

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

11:00 A.M.

October 9, 2011

*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.*

**PRELUDE**  
**CALL TO WORSHIP**

\***HYMNS & SONGS** - #51 "All Hail The Power of Jesus" (Vv. 1,2,3)  
#49 "Love Divine, All Love Excelling" (Vv. 1,2)

\***READING IN UNISON** (1 John 4:7-12; 16-21)

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother."

**PRAYER**

**SONG** - #53 "My Jesus, I Love Thee" (Vv. 1,2,3)

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**ENGLISH MESSAGE:** Revelation 2:1-7 (P.1914)

**"Remember Your Lost Love"**

**SANCTUARY CHOIR**

**PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY**  
**OFFERING-** *offertory music*

**ARMENIAN MESSAGE:** *Ephesians 2:11-22 (Pp. 1819-20)*

**"Unity in Christ"**

**REMINDERS**

\***HAYR MER** – #133

\***BENEDICTION**

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

**POSTLUDE**

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\***Congregation is requested to stand**

\*\*\* **Latecomers be seated**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE ACC IS COLLECTING** used clothes and household items in *excellent condition* to give to the resale store of Westside Christian Academy. All donations will go to support the schools' financial needs. Please bring your donations to the ACC and give them to Moses.



**HARVEST PARTY**

Please reserve the following night, Friday, October 28, 2011. Gathering at 5:30 p.m. dinner served at 6:00 p.m. Delicious food, fun and games for the whole family. Children 10 and under will be playing games and winning prizes. Prize donations now are being accepted. All ages are welcome. Children under 10 are \$3.00, 10 years and up \$6.00. For more information please call Mrs. Leslie Banerian 248.203.1705, or Mrs. Ann Bayleran 248.366.9366.

**ACC YOUTH GROUP.** We invite all youth ages 12-18 to attend the ACC Youth Group every Friday; next Youth Group will be held on October 7. Each Friday holds a different activity night, and Worship night with Jenny Jacobs. Teens come and bring a friend!

**COMMUNITY GROUPS BIBLE STUDY.** The groups meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at the Darawi home, and every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday at the Arslanian home. The meetings will start this Wednesday, October 12 @ 7:30 p.m. at the Darawi home, and Friday, October 14 at the Arslanian home. Please bring a friend and join one of the groups.

## **JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY**

Pray for Ara, Rose, Vahe, and Edwin, members from the Las Vegas Evangelical Fellowship who were in a serious car accident on their way to Utah for a church retreat.

### **Synopsis of Armenian Message**

In this section of the letter, Paul deals with the issue of division between Jew and Gentile. The early Christians struggled with this issue. Some Jewish Christians had trouble accepting Gentile converts. Some insisted that they must first become Jews. Paul shows the Ephesians that God's plan was oneness in Christ. In verses 11-12, addressing the Gentiles he says that before Christ they were Christless (separate from Christ), stateless (no citizenship), foreigners to the covenant, hopeless, and godless. Many today are just like that. The barrier between Jew and Gentile was both figurative and literal. An unseen wall of hatred stood between them. But at the temple in Jerusalem stood a real wall, one that kept Gentiles from the temple proper. In verses 13-18, Paul just like in the previous section (2:4) gives us God's solution to this problem, he says, "But now in Christ Jesus you who were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ" (2:13). It took the blood of Jesus to destroy the dividing wall. It took Christ to bring unity out of division in that day and He is the one who alone can do it in our time. All people – Jew or Gentile – can come to God through Jesus. In His death, He not only brought harmony between man and God, but also between man and his fellowman. Only Christ's blood can save us. Only He can break down every wall that exists today – ethnic, social, political, or whatever it may be. "His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near" (15-17). In verses 19-22, Paul concludes the section by telling us the result of this unifying work of Christ. In Christ the two become one new structure, a holy sanctuary in which God lives by His Holy Spirit.

Friends, we live in a world very much divided also. Black/white, Arab/Jew, male/female, rich/poor, rightwing/leftwing, conservative/liberal. Christ is the answer to all these divisions. By His blood He can bring peace, healing, and unity..

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