

## Sioux Empire's Largest Baby Shower!

During January you can lavish a bit of Christ's love on a new parent who has chosen life for their baby and help them get off to a good start with resources from Alpha Center and wonderful things from the brand new Alpha Center Baby Boutique!

All through the month, donate brand new baby gifts (unwrapped, please!) at any Sioux Falls Lewis Drug Store location or AMaVo. Take a look at the list below for ideas and the items most needed. Pray for Alpha Center's ministry with young expectant and new moms. And make a difference! **Items may be dropped off at B.V. Baptist Church no later than Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.**

### Baby Boutique Needs List:

- Diapers: Size 3, 4, and 5
- Car seat/ Stroller Combinations
- Pack 'n Plays
- Swings with legs
- 6 month-2T baby clothing
- Bottles
- Enfamil Formula
- Baby Shampoo/Body Wash
- Pacifiers
- Diaper Bags
- Baby Slings

To celebrate the opening of Alpha Center at their spacious new location at Kiwanis and 41<sup>st</sup> St., you're invited to attend a Baby Shower Event on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 pm! Stop by for a tour, enjoy some cake and punch, see the new Baby Boutique, and learn more about pro-life volunteer opportunities both within and outside Alpha Center's walls.

Alpha Center helps fill the gap for women in an unplanned pregnancy who don't necessarily have the support of family and friends and other relational connections in what can be an overwhelming situation. The ministry helps young women by providing classes, counsel, nurturing and the tangible support that is so needed before, during and after baby.

### January 29<sup>th</sup> - 3 p.m. at Sioux Falls Seminary.....

That's when and where a special 1 hour event will take place for the family of North American Baptists! I want to invite you and any from Brandon Valley Baptist to come together with those from 10 other NAB churches in the greater Sioux Falls area to learn about how we *can do something together that we would not be able to do alone!*

**"REACH: NAB on Mission Together"** is a special initiative that was launched at the last Triennial and is now catching fire throughout the Conference. I will be sharing (along with Greg Henson) the specifics of 10 unique Kingdom-building projects throughout North America and our mission fields around the world.

Refreshments will be served and special brochures available to take home and share with others.

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## Sunday, January 22, 2017

Accompanist: Jan Questad and Jackie Kramer

Greeters: Aaron & Erica Skogen Scripture Reader: Justin Tiffany

Nursery: TBD Usher: Gene Preston

Children's Church: Barbara Young & Kyle Skogen

9:30 am

Worship Service

Welcome, Announcements, & Christian Greetings

Praise Affirmation.....Revelation 5:11-13

Hymn #72....."We Will Glorify"

Prayer of Praise

Offering

Offertory.....Pam Osmanon

Doxology (*Hymn #625*) – please stand

Ministry of Music.....Chet & Rachel Hsiao

Children's Moments with Pastor Merv Kramer

Scripture Reading.....Matthew 6:25-34

Children may be excused for Children's Church (3 yrs-2<sup>nd</sup> grade)

Sermon... "Seek First His Kingdom".....Pastor Merv Kramer

Prayer Response

Closing Hymn #42....."Seek Ye First"

Benediction

Postlude

**\*\*\*Nursery care is available for children infant thru 3 years old**

(Please contact an usher for information and/or direction)

**\*\*\*Hearing Amplifier Available** – Please contact an usher

**Please join us after the worship service for coffee and treats in the fellowship room.**

## Sunday School for All Ages

Combined Preschool-1<sup>st</sup> Grade with Aaron Skogen or Jan Questad in Nursery

Combined 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade with 2D Gerdes and Mindy Roeder in Cubbies Room

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade with Erica Skogen or Judy Preston in Pastor's Office

9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade "Truth Project" with Mike & Stacy Frost in Youth Room

Adult Classes:

- "Grace" Bible Study with Mike Benson in Fellowship Room
- Video study with Pastor Kramer in Sanctuary. Today's topic is "Genesis: Key to Reclaiming the Culture" - Part 1

### \*\*\* Praise & Prayer\*\*\*

**Elmer Gerdes**, healing from hip fracture surgery

**Ruth Ortiz**, possible cornea transplant surgery (previous one was unsuccessful)

**Ruth Hansum**, recovering at home from back surgery

**Lajeane Wright**, wife of Jim Wright, for continued strengthening, dealing with side effects of medication; encouragement and endurance for Jim

**Lorrayne Montecuallo**, for healing from broken hip, now home recovering

**Ron Benson**, brother of Mike Benson, for heart health issues

**Amanda Benson**, as her sending church, Amanda has asked that we lift her up in prayer as she is in the mission field.

**Serving Our Country:** Josh Onnen, Air Guard; Chad Carlson, Air Guard (Son-in-law of Carl & Lindy Johnson); Devon Lee, Army, and Kristina Lee, Air Force (Grandchildren of Ray & Dee Olson)

## For Your Information and Prayer

-Tuesday: -11:30 a.m. Ministerium

-Wednesday: -6:30 p.m. Awana Clubs

-Thursday: -7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study Fellowship at Judy Preston home, 904 E. Conifer

## Our Prayer Partnership

- Brandon Lutheran Church

- Youth Pastor, 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church, Emery, SD

## Next Sunday: January 29, 2017

-Greeters: Gene & Judy Preston

-Usher: Justin Tiffany

-Nursery: Ginger Nelson and Katrina Nelson

-Scripture Reader: Lindy Johnson

-Children's Church: Scott & Nora Sittig and Trevor Skogen

**-11:30 a.m. Potluck Meal and White Cross Bandage Rolling**

## OUR GIVING:

Sunday, January 15, 2016

General Giving \$ 1,539.00

Building Fund \$ 25.00

Total \$ 1,564.00

## Upcoming Event:

Missionaries Ron and Jeannie Seck (NAB Hungary Field Director) will be joining us for the **5:30 p.m. Congregational Prayer Service on February 19<sup>th</sup>**. They will be accompanied by Marijana and Emil Cizmanski from Novi Sad, Serbia. Marijana is an NAB National Worker that we support when we support the Secks. This event will give you an opportunity to meet them and hear an update on what is going on in Central Europe.

## Pray for the Persecuted Church: Iran

### Deportation of Christian Asylum Seeker

Sources: Icelandic Online News (visir.is), VOM contact

A death sentence awaits an Iranian asylum seeker who has been residing in Iceland for 18 months. Before he was sentenced to death in Iran for having converted to Christianity, Morteza Zadeh Songal had been arrested and received 74 lashes for not fasting during Ramadan. He managed to escape to France, and from there went on to Iceland.

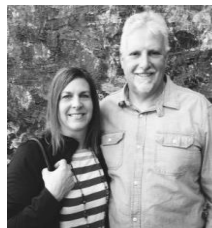
Morteza's deportation from Iceland was originally to take place in September, but the Immigration Department decided to postpone the deadline because he had applied for temporary residence and work permits which were later denied.

"(The authorities) have only one reason to send me to France, and it is done on the basis of the Dublin Regulation," Morteza explains. "They are not obliged to do so. I submitted a number of reasons that support the argument that I will be a good citizen, working here in peace and harmony."

The 36-year-old believer has served as an interpreter for the National Church during his time in Iceland. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree in interpretation and a Master's in English literature. He dreams of working as an interpreter.

According to Jeremiah 29:11, God has good plans for Morteza's life, and His power is far greater than the young man's present situation. Pray that any fear and anxiety Morteza is experiencing will be replaced with renewed hope and the anticipation that other avenues of opportunity for a safe homeland will soon arise. May news of his case create such a righteous indignation that those who have the power to make a difference will be compelled to act on his behalf, operating with divine wisdom in the process. As Morteza's need for a safe homeland is granted swiftly and supernaturally, may the results bring great honor and glory to our Lord!

## Our Missionary/Church Planters of the Week: January 22



### **Craig and Maureen Moody, NAB Missionaries, Cameroon.**

For the past six months, Craig has stepped in as acting director of Cooperating Missions while Calvin Hohn and his family are on a yearlong home assignment. Maureen has been working as a nurse educator and recently completed a survey of five of the Cameroon Baptist Convention hospitals and two Health Centres. Pray that God would grant them wisdom to recognize

the areas in which they can make a difference. Pray that their many travels would continue to be safe. To find out more, check out [nabonmission.org/missionaries/craig-maureen-moody](http://nabonmission.org/missionaries/craig-maureen-moody).