

Pray for the Persecuted Church: Pakistan

Asia Bibi Has One Final Appeal

Source: VOM USA

Asia Bibi was arrested in 2009 after a disagreement with Muslim co-workers. She was convicted of blasphemy against the Prophet Muhammad and sentenced to death. She has appealed to the Supreme Court of Pakistan and is currently waiting for the court to hear her case.

Asia has been in jail for more than seven years, separated by walls and bars from her husband and daughters. She has been threatened in jail, and must often cook her own food as a precaution against the possibility of poisoning. Yet she has tenaciously held onto her faith in Christ.

Asia is one of many Christians who are imprisoned around the world because they follow Jesus rather than the edicts of their government or captors. They call out to God each day, and we can join in calling out to God on their behalf.

Pray that Asia and her family will remain strong in their faith. As they await the upcoming appeal hearing, may they be sustained with the loving-kindness, protection, peace and presence of God. Ask Him to use Asia's testimony in wonderful ways -- serving as a witness for Christ to guards, officials, prisoners, members of the community, and many others in Pakistan and around the world. Also uphold the legal team and judicial authorities as the appeal is prepared for presentation in court, praying that they receive divine wisdom and protection against the threats of those opposing Asia and her Christian values.

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**Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sioux Falls is in need of your help!** We have 4 homes we are trying to finish up from our 2016 build season in order for our families to get moved in. Habitat builds homes through volunteers. We are seeking groups to help us work on completing these homes. If your group could help us out on any of the following dates please let us know:

### Volunteer Shifts Available:

Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup>

Friday March 17<sup>th</sup>

Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday March 22<sup>nd</sup>

Friday March 24<sup>th</sup>

Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday March 29<sup>th</sup>

Friday March 31<sup>st</sup>

Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup>

Construction Shifts run 830-1130am & 12-4pm. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

Please contact Jessica Schulte with any questions or for interest in volunteering: 605-274-6292

## BRANDON VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

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## Sunday, March 12, 2017

Accompanist: Jan Questad and Jackie Kramer

Greeters: Dan & Joan Murphy Scripture Reader: Justin Tiffany

Usher: Terry Kramer Nursery: Ginger Nelson and Katrina Nelson

Children's Church: Erica Skogen and Hailey Skogen

9:30 am

Worship Service

Welcome, Announcements, & Christian Greetings

Praise Affirmation.....Ephesians 5:1-2

Hymn #451....."O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

Prayer of Praise

Offering/Offertory

Doxology (*Hymn #625*) – please stand

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

Children's Moments with Pastor Merv Kramer

Scripture Reading.....Luke 9:56-62

Ministry of Music.....Terry Kramer

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

Sermon... JESUS' LAST JOURNEY AND ENCOUNTERS:

"Three Would-Be Followers of Jesus"...Pastor Merv Kramer

Prayer Response

Closing Hymn #376....."I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

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 "Only One Race" part 2

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

**Anna Carlson**, Carl and Lindy Johnson's granddaughter, for healing from RSV

**Maxine Savage**, for healing and strengthening

**Elmer Gerdes**, healing from hip fracture surgery, now at Garretson nursing home

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

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

**Lajeane Wright**, wife of Jim Wright, thankful for her increasing physical strength, continue to pray for increasing mental clarity; also encouragement and endurance for Jim

**Lorrayne Montecullo**, 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

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

-Thursday: -7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study Fellowship (beginning a study of Ecclesiastes) at Jackie Kramer home, 6800 E. Maple St.

## Our Prayer Partnership

- Palisades Lutheran Church, Rural Garretson
- Administrative Assistant Matt Murphy, BV Baptist Church

## Next Sunday: March 19, 2017

- Greeters: Pat Lacey and Scott Sittig
- Usher: Justin Tiffany
- Nursery: Dee Olson and Dan Hanson
- Scripture Reader: Theresa Friesen
- Children's Church: Matt Murphy and Cade Fox

## OUR GIVING:

Sunday, March 5, 2016

|                                   |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| General Giving                    | \$ 3,400.00 |
| Love Offering – Royal Family Kids | \$ 227.00   |
| Furnace Fund                      | \$ 500.00   |
| Building Fund                     | \$ 25.00    |
| Total                             | \$ 4,152.00 |

(Approximately \$2,500 is needed each week to meet expenses)

## Our Missionary/Church Planter of the Week: March 12



**Matt Van Peurse, Catalyst, Woodland, California.**

Catalyst opened its doors at the end of 2014. Since then, they have sought to reach those for whom church is a scary place and Jesus in an unfamiliar figure. They are in the middle of a year-long project of relocating from being a portable church meeting at a school to a space all their own. Pray for the continued funds to renovate their new space. Pray as well for their community groups, that they would successfully balance weeks of communion, community, and mission. Visit [catalystwoodland.com](http://catalystwoodland.com) for more information.

## Operation Prom Dress is March 24-25 – If you would like to be a part of OPD 2017, there are two ways you can join in:

**Sharing Resources:** Many prom dresses are donated and are used for OPD's Dress Giveaway. Most needed are the larger size dresses (size 18 and higher). They can be brought to Lincoln Hills Bible Church (5401 S. Cliff Ave., Sioux Falls). Also needed are new jewelry items (necklaces, bracelets, earrings, hair bands, combs), small purses, new prom shoes, and other accessories, or monetary gifts.

**Volunteer:** Ladies (18 years and older, and out of high school) are needed Friday evening between 4:30 and 9:30 pm and Saturday beginning at 8:30 am. From personal attendants to dress runners, you can give your time in a variety of ways. If you have any questions or want more information, please call 605.334.8111 or email [prom@lhbcfsf.org](mailto:prom@lhbcfsf.org), or go to: <http://life965.com/2017/02/operation-prom-dress-2016/>