

**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](http://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](http://www.life965.com) (under Hands & Feet Opportunities).

### Pray for the Persecuted Church: Afghanistan

#### Forcible Deportation of Afghan Christians

Sources: Amnesty International, Bamabas Aid

According to a recent report released by Amnesty International, thousands of asylum-seeking Afghans in Europe are being deported at a time when civilian casualties in Afghanistan are at their highest levels on record. As a result, Afghan Christian converts in vulnerable situations are being sent to a country where they are at serious risk of torture, kidnapping, death, and other human rights abuses.

During the year 2016, the United Nations Assistance Mission reported that 11,418 people were killed or injured in Afghanistan. Attacks on civilians took place in every part of the country, and most of them were carried out by armed groups – including the Taliban and the so-called Islamic State (ISIS). Within the first six months of 2017 alone, 5,243 civilian casualties were documented.

In May 2017, Farid was deported to Kabul from Norway. Although his family are from Afghanistan, he grew up in Iran and later made his way to Norway where he converted to Christianity and was baptized. After residing nine years in Norway, during which time the 32-year-old learned Norwegian, his claim for asylum was rejected.

In another case, a 24-year-old Afghan Christian convert, deported back to Kabul from Sweden in March 2017, must now live in hiding. After criticizing Islam on social media, his photo was circulated in Kabul and his hometown, placing the young man's life at tremendous risk.

As the mere act of changing one's faith from Islam is considered an apostasy by the Afghan government, Christian converts can legally face the death penalty.

Please pray for the asylum seekers who are being deported to this dangerous area of the world. Despite these perilous times, may they be supernaturally sheltered under God's mighty wings of protection (Psalm 91:4) and wonderfully comforted by His loving presence. Intercede for the governmental leaders involved, asking God to give them wisdom, an awakened sense of their accountability to Him, and compassion for the individuals and families at risk. We are reminded in Psalm 121 that true "help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth...."

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## Sunday, October 29, 2017

Accompanist: Pam Osmanson and Jan Questad

Greeters: Doyle & Barbara Young Usher: Dave James

Nursery: Erica Skogen Scripture Reader: Theresa Friesen

Children's Church: Pat Lacey and Hannah Frost

9:30 am

Worship Service

Welcome, Announcements, and Christian Greetings

Hymn #10....."O Worship the King"

Prayer of Praise

Offering/Offertory

Doxology (*Hymn #625*) – please stand

Ministry of Music – praise songs with Dixie Battey

Children's Moments

Scripture Reading.....Luke 6:1-10

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

Sermon..."So Much to Do, So Little Time".....Pastor Randy Battey

Main Points:

I. The Discipline of Rest (v.8a)

II. The Challenge of Rest (v.8b)

III. The Importance of Rest (vv.9-11)

Prayer Response

Closing Hymn #497....."Near to the Heart of God"

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
- Saturday: 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (at the church)

<b>OUR GIVING:</b>	Sunday, October 22, 2016
General Giving	\$ 1,537.00
Furnace Fund	\$ 150.00
Love Offering - Steger	\$ 328.00
Total	\$ 2,015.00
(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)

**Next Sunday: November 5, 2017**

- Love Offering for B.V. Food Pantry
- International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church
- Greeters: Justin & Sara Tiffany
- Usher: Scott Sittig
- Nursery: Ginger Nelson and Katrina Nelson
- Scripture Reader: Gene Preston
- Children's Church: Dee Olson and Garret James

**Upcoming Events:**

- 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 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**

It is on Nov 6th from 1 to 2 pm at Trinity Baptist. There will be a short program and then refreshments. They are asking for an idea of how many may be attending, so they can let either Deb or I know and we will pass that on.