

Hurricane Harvey Donations

As the North American Baptist Conference gathers to support our churches in times of need or crisis, we wanted to send an update that there are currently no reports of damage to NAB churches or member's homes in the Texas area at this time. Please continue to pray for the area affected and for God's provision as the torrential rain and flooding continues. Regional Minister Dan Heringer will keep us informed and updated as things progress.

Since monetary donations are the most effective way of providing direct aid and there are aid groups already at work on the ground, we encourage you to give through Samaritan's Purse to provide assistance to those impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

Donations can be made online at www.samaritanspurse.org

Pray for the Persecuted Church: Kenya

Al-Shabaab Terrorists Raid Coastal Villages Sources: Christian Solidarity Worldwide, World Watch Monitor

On August 18th, three Christian men -- Changawa Muthemba, Joseph Kasena, and a 17-year-old neighbour named Kadenge Katana -- were beheaded after refusing to recite the Islamic prayer of faith. A fourth man, Charo (Joseph's mentally challenged older brother), was killed when the perpetrators of the crimes went to his home afterwards. One of the victim's wives was an unfortunate witness to the entire act of violence and is now "severely traumatized."

The tragic fatalities took place in Kasala Kairu, a northern coastal village of Lamu County, and were committed by members of the Al-Shabaab militant group. The gunmen reportedly only targeted the men but spared the community's women and children. Several houses were also torched.

On July 7th, similar overnight raids took place targeting the Jima and Pandanguo villages, located near Maleli, in which nine men were beheaded. According to survivors, the militants only targeted non-Muslim men. Some villagers also claimed they had informed police that militants were in the area, but no action had been taken. These raids occurred just days after three police officers were killed in another nearby village.

Since May, the terrorist group has ramped up its attacks in Kenya. More than 50 people have been killed in ambushes or by improvised explosive devices in Garissa, Mandera and Lamu, with many more sustaining injuries. Several other victims have been abducted. The Al-Shabaab militant group, known to be an affiliate of Al-Qaeda, has targeted Kenyan Christians for years, attacking churches, public places and buses. They have left behind a trail of pain and destruction among regions where Christians are the minority.

In the aftermath of the attacks on their communities, please commit to the Lord all the grieving families of those who were slain. Also uphold all the victims who've been injured, abducted and/or traumatized. May God's ministering presence, healing and comfort be experienced in each of their lives. Additionally, pray for the police, military and all those in authority who are trying to protect the civilians, liberate the captives, and ultimately stop the violence. Last, but not least, please intercede on behalf of the members of Al-Shabaab. May God's Spirit be at work in their lives as well, so they can experience true conviction, genuine repentance and eternal salvation.

BRANDON VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sunday, September 3, 2017

Accompanist: Jackie Kramer and Jan Questad

Greeters: Dan & Joan Murphy Scripture Reader: Theresa Friesen

Nursery: Ginger Nelson and Katrina Nelson Usher: Scott Sittig

Children's Church: Erica Skogen and Trevor Skogen

9:30 am

Worship Service

Welcome, Announcements, and Christian Greetings

Praise Affirmation.....Romans 1:16-17

Hymn #297....."I Love to Tell the Story"

Prayer of Praise

Offering

Offertory.....Jackie Kramer

Doxology (*Hymn #625*) – please stand

Ministry of Music

Scripture Reading.....John 15:26-27; Acts 1:7-8

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

Sermon...WHAT IS A PASTOR-SHEPHERD?

"A Witness...".....Pastor Merv Kramer

Prayer Response

Communion Service

Hymn #175....."Hallelujah, What a Savior!"

Love Offering for Brandon Valley Ministerium

Closing Hymn #176....."Lead Me to Calvary"

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.

No Sunday School Today

For Your Information and Prayer

- Today: Leadership Team meeting after church
- Monday: Labor Day
- Wednesday: First Night of Awana Clubs (HS starts at 6pm, 6th-8th starts at 6:15pm, Preschool-5th grade starts at 6:30pm)
- Saturday: 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Next Sunday: September 10, 2017

- Greeters: Pat Lacey and Scott Sittig
- Usher: Terry Kramer
- Nursery: Dee Olson and Dan Hanson
- Scripture Reader: Matthew Questad
- Children's Church: LaDell Hanson and Hailey Skogen

Upcoming Events:

-Tuesday, September 12: **Awana Staff Training** at Lincoln Hills Bible Church (Sioux Falls) 6 p.m. snacks, 6:30-9 p.m. training. **Please register ahead of time** (contact Joan) if you want to attend. Topics include "Keeping YOUR Identity Rooted in Christ," "Just a Minute (to shape a child's life)," "Student Leaders," "Volunteer Encouragement," "Impact of Youth Apologetics," "Building a Multi-Cultural Club," "The New Tool in Your Discipleship Toolbox: the New T&T," and "Understanding Kids."

-Thursday, September 14: **Women's Bible Study** resumes meeting at 7:00 p.m. each Thursday. They will begin meeting at Lindy Johnson's home, 413 Heatherwood. The study will be about applying the Bible today.

-Sunday, September 24: **Retirement party** for Pastor Merv Kramer

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**AWANA** – Please **REGISTER** your child online as soon as possible. You also may register in person during office hours, but please register before Wednesday so we don't have long lines and can start the first night of club on time. Regular Awana club meeting start on Wednesday. **We need volunteers** to be a grades K-2 story person and a special events coordinator. We're also seeking a volunteer for Commander.

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

**Carol Kline**, mother of Theresa Friesen, recovering from a stroke  
**Lajeane Wright**, wife of Jim Wright, at Garretson Palisades Nursing Home (room 301), continue to pray for increasing mental clarity, and also encouragement for Jim

**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); Kristina Lee, Air Force (Grandchild of Ray & Dee Olson); Amir Rottluff, Navy (grandson of Charlotte Rottluff)

| <b>OUR GIVING:</b>                   | Sunday, August 27, 2016 |
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| General Giving                       | \$ 1,948.00             |
| Special Offering – Windswept Academy | \$ 154.00               |
| Building Fund                        | \$ 25.00                |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>\$ 2,127.00</b>      |

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

**BAPTISM:**

Any persons wishing to be baptized before Pastor Kramer's retirement, the following evening options are being arranged: Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, or Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Pastor Merv or the church office if you wish to be baptized.

**Our Prayer Partnership**

- Brandon Valley Baptist Church
- Association Church Planting Committee