

## Pray for the Persecuted Church: Egypt

### More Lives Under Threat Since Published Video

Source: Middle East Concern

Christians in Egypt are requesting prayer after four fatal shooting incidents took place in the past few weeks and the discovery of an alarming video calling for further killings. On January 31st, Wa'el Youssef was shot dead by militants in front of his wife and son at his shop in the North Sinai town of al-Arish. Two weeks later, militants in the same town shot and killed two more Christians: Bahgat William and Adel Shawqi. A fourth Christian, Gamal Tawfiq, was shot and killed on February 16th.

Three days later, on February 19th, a video was published by members of ISIS, calling for Christians in Egypt to be killed. The video featured a recording of the suicide bomber who detonated inside a Cairo church on December 11th, 2016. As a result of this massive attack, a total of 29 innocent people were killed.

One Christian resident told the local newspaper: "We have been leading very hard lives since the last four killings.... We can't leave because our livelihoods are here, our homes are here, and we have nowhere else to go. We keep on asking ourselves every day, 'Who's next?'"

Additional Note: We have since been informed by Middle East Concern that three more Egyptian Christians have lost their lives in targeted attacks. Saeed al-Hakim and his son Medhat were killed on February 23rd; and the following day, armed militants forced their way into the house of Kamal Youssef and shot him in front of his wife and children. After the most recent attack, more than 118 Christian families have left al-Arish in hopes of finding refuge in safer areas of Egypt.

Please pray that the Lord's ministering presence will be tangibly experienced by all whose loved ones were tragically killed in the past few weeks, as well as those who died due to the December suicide bombing. Ask for His protection to surround Egypt's remaining Christians and others who are being threatened by the militants, and for His wisdom to be granted as to how they should respond to the threats. Let us be mindful of the need to also intercede on behalf of the militants responsible for the attacks, that their hardened hearts will be touched by God's transforming love -- for how else will they experience His life-saving grace?

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## Sunday, March 5, 2017

Accompanist: Jan Questad and Jackie Kramer

Greeters: Dan & LaDell Hason Usher: Doyle Young

Scripture Reader: Gene Preston Nursery: Aaron Skogen

Children's Church: Pat Lacey and Garret James

9:30 am

Worship Service

Welcome, Announcements, & Christian Greetings

Praise Affirmation.....Galatians 3:13-14

Hymn #177....."What Wondrous Love Is This"

Prayer of Praise

Offering/Offertory

Doxology (*Hymn #625*) – please stand

Ministry of Music.....Chet & Rachel Hsiao

Scripture Reading.....Luke 9:51-56

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

Sermon... JESUS' LAST JOURNEY AND ENCOUNTERS:

"His Destination Was On His Face".....Pastor Merv Kramer

Prayer Response

Communion Service

Hymn #274....."Break Thou the Bread of Life"

Love Offering – Royal Family Kids

Closing Hymn #529....."O, How I Love Jesus"

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-1<sup>st</sup> Grade with Aaron Skogen or Jan Questad in Nursery  
Combined 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade with 2D Gerdes and Mindy Roeder in Cubbies Room  
6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade with Erica Skogen or Judy Preston in Pastor's Office  
9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 "Only One Race" part 1

### \*\*\* 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

**Lajeane 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 Montecuallo**, 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)

## Our Prayer Partnership

- Living Springs Covenant Church, Brandon
- Pastor Dan & Rita Edzards, Wessington Springs, SD

OUR GIVING:	Sunday, February 26, 2016
General Giving	\$ 2,258.00
Building Fund	\$ 25.00
Total	\$ 2,283.00

## For Your Information and Prayer

- Today: -5:30 p.m. Congregational Prayer Service
- Wednesday: -6:30 p.m. Awana Clubs
- Thursday: -7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study Fellowship (beginning a study of Ecclesiastes) at Rachel Hsiao home, 501 E Switchgrass

## Next Sunday: March 12, 2017

### -Time Change – Set your clocks forward one hour!

- Greeters: Dan & Joan Murphy
- Usher: Terry Kramer
- Nursery: Ginger Nelson and Katrina Nelson
- Scripture Reader: Justin Tiffany
- Children's Church: Mindy Roeder and Hailey Skogen

## Our Missionary/Church Planter of the Week: March 5

**Yuri Nakano, NAB Missionary, Japan.** As a Japanese-Canadian, Yuri has a unique, God-given background in being sent out from North America as a missionary to Japan. God has placed a burden on her heart to bring the hope of the Gospel to Japan. God has called and equipped Yuri to serve in evangelism, discipleship, and church planting alongside a faithful team of missionaries. Pray that she would continue to get to know her neighbors better and build those relationships. Also pray for Komyo Christian Church as it grows and matures to become a disciple-making church and reaches out to the community. For more information, visit [nabonmission.org/missionaries/yuri-nakano](http://nabonmission.org/missionaries/yuri-nakano).



## Operation Prom Dress is March 24-25 – If you would like to be a part of OPD 2017, there are two ways you can join in:

**Sharing Resources:** Many prom dresses are donated and are used for OPD's Dress Giveaway. Most needed are the larger size dresses (size 18 and higher). They can be brought to Lincoln Hills Bible Church (5401 S. Cliff Ave., Sioux Falls). Also needed are new jewelry items (necklaces, bracelets, earrings, hair bands, combs), small purses, new prom shoes, and other accessories, or monetary gifts.

**Volunteer:** Ladies (18 years and older, and out of high school) are needed Friday evening between 4:30 and 9:30 pm and Saturday beginning at 8:30 am. From personal attendants to dress runners, you can give your time in a variety of ways. If you have any questions or want more information, please call 605.334.8111 or email [prom@lhbcfs.org](mailto:prom@lhbcfs.org), or go to: <http://life965.com/2017/02/operation-prom-dress-2016/>