

# **October 17, 2021**

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome. We are glad you're here.



O Almighty and most merciful God, of your bountiful goodness keep us, we pray, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things which you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Today's Psalm: 123

# **KEEP OUR EYES FIXED ON JESUS**

**Hebrews 12:1-3** 

**Pastor Tim Pusey** 

#### **DECORATORS NEEDED**

We would like to have some of the Christmas decorating done early so that when people come to drop off their shoe boxes the foyer is festive looking. If you or someone you know is gifted in this way, please contact Pastor Stephen. We need leaders and helpers!

# NNU University Choir & Orchestra

**TONIGHT at 6:00 pm Valley Shepherd Nazarene** 

Under the direction of Dr. Philip Miller, this ensemble features over 100 students from a wide variety of majors across the campus.

Childcare provided for children 3 years old and under.



OCTOBER IS
PASTOR
APPRECIATION
MONTH

# DUMPKIN DARTY

OCTOBER 22nd FROM 7-9PM | VSN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Ladies, grab a friend, bring the kids and join Women's Ministries as we decorate (not carve) pumpkins together!

Refreshments, pumpkins and decorating materials will be provided.

Register in the foyer 10/10 and 10/17. Cost is \$5/person.

### **Prayer Requests**

Our nation & leaders

Military/Law enforcement County Sheriff & Commissioners

Flooding, Earthquakes & Hurricanes

Church of Week:

Kuna - Pastor Eric Seaney

Revival across the nations

Those with chronic health issues

Persecuted Church: Bangladesh

Imprisoned Christian:

Hossein Kadivar, Iran, held 499 days

J.O.Y. Group (Just Older Youth)

### **ROOT BEER FLOAT & MOVIE DAY**

Friday, October 22 \* 2:00 pm Room 162

**Movie: "The Secrets of Jonathan Sperry"** 

### **Financials**

October offering to date: \$59,731 Needed each month: \$95,295

## **VSN Mortgage Refinance**

has been finalized. Children YOU ARE

INVITED TO THE WEDDING OF

#### **DAVID SARVER & EMERALD DOUTHIT**

Saturday, November 13th at 2PM Valley Shepherd Church of the Nazarene

#### **Order of Service**

Welcome

Scripture Worship in Song

Church Family Announcements

Pastor Appreciation Month Handbell Choir

Message

Closing Prayer

79,000 OUTREACH EVENTS NAME OF ACT OF REACH VIEWS

Operation
Christmas Child
Shoeboxes
available in the
foyer or the
church office.
Boxes due back
by November 14.

### Guest Wifi Available "VSN-Guest"

### **HELP NEEDED**

Are you looking for an opportunity to serve in our church? Communion Preparers are needed to fill communion trays preceding our communion service each month.

Contact the church office or Pastor Rick at rgarmon@myvsn.org for information.

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# BANGLADESH RESTRICTED CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION IN BANGLADESH



**OVERVIEW:** Bangladesh is one of the poorest countries in the world. Churches are careful when offering relief to the poor and needy because they do not want to encourage false conversions among people claiming faith in Christ solely for economic benefit. While Bangladesh is a majority-Muslim nation, the government avoids undue influence from Islamists and actively fights extremism. Millions of Bangladeshis are learning about Christ and the Bible through media outreaches.

**MAJOR RELIGIONS:** 87 percent of Bangladeshis are Sunni Muslims. Approximately one-half of 1 percent are Christians.

**PERSECUTOR:** Local Muslim authorities, Islamist extremist groups, families and communities persecute Christians

#### WHAT IT MEANS TO FOLLOW CHRIST IN

**UZBEKISTAN:** Many Christian groups meet publicly, while others worship in unregistered churches. When Muslims convert to Christianity, they are often forced to leave their community.

**ACCESS TO BIBLES:** The Bangladesh Bible Society and the missions community have made Bibles available in several languages, but those in rural areas and especially

Muslim converts have difficulty finding and acquiring them.

**VOM WORK:** VOM relocates those expelled from their communities and provides for the medical needs of those injured in persecution attacks. We support Bible distributions and evangelism training, and we provide rural pastors, bold evangelists and church planters with necessities and resources for their ministry.

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

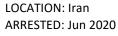
- Pray for the boldness and protection of Christians actively sharing their faith in the north
- Pray for the strength and comfort of those suffering mental and emotional persecution
- Pray for a front-line worker who conducts retreats for persecuted Bangladeshi Christians
- Pray for Barrun's boldness and protection as he reaches out to Muslims
- Pray for Joban, who lost his house and land when he became a Christian
- Pray for the encouragement of Christians, who are often the only believers in their village
- Pray for Christians continuing to work among the 1.3 million Rohingya refugees

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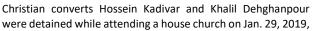
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#### Prisoner Profile

PRISONER NAME: Hossein Kadivar



HELD: 499 Days



in the northern city of Rasht. Six other Christians from the same church were arrested during the same time period. At a court hearing on July 24, 2019, Judge Mohammed Moghisheh called the men "apostates" and argued that the Bible was "falsified." The men were subsequently sentenced to five years in prison for "acting against state security" and "promoting Zionism." Their sentences were upheld on appeal in February 2020, though neither the men nor their lawyers were allowed to attend the hearing. Released on bail of approximately \$13,000 in March 2019, the men were summoned to begin serving their sentences on June 2, 2020.

Hossein Kadivar is married with a family.

All nine men are from the northern city of Rasht and are members of the Church of Iran. The church's pastor, Yousef Nadarkhani, is currently serving a 10-year prison sentence, and the men were helping lead the church in his absence.

#### Address for Wang Yi

Evin Prison
Saadat Abad
Tehran
Islamic Republic of Iran

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