

Pray for the Persecuted Church: Europe

Conversions Spike Church Growth Sources: International Christian Concern, Patheos

Despite recent ISIS terrorist attacks in Europe, church attendance seems to be skyrocketing with the rapid conversions of Iranian and Afghani immigrants to Christianity. While Europe has a history of low church growth, these Muslim-background believers are reported to be bringing the Christian faith back to life. One church leader says that about one of every four conversions are Muslims converting to Christianity.

The Muslim immigrants converting to Christianity are having a noticeable impact on the overall church growth and attendance. Join us in praising God for the wonderful ways in which He is revealing the truth of the Gospel. Pray that many more people will open their hearts to Jesus so they may also experience the transforming power of His love!

Sioux Falls Furniture Mission

We are a mission working closely with other ministries and agencies who refer individuals and families to us.

We are a mission comprised of mostly volunteers who carry out the day-to-day operations of pick-up/delivery, necessary cleaning/repair, warehouse organization and clerical work.

We are a mission with a Board of Directors who volunteer their time and expertise to assure the mission stays true to its calling to be an effective, efficient and accountable organization.

We are a mission of ministry. Each household receiving furniture also receives a copy of the Holy Bible along with information about study groups and an invitation to attend.

We are a mission that serves Christ. We are blessed by a very loving Lord and if we can serve Him by serving others than we are doing His will and we will be blessed many times over.

Volunteer - The Furniture Mission could not function without the support of our large volunteer base. We need help with everything from folding sheets to delivering sofas. Whether you or your organization can only come once, or you can commit to coming every weekend, both ourselves and the families that we serve would be extremely grateful for your help.

Donate - Children will sleep in a bed tonight because of donations from people like you. Without those donations, pickups and deliveries stop, and we can't afford to store the furniture that is donated to us.

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Sunday, April 2, 2017

Accompanist: Jan Questad and Jackie Kramer

Greeters: Terry & Chris Kramer Usher: Gene Preston

Scripture Reader: Theresa Friesen Nursery: Aaron Skogen

Children's Church: Chet & Rachel Hsiao and Garret James

9:30 am

Worship Service

Welcome, Announcements, & Christian Greetings

Praise Affirmation.....Ephesians 2:4-7

Hymn #198....."Wonderful Grace of Jesus"

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.....Mark 15:1-15

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

Sermon... JESUS' LAST JOURNEY AND ENCOUNTERS:

"Jesus Before Pilate".....Pastor Merv Kramer

Prayer Response

Communion Service

Hymn #201....."Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

Love Offering – Furniture Mission

Closing Hymn #206....."There Is a Redeemer"

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-1st Grade with Aaron Skogen or Jan Questad in Nursery

Combined 2nd-5th Grade with 2D Gerdes in Cubbies Room

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

9th-12th 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 "Who is Jesus?"

*** Praise & Prayer***

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

Lajeanne 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 Montecuello, 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)

*AWANA Grand Finale' Wednesday, April 5, 6:30

Kindergarten through high school. (High school begins at 6:00 pm). We will have carnival games, year in review, ice cream, skit, continue the walk this summer, and store. Please bring your family!

If you have a carnival type game you would like to lend us for the evening or would like to help by manning a game, please contact Joan Murphy by Monday.

For Your Information and Prayer

-Today: -5:30 p.m. Congregational Prayer Service

-Wednesday: -6:30 p.m. Awana Clubs Grand Finale*

-Thursday: -7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study Fellowship at Rachel Hsiao home, 501 E. Switchgrass

-Saturday: -1:00-3:00 p.m. Sunday School Social (see insert)

Next Sunday: April 9, 2017

-Greeters: LeeRoy & Ginger Nelson

-Usher: Mike Kresak

-Nursery: Aaron Skogen

-Scripture Reader: Joan Murphy

-Children's Church: Doris Conradson and Maegan Questad

OUR GIVING:

Sunday, March 26, 2016

General Giving \$ 1,675.00

Building Fund \$ 25.00

Total \$ 1,700.00

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

Our Missionary/Church Planter of the Week: April 2



Anthony Brown, New Beginnings Fellowship, Downington, Pennsylvania. When New Beginnings opened its doors in 2005, Pastor Anthony Brown and his wife, Kimberly Grier, had a vision from God to preach the Good News. In 2010, the church was able to move into their own building. Pray for the

new plans and programs being developed and implemented within the evangelism ministry, which is the focus of the church for this year. Pray that New Beginnings would continue to bring spiritual healing and help to the community by introducing them to God's love and mentoring them to become mature followers of God. Check out their website, www.newbeginningsdt.com, for more information.

Our Prayer Partnership

- Swedona Covenant Church, Rural Corson

- Associate Pastor, Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls