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***“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”***

(Acts 1:8)

Since the New Year, and to go along with our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary, I have been preaching from the first chapters of the book of Acts in my Sunday morning English messages. We have been trying to catch a fresh vision of the mission of the church as we review the events that led to the formation of the first church.

The verse quoted above is Christ’s last words to his disciples, just before he was taken up to heaven. These words set the church’s mission, which is world evangelization. This tremendous task was not to be attempted by purely human efforts, which would make it impossible. Instead Jesus promised them power from above, the Holy Spirit, who would enable them to accomplish their mission.

Now to be clear, Christ’s commission to his disciples was “...you will be my witnesses...” They were to go out after they had received the power of the Holy Spirit and testify to the whole world that the risen, living Jesus is Lord and Christ. The task of witnessing was theirs, but the task of saving is His.

As we continue to read in the book of Acts, we are told that the result of their witnessing was, “...the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved” (2:47).

Why have we planned the Revival Meetings? Because we believe that the biblical mission of the church is to be a witness to its Lord, Jesus Christ. This is done on an individual level as believers share their faith one-on-one with others, and also on a corporate level as the church preaches and proclaims the salvation message of the gospel. Please pray that the result of these Revival meetings will be a work of the Holy Spirit among us like He did in the early church of Acts. May He convict people of their sin and draw them to Him to repent and be saved.

Friends, I invite you to join me and our church as we start our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations by recommitting ourselves to Christ, and to the task of reaching out to people with the gospel message which is the mission of the church.

Do not miss this opportunity to invite your family and friends to hear the saving gospel of Jesus Christ preached, and to be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

See you all on March 23, 24,

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## ***Holy Week***

The week that begins with Palm Sunday and ends with Easter Sunday is called Holy Week. We are planning to have the following worship services:

**Palm Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>:** The Sunday School students will participate in the morning worship service, and we will also have an ACYF bake sale.

**Maundy Thursday:** Dinner and movie, followed by a choir concert and the Lord's Table on Thursday, April 5, at 7:00 p.m.

**Resurrection Sunday:** The Easter morning worship service on April 8 is a family service. The Sunday school students will worship with their parents in the Sanctuary.

## ***Lenten Luncheon***

The A.C.C. Women's Fellowship is sponsoring a Lenten Luncheon on Friday, March 30, 2007 at 12:00 noon in the Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian Fellowship Hall, 26210 West 12 Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48037. Come enjoy a beautiful program. Make arrangements to bring your friends. Both men and women are welcome. For more information, please contact the church office at: (248) 352-0680.

## ***Sunday School Easter Party***

All Sunday School children are invited to the fellowship hall for an afternoon of fun, on Saturday, March 31, 2007 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Pastor will give a short message, and each child will have an opportunity to braid a choerg. The party will also include decorating and hunting Easter eggs, crafts and snacks. Plan on coming!

## ***Easter Flowers***

Those wishing to arrange for an Easter Flower to place in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please call the church office by Sunday, April 1, 2007. The Easter lilies are \$16.00 each; and the tulips are \$13.00 each.

## ***Easter Concert***

The A.C.C. Choir will present a Holy Week Service of Sacred Music on Thursday, April 5, 2007, at 8:00 p.m. in the A.C.C. Sanctuary. The concert will conclude with the Lord's Table. A complimentary Maundy Thursday supper and movie will precede the concert in the Rev. Vahan H. Tootikian Fellowship Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m.

## ***Youth Fellowship Easter Activities***

**Easter Bake Sale:** The youth group will be getting together on Saturday morning March 31, at 10:00 a.m. to bake cheoreg, and later to help at the Sunday School party. The cheoregs will be available to the congregation on Palm Sunday following the church service.

**Easter Breakfast:** An Easter Breakfast, sponsored by our youth group (ACYF), will be held on Easter Sunday morning, April 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Tickets may be purchased at the door: \$6.00 for young and old alike.

## ***ACC Website***

Thanks to the efforts of Mike Mousigian and his company (TCS Inc.), the Armenian Congregational Church has an official website: [www.accgd.org](http://www.accgd.org) We invite all our members and friends to visit our website for dates and information about upcoming services and events at the church.

## ***Capital Improvement Fund***

The Board of Trustees has established a church Capital Improvement Fund and is starting a fundraising campaign. Some of the projects being considered are: the church roof, replacing old windows, renovating the rest rooms, adding a handicap ramp, etc. this is going to be an ongoing campaign until all projects are completed. Please prayerfully consider how you can contribute to this fund. Checks can be written to ACC, earmarked "Capital Improvement Fund."

# **CHURCH CALENDAR**

## Weekly

**Choir Practice**, Sunday 10:00 a.m.  
**Worship Service**, Sunday 11:00 a.m.  
**Nursery**, Sunday 11:00 a.m.  
**Sunday School**, Sunday 11:00 a.m.  
**Children's Library**, Every Sunday 12:15 to 1:00 p.m.  
**Adult Bible Study**, Every other Wednesday 7:00 p.m.  
**Youth Bible Study**, Every other Friday 6:00 p.m.

## Monthly

**Children's Message**, (First Sunday of the month. Parents bring your children into the worship service).  
**ACC Women's Fellowship**, (Second Sunday of the month, book discussion, and Third Sunday, business meeting, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.).  
**ACC Men's Ministries**, (Second Sunday of the month, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.).  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**, (Third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.).  
**Prayer Meeting**, (Third Sunday of the month following the worship service).  
**Board of Deacons Meeting**, (Last Sunday of the month, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.).

## **UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### ***Missions (AMAA) Sunday***

Come join us on Sunday, April 29th, 2007, as the AMAA field director, Pastor Dikran Youmshakian brings us the Armenian and English messages during our morning worship service. Later during our Missions Luncheon, he will give an up to date report with video presentation on the work and ministry of the AMAA in Armenia and around the world.

## ***Scholarship Application***

A.C.C. provides scholarships through its Marderus Kadian Educational Fund for full-time college and university students of the church community. For an application please call the church office.

## ***Membership and Confirmation Class***

A membership and confirmation class will be offered on Sunday, March 11, 2006. From 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Christian Education room. The class will cover the doctrine of salvation, the doctrine of the church, the history of the Armenian Evangelical Church, and the history of ACC.

This class is recommended for all youth age 16 and over, and adults who are either interested in becoming communicant members or transferring their membership from another church to A.C.C.

Communicant members are born-again believers who have full voting privileges. The process of membership includes: (1) complete an application, (2) attend the class, (3) complete an Intention to Become a Member Form, (4) be approved by the Board of Deacons, and (5) confirmed by the congregation.

Anyone else who would like to come for the purpose of learning, refreshing his or her memory or simply for general knowledge are welcome to attend. Please speak to Pastor Mak if you are interested in attending the class.

## ***Thank You***

Pastor Mak, Jennifer, Julianna, and James would like to thank all of the church family members and friends who attended our open house gathering on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>.

We enjoyed the opportunity to welcome so many of you into our home. We look forward to visiting with you on many future occasions.

## Reminders!

\* Is your anniversary, birthday or graduation approaching? Why not share your celebration with the church family by sponsoring the Fellowship Hour or donating flowers. Please sign-up on the bulletin board.

\* On your next trip to the store, or your pantry, collect some **non-perishable food items** to share with the needy people of Oakland County. Please bring your contributions to the Food Bank box in the foyer.

## 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Armenian Evangelical Church

This is the latest book by Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian. This book is composed of three parts, (1) 26 English and Armenian articles and lectures by the author. (2) 14 lectures written by Armenian Evangelical ministers and lay leaders. (3) A brief report on the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations held in Armenia in September 2006.

This book can be obtained by writing to:  
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## REVIVAL MEETINGS

Bring family and friends to hear the good news of hope  
and salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Friday, March 23, 2007 (Armenian)  
Saturday, March 24, 2007 (English)  
7:00 p.m.

Guest speaker

**Rev. Daniel Albarian**

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