

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).

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: Kenya

Recent Attacks on Christians in Coastal Region Sources: Morning Star News, Release International

On September 6th, Somali militants from Al-Shabaab, a terrorist group allied with Al-Qaeda, killed four Christians in coastal Kenya. The shaken residents of Bobo village in Lamu County left their homes and slept in the cold of the wilderness or in nearby Hindi after the Al-Shabaab terrorists, accompanied by local Kiswahili-speaking people, called three Christians out of their homes at about three a.m. and slit their throats. These vicious acts of violence took place even though a curfew had been set by the government in its efforts to prevent attacks from occurring in the counties of Lamu, Tana River and Garissa.

Among the local men abducted by the militants was Hillary Njuguna, who apparently had been forced to reveal the names of fellow Christians before reportedly being later killed. Prior to calling out the names of the targeted victims, the assailants first surrounded their homes. Along with other fleeing families, Hillary spent the night hiding among the bushes outside. The confirmed slain victims include Guchu Peter, Jared Maiko and Joseph Kinuthia. During the incident, the militants of Al-Shabaab also burned Guchu's shop.

The slaughter follows an August 18th assault that took place in Lamu County's town of Kasala Kairu where the militants allegedly killed four other Christians. Since Kenyan forces led an African coalition against terrorism in Somalia during October 2011, in response to previous attacks on innocent tourists and others along Kenya's coast, rebels from Al-Shabaab have launched several violent assaults on non-Muslims in northeast and coastal Kenya. Christians, especially those in Lamu County and elsewhere in coastal Kenya, have been regular targets of this violence.

Please prayerfully uphold the loved ones of those who were slain in these recent attacks, asking God to make His comforting presence known among them and to flood their grieving hearts with His overwhelming peace. Pray that the Christians residing in these targeted areas will be granted protection, as well as the strength and courage to stand firm in their faith. May they rest in the assurance that though they pass through troubling waters and the fires of affliction, the Lord is still near to them (Isaiah 43:2) and can be trusted above all things. Also intercede for the members of Al-Shabaab that they will experience the life-changing love of God in their lives as well.

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Sunday, October 22, 2017

Accompanist: Dixie Battey and Jan Questad

Greeters: Aaron & Erica Skogen Scripture Reader: Lindy Johnson

Usher: Gene Preston Nursery: Theresa Friesen and Cade Fox

Children's Church: Barbara Young and Kyle Skogen

9:30 am

Worship Service

Welcome, Announcements, and Christian Greetings

Hymn #2....."Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Prayer of Praise

Offering/Offertory

Doxology (*Hymn #625*) – please stand

Spotlight on Missions: Dr. Brandon Steger family video update

Children's Moments

Scripture Reading.....I Chronicles 29:10-20

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

Sermon..."More Than the Man Upstairs".....Pastor Randy Battey

Main Points:

I. The Problem of Familiarity (v. 7a)

II. The Penalty for Familiarity (v. 7b)

Prayer Response

Love Offering – Dr. Brandon Steger mission to Greece and Beirut

Closing Hymn #25....."Immortal, Invisible"

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

- Today: **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.
- 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 15, 2016
General Giving	\$ 1,310.00
Total	\$ 1,310.00
(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)

Prayer Partnership:
 - Celebrate Community Church, Brandon
 - Valley Baptist Church, Milbank, SD

Next Sunday: October 29, 2017

- Greeters: Gene & Judy Preston
- Usher: Dave James
- Nursery: Erica Skogen
- Scripture Reader: Theresa Friesen
- Children's Church: Pat Lacey and Hannah Frost

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
- Sunday, November 12: Installation Service for Pastor Battey
- 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

Baptist Women's Day of Prayer:

The Day of Prayer will be held on November 6th from 1 to 2 pm at Trinity Baptist Church in Sioux Falls. There will be a short program and refreshments. They are asking for an idea of how many may be attending, so please contact Deb Kresak or Lindy Johnson to sign up.