

Rake the Town is an annual rake-a-thon event coordinated by the Workers on Wheels program at Active Generations in Sioux Falls. This two-day event will engage **over 1,000 volunteers** to rake the yards of 360 elderly and disabled homeowners. Business groups, individuals, families, sports teams, students, scouts, service clubs, etc. are all welcome! Leaf bags, gloves, and bottled water are provided but volunteers are asked to bring their own rakes and when possible, haul the bags to the leaf drop off site. **This year's Rake the Town will be October 27 and 28.**

Rake the Town continues to serve more and more seniors every year thanks to volunteers. **You can join the Rake the Town volunteers by organizing a group of enthusiastic co-workers, students, church members, service groups, and friends and family to help the elderly and disabled in our community.** Teams can register to rake one yard or whatever number works best for the team. Approximately 4 to 6 adults are needed to rake one yard depending upon the size of the yard. Children are welcome to participate if accompanied by an adult. Sign up online at www.life965.com (under Hands & Feet Opportunities).

Rake the Town serves individuals within the Sioux Falls city limits over the age of 60 who do not have family available in the area to help with their yard work and are not financially or physically able to do the work themselves. Individuals under 60 with a documented physical disability are also eligible. If you would like to have your yard raked, call the HelpLine by dialing 211, or follow the link on www.life965.com (under Hands & Feet Opportunities).

Pray for the Persecuted Church: Sudan

Christian Refugee Children Denied Food in Camps

Sources: American Center for Law and Justice, The Christian Post

Since early September, Christian children are being denied food in Sudan's refugee camps unless they recite Islamic prayers. A mission aid worker at the camp reports: "The majority (of children) are left in camps, some in a very terrible situation. They are confined in those places. Thus, they are given the choice to starve or they are conditioned to say Islamic prayers before (being) given food. This is not right. These children are Christian. They should be respected for that."

Since the outbreak of the 2013 civil war in South Sudan, over 700,000 refugees were driven north into Sudan, and almost one million more have fled south across Uganda's open borders. As a result, many of these refugees – most of whom are Christians – have experienced additional hardships at the hands of Islamic militants who have taken advantage of their vulnerable situation.

In addition, the government of Sudan continues to sabotage the Christian church and aid organizations in their attempts to efficiently assist these South Sudanese Christian refugees. Sudan has repeatedly, wantonly, and willfully carried out a discriminatory strategy to hamper the Christian church and religious charitable efforts through the re-zoning, confiscation and destruction of their properties.

In the midst of these hardships, pray that the light of hope that's burning within the hearts of the refugee children will continue to shine brightly for all to see – revealing the reality of the Risen Christ to many – including those who oppose Christianity. May these children and their families not only receive nourishment for their physical health and well-being, but also opportunities to feed daily on the Word of God (Matthew 4:4) so they can grow strong and healthy spiritually. Pray that as they rely on the Lord for His provision and guidance, He will work wonders in their midst so they can partake of His goodness and loving kindness, without any obstacles or hindrance, through the charitable efforts of others who are serving as His caring hands and feet.

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Sunday, October 15, 2017

Accompanist: Pam Osmanson and Jan Questad

Greeters: Doris Conradson Scripture Reader: Trevor Skogen

Usher: Doyle Young Nursery: Pam Osmanson and Hailey Skogen

Children's Church: Theresa Friesen and Cade Fox

9:30 am

Worship Service

Welcome, Announcements, and Christian Greetings

Hymn #28-31....."How Majestic is Your Name"

Prayer of Praise

Offering/Offertory

Doxology (*Hymn #625*) – please stand

Ministry of Music

Children's Moments

Scripture Reading.....Exodus 20:1-6

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

Sermon... "Playing with God's Emotions".....Pastor Randy Battey

Main Points:

I. God is a Jealous God (v. 5)

II. God is a Loving God (v. 6)

Prayer Response

Closing Hymn #11....."My Tribute"

Benediction

Postlude

*****Nursery 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

- Preschool - 1st Grade in the Nursery with LaDell Hanson
- 2nd - 5th Grade in the Cubbies room with 2D Gerdes
- 6th - 8th Grade in Pastor's office with Judy Preston or Erica Skogen
- High School in the Youth room with Mike and Stacy Frost
- Adult Class on I & II Peter in the Fellowship Room with Mike Benson
- Adult Class in Sanctuary video study with Dan Hanson

For Your Information and Prayer

- Wednesday: Awana Clubs (HS starts at 6pm, 6th-8th starts at 6:15pm, Preschool-5th grade starts at 6:30pm)
- Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study at Charlotte Rottluff home, 1413 Rushmore Dr (Autumn View I), Brandon

OUR GIVING:

Sunday, October 8, 2016

General Giving	\$ 1,307.00
Building Fund	\$ 100.00
Awana	\$ 26.00
Total	\$ 1,433.00

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

*** Praise & Prayer***

Carol Kline, mother of Theresa Friesen, recovering from a stroke

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)

Baby Announcement:

Andrew and Bethany Preston announce the birth of their son, Malachi Jonathan on Sunday, October 8th. He joins his siblings Levi, Emelia, and Joel. Proud grandparents are Gene and Judy Preston.

Next Sunday: October 22, 2017

- Greeters: Aaron & Erica Skogen
- Usher: Gene Preston
- Nursery: Theresa Friesen and Cade Fox
- Scripture Reader: Lindy Johnson
- Children's Church: Barbara Young and Kyle Skogen

-Spotlight on Missions: Dr. Brandon Steger Family update on mission to Greece and Beirut (August through October in Greece, then five month medical mission in Beirut). We will have a video and LOVE OFFERING.

-**3:30 p.m.** All Church and Awana family gathering at Cherry Rock Gardens for a 25 minute **HAYRIDE and CORN MAZE**: \$4 per person. Treats and cider will be provided.

Upcoming Events:

- Saturday, October 28: 8 a.m. Leadership Team meeting
- Sunday, November 5: Love Offering for B.V. Food Pantry; International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church
- Wednesday, November 15: Dr. Rick and Debbie Bardin (NAB Cameroon medical missionaries) will be speaking at Awana, everyone is welcome, see Joan for schedule
- Sunday, November 19: Annual Budget Meeting (tentative date) and Potluck Meal; Last day to drop off shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child
- Wednesday, November 29: Shan Reed, (NAB Japan missionary) will be speaking at Awana, everyone is welcome, see Joan for schedule