached a sermon titled "Two Are Better than One." Jesus sent his disciples two by two. The pastor alone cannot do this. We need everyone in the church to participate. If the pastor is "one", the congregation is the "two, three, and four..." I need more volunteers. Some of the faithful volunteers have burned out. Some say they are tired after many years of service. Help! CACC is crying out for help. "Help, we need hands!"

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, I see wonderful opportunities of service at our church. Come on, let us join each other, let us PLUG IN to God and God will use us to make new miracles in His Kingdom.

*Rev. Nerses Balabanian*  
Pastor

## Thank You

### To Our Dear Friends & Relatives,

- We appreciate your thoughtful expressions of sympathy which was great comfort to us during Yervant's illness and passing away.
- Thanks so much for your support, your cards, phone calls and most important your prayers at this very difficult time.
- Love,

*Sheehmelian & Asdourian Families*



# Graduation Sunday



Graduation Sunday on June 11 was memorable as we were able to share in the joy of graduates from various schools, kindergarten through graduate school! From our own Sunday school, we honored two 5th graders who have moved from the exceptional tutelage of Vicken Sagherian and on to middle school ministries. Congratulations, Aram Nazarian and Alexa Nazarian! May they continue to grow in His Word.

Once again, over delicious lunch, we were entertained by the many God-given talents among our students and graduates, including not only solo instrumental performances, but also the chorus and the newly-formed worship band. Sunday school alumni returned to participate as well! Of course, backstage talent was evident as Mark Sagherian and Jenny Balabanian each revealed unique and entertaining Powerpoint presentations, including the glimpses of C.A.C.C.'s Children's Ministry over the years and a "Who am I?" which featured baby pictures alongside the photos of graduates.

As students graduate from our Sunday School program, we ask that you pray for the younger children and toddlers who are just beginning their journey.

Finally, George and Armine Manoukian, Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) missionaries to Armenia. When they leave for Armenia in September 3 for 2 months, they will take the translated curriculum and use in their training of teachers. Keep the Manoukians in your prayer.

# Women's Ministries

## Calvary Circle News

Save This Date  
Saturday  
November 11, 2006

Dear CACC Family and Friends,

“And whatsoever we do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.”

Colossians 3:17

Here we are almost in mid summer, and yet our Bazaar Committee is abuzz with a lot of ideas and preparations for our 25th Annual Bazaar. We hope you are getting just as excited as we are. The date for this festive event will be Saturday, November 11, 2006, 12:00 noon - 9:00 pm.

The Ladies of the church, famous for their culinary skills, are planning their preparations for authentic Armenian cookery. Boutique Noel is also getting ready with hand knitted, crocheted goods, plus many more interesting and usable items. Country Cupboard with loads of jams, jellies, choeregs and other Armenian pastries is boasting of its display on the day of the Bazaar. Other areas of interest will be the Raffle, the Children's program, the youth participation with Hyebucks Café. The live music with hymns and Armenian folk songs

will definitely liven up everybody's spirit. And who knows what other surprises you may find.

This is a good opportunity to have fellowship, renew friendships and enjoy one another. Please save this date and invite your friends and neighbors for this fun filled day.

Have a blessed summer,

*Margaret Watson*



“No Mr. Wilson, when I said God wants a sacrifice, I didn't mean your wife!”

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# Prayer & Renewal

*“Seven days without prayer makes one weak.”*

## SUNDAY MORNINGS

Join us in the Library for prayer 10:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m. All are welcome. Below and on the next page are suggestions for your daily prayer. Please see the weekly Sunday bulletin for updated information.

## MISSIONS MINISTRIES FOR THE QUARTER

Please remember to pray for God’s world-wide ministry of evangelism. Please continue to pray for the persecuted Church.

**Camp AREV and the E.J.M. Armenian Evangelical Conference Center** minister year-round to individuals and churches, youth and adults, sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Thousands have been reached, hundreds have come to salvation, a tremendous number of lives have been changed for eternity. Pray for Executive Director Maggie Kchoyan and her fellow workers and the adults and children they minister to.

**Macedonian Outreach** helps to bring clothing and other supplies to needy individuals in Albania, Bulgaria, Greece, Hungary and Macedonia. Help is coordinated through local churches and workers and is supplied to indigenous peoples, the Armenian Evangelical Community and others. Through this contact a means is created to share the Gospel. Pray for wisdom, safety and strength for the ministry founders, Haig and Vula Rushdoony and their co-workers. Pray for the giving and distribution of supplies. Pray for those who receive this help and especially for their salvation.

**Eddy Ekmekji - InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF)** is an international movement of students on college campuses who are striving to know what it means to follow Jesus and know God. As a campus minister, Eddy works to help students grow in their faith. Giving talks at meetings, leading Bible Studies and short term mission trips allows Eddy opportunities to love, serve and influence students. Pray for Eddy, his wife Rhoda, his co-workers and the students at California State University - Northridge (CSUN).



## *Pray for Lebanon*

*Lebanon is going thru a very difficult time since Wednesday, July 12th. Please keep them in your prayers.*

## AEUNA SISTER CHURCHES

- \* **Armenian Evangelical Church**  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
Rev. Sam Albarian, Pastor
- \* **United Armenian Calvary Congregational Church**  
Troy, NY  
Rev. Mihran Kupeyan, Pastor
- \* **Armenian Memorial Church**  
Watertown, MA  
Rev. Avedis Boynerian, Pastor
- \* **Armenian Church of the Martyrs’**  
Worcester, MA  
Rev. Ara Jizmejjan, Pastor
- \* **First Armenian Evangelical Church**  
Glendale, CA  
Rev. Jack Chorlian, Associate Pastor
- \* **Ararat Evangelical Church**  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
Kevork Baronian, Pastor

## OUR SISTER CHURCH IN ARMENIA

- \* **Armenian Evangelical Church of Hrazdan**  
Edik Tadevosian, Pastor

## EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP IN ARMENIA

- \* **Armenian Evangelical Fellowship of Gayaran and Aintab**  
Hovhanness Frangoulian, Pastor

**Thank You**

*To My Dear Friends at Calvary,*

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of my friends at Calvary Armenian Congregational Church for their beautiful cards and uplifting phone calls. I want you to know how much I appreciate your kind thoughts and prayers. Thank you again for your kindness during my convalescence from shoulder surgery.*

*Best Regards,*

*Arbene Kazarian*

# Bible Studies and Prayer

## East Bay Prayer & Bible Study

Every 1st & 3rd Fridays, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

No Bible Study in August

@ the Bosnoyan's, 7979 Countess Ct., Dublin

**Prayer Time:** 1. To pray for the needs of our church families. 2. To intercede for spiritual renewal and removal on behalf of our Armenian people. **Study Time:** Purpose: To identify and help modify the anger that is keeping us from inner peace and contentment that God is offering. The study will deal with the following areas: Identify the best ways to handle anger / Understand how pride, fear, loneliness and inferiority feed anger / Uncover and eliminate the myths that perpetuate anger / Identify learned patterns of relating, thinking, and behaving that influence your anger.

Contact Nazo or Rouzan (925) 556-1549

## Dinner and a Bible Study

Every Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. at C.A.C.C. Fireside Room. Please come and bring a friend, dinner starts at 7:00 p.m., Bible study at 7:45 p.m., followed by prayer time. Everyone is welcome.



Home Builders Marriage & Family Ministries

No Bible Study During Summer

To be announced after September

## Coffee Time With God

This is a weekly women's fellowship time intended to EXALT God and EDIFY one another through prayer, fellowship and the study of His word.

Every Thursday - 10:00 a.m. @ Arpi Haleblian's 12044 Saraglen Court, Saratoga (408) 257-0799.

## College & Career Bible Studies & Fellowship

The College and Career group meets every Wednesday from 8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. for prayer, worship, Bible study and fellowship. Location to be announced by email.



## Deacons' Prayer Time

Every First Thursday of the Month, 6:30 p.m.

@ Foothill Covenant Church  
1555 Oak Avenue, Los Altos

Everyone is Welcome

## Bagel Time With God

Monthly Fellowship For Men

No Fellowship in August

Every Last Saturday of the Month

8:30 am - 10:00 am

at Foothill Covenant Church  
1555 Oak Avenue, Los Altos

# Missions Corner

## Visit to Evangelical Church of Yerevan

During our recent visit to Armenia, we had the opportunity again to worship with our brothers and sisters at the Evangelical Church of Yerevan.

We praise God for the freedom of worship which came with independence of Armenia. The Evangelical Church in Armenia is vibrant and under the leadership of Rev. L. Leonian and fellow brethren the church has grown and there are about 50 fellowships across Armenia.

Calvary Church has been financially supporting and praying for the following four fellowships:

- Evangelical Church of Hrazdan
- Evangelical Church of Aintab
- Evangelical Church of Gayaran
- Evangelical Church of Alaverdi

During our visit to the Evangelical Church of Yerevan, Dr. Kenell Touryan was the messenger. Attached are few pictures of the congregation and the two choirs which uplifted us with their songs.

The great news is while we were in Yerevan was the purchase by AMAA the old American Embassy on Bagramian Boulevard, where finally The Evangelical Church of Yerevan will have its own sanctuary/meeting hall.

Let us keep in our prayers our brothers and sisters of the Evangelical Churches of Armenia.

*John Haleblian*

Missions Committee Chairperson



Choir of Evangelical Church of Yerevan with Rev. R. Leonian and Dr. K. Touryan



Congregation of Evangelical Church of Yerevan



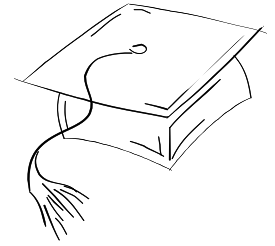
Yerk Yerkots group of Evangelical Church of Yerevan

### Գոհութեան Սաղմոս

Աղաղակեցէ՛ք Տէրոջը, ո՛վ բոլոր երկիր: Ծառայեցէ՛ք Տէրոջը ուրախութեամբ. Անոր առջև կեցէ՛ք ցնծութեամբ: Ճանչցէ՛ք թէ Եհովան է Աստուած. Անիկա ստեղծեց մեզ ու ոչ թէ մենք. Մենք անոր ժողովուրդը ու անոր արօտին ոչխարներն ենք: Մտէ՛ք անոր դրները գոհութեամբ ու անոր սրահները՝ օրհնութեամբ. Գոհացէ՛ք անկէ՛ ու օրհնեցէ՛ք անոր անունը: Վասն զի Տէրը բարի է. Անոր ողորմութիւնը յաւիտեան է ու անոր հաւատարմութիւնը՝ ազգէ մինչև ազգ:

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# Our Graduates



## CALVARY ARMENIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 2006 GRADUATES

WE CONGRATULATE ALL OF OUR GRADUATES AND THEIR PARENTS

*“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.”*

(Proverbs 9:10)

May God’s blessing, guidance and loving care be with you all.

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Minassian, Razmig	Talbot Seminary Going for Internship - First Armenian Church, Belmont, MA	Master of Divinity	Kalfayan, Lorig	Sequoia High School Going to UC Davis	High School
Tujian, Nicole	San Jose State University	M.A.	Kaprielian, Antony	Casa Grande High School Going to SRJC - UC Davis	High School
Kalfayan, Arsen	University of California, Davis Going to Rome Major - Political Science & Communication	B.A.	Manugian, Vahig	Los Altos High School Going to UC San Diego Major - Biology	High School
Manugian, Antranig	University of California, Davis	B.S.	Mekitarian, Anna	Collier High School Wickatunk, NJ Going to Mercer, NJ Major - Early Childhood Education	High School
Manugian Arek	University of California, Berkeley	B.S.	Getsoyan, Hera	Iron Horse Middle School Going to California High School	Junior High
Silverman, Matthew	University of California, L.A. Going to UCLA for Ph.D. Major - Chemical Engineering	B.S.	Ghazaryan, Narek	KZV Armenian School Going to Westmoor Major - Acting	Junior High
Tashjian, Tamar	Georgetown University	B.A.	Minassian, Kohar	St. Josephs Cupertino Going to St. Francis High School	Junior High
Palanjian, Sevan	San Francisco State University	English Teaching Credential	Krakirian, Liana	Walter Hays Elementary Going to Jordan Middle School	Elementary
Beylerian, Amy Jean	Alameda High Going to Cal Poly Major - Kinesiology	High School	Nazarian, Alexa	Country Lane School Going to Moreland Middle School	Elementary
Bosnoyan, Alina	Valley Christian Going to Las Positas	High School	Nazarian, Aram	Country Lane School Going to Moreland Middle School	Elementary
Getsoyan, Arek	California High School Going to Diablo Valley College	High School	Sagherian, Rachel	Cherry Chase School	Kindergarten
			Avanessian, Aaron	Rocky Mountain Co-op Nursery School Going to KZV’s Preschool	Nursery

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# **Church News**

## **MOTHERS OF THE YEAR**

Honored Mothers  
Mrs. Betty Khatchadourian and  
Mrs. Arshalous Sarafian

## **BAPTISM**

We congratulate Rodney and Aileen Hartunian for their son's baptism, Kyle Harris Hartunian on Sunday, May 7, 2006.

We congratulate Garrick and Julia Damir for their son's baptism, Michael Kenzo Damir on Sunday, June 11, 2006.

We congratulate Christopher and Salpi Dunlap for their son's baptism, Logan Aramis Dunlap on Sunday, July 23, 2006.

## **BIRTH**

We congratulate Joseph and Marianne Ghatta for their newborn daughter, Chloe Anna Ghatta, born on Saturday, May 6, 2006. Congratulations also to the grandparents.

We congratulate Joe and Lina Barsoian for their newborn son, Joshua Robert Barsoian, born on Friday, June 2, 2006. Congratulations also to the grandparents.

## **CONDOLENCES**

Mr. George Ishkanian who passed away on Tuesday, May 16, 2006. Our condolences and prayers to the Ishkanian family.

Mr. Yervant Asdourian who passed away on Saturday, July 1, 2006 in Los Angeles, California. Our condolences and prayers to the Asdourian and Sheohmelian families.