

Pastor Makarios Darawi
Mr. Darryl Roenicke, Pianist

11:00 A.M.

September 7, 2008

We welcome all who are worshiping 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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMNS & SONGS – #4 “Here I Am To Worship” (Songbook)
#11 “Shout To The Lord” (Songbook)

PRAYER

VBS REUNION

SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF INSTALLATION

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: *Luke 8:4-15 (Pp. 1605-06)*

MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: “A True Disciple”

ANTHEM

JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING

*HYMN – #96 “I Love To Tell The Story” (Vv. 1,2)

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: *1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (Pp. 1837-38)*

MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: “An Exemplary Faith”

*HAYR MER – #133

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** “*Park K0ez D0er, Asdvadz M0er*”

REMINDERS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME back the A.C.C. choir and the pianist Mr. Darryl Roenicke.

THE COMPLIMENTARY FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON this afternoon is sponsored by the ACC Women’s Fellowship. We invite you all to come and join us following the worship service. The A.C.C. would like to thank the Women’s fellowship for hosting the luncheon and all those who donated the delicious food!

THE A.C.C. WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP September business meeting will be held Sunday, September 21 following the fellowship hour in the Christian Education room. All ladies are welcome!

SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF meeting will be held next Sunday, September 14 following the worship service.

THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY will begin on Wednesday, September 24th at 7:00 p.m. We invite you all to join us as we study the book of John.

CHANGES TO THE SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE. The English sermon will be moved near the beginning of the service, so the 7th – 12th grade students can attend, then be dismissed to discuss the message in their classrooms.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY.

- **In Christian Sympathy.** Olga Arabian passed away on Friday, August 29, in San Francisco. Olga was the wife of Robert Arabian brother of Haig Arabian and brother-in-law of Sue Arabian. Olga was also the aunt of Kirk Banerian. May the comfort and the peace of our Lord be with the Arabian and Banerian families and their relatives and friends at this time.
- Pray for God’s blessing on the new church year. Pray that it will be a year of spiritual growth for all of us.

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

(1 Thessalonians 1:1-10)

The letter to the Thessalonian Church was written by the Apostle Paul from the city of Corinth. The church in Thessalonica started when Paul and Silas, upon their release from jail in Philippi, traveled to Thessalonica and stayed there a very short time. Upon his arrival in Thessalonica, Paul as usual began preaching in the synagogue. Some Jewish people believed his message that Jesus of Nazareth is the promised Messiah of the Old Testament and were converted. Also many Greek proselytes and some leading women were converted also. The Jews who did not believe Paul's message opposed him so strongly that he was advised to leave the city. While Paul was staying in Corinth, Timothy brought him an encouraging report about the church in Thessalonica that prompted the apostle to write this letter.

Following the usual salutation and blessing, Paul says that whenever he prayed he thanked God for the Thessalonian believers. He remembered before God their works of faith, their labor of love, and their endurance of hope. Because of the way they had received the gospel under much persecution and suffering, Paul can say, "we know that God has chosen you." The Thessalonian believers had become model Christians. First of all, their joy in receiving the message under extreme persecution was an example to believers in Macedonia and Achaia. Second, their faith had become so well known beyond Macedonia and Achaia that Paul did not have to say anything about it because the people knew about it.

Friends, what a testimony about the faith of these believers. Even under the most difficult conditions they were shining like bright lights. What about you? How strong is your faith? Do people recognize that you are a believer in Jesus Christ because of your faith in Him?