

## Pray For...

The outdoor service on Sunday, June 26. Bring someone with you to experience the beauty of worship in the outdoors. There are many logistics for this event—pray for all those involved.

Boys Camp this week at Trinity Pines. We have several attending.

Pastor Andriy who will be coming to the States to speak about what is happening with the work of the church in Ukraine.

All those working with the refugees, especially in Romania and Poland. Andrew Altman, who is in Bosnia on a mission trip.

Persecuted Church—Philippines

The Church of the Nazarene has a 76 year history in the Philippines and supports Visayan Nazarene Bible College in Cebu, Philippines. Earlier in June the Philippines-Micronesia Field held a conference for Women Clergy with 71 attending.

Imprisoned Christian: Pastor Meron Gebreselasie, Eritrea, held 6,591 days.



**This is your opportunity to hear from Nazarene Pastor Andriy, from Kyiv.** He will be speaking about the war, the work of the church with refugees, and how we can pray and give to support the effort. He is in the States for just a short time and we are privileged to have him come and tell his story. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

### Financial Update

June 2022	Needed to date	Received to Date
Tithes & Offerings	\$45,340	\$36,156
Faith Promise	\$2,644	\$2,140
<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Needed</b>	<b>Received</b>
Tithes & Offerings	\$317,380	\$340,259
Faith Promise	\$18,508	\$19,685

### Sunday School—9:30am

**Early Childhood** (birth—kindergarten) is available during Sunday school and worship.

**Children's Classes 1st-3rd** Room 156

**Children's Classes 4th-6th** Room 157

**Youth Class** Room 138

**Adult Classes are available for all ages in the education wing**

### Pastors' Emails:

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Our Pastors can also be reached by calling the church office at 208-888-2141.

# Welcome!

## June 19, 2022



A FAMILY REUNION  
GENESIS 50:15-21



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Wifi available - VSN-Guest

**Passion for God!**

**Compassion for People!**

### Morning Worship

Listen with respect to the father who raised you, and when your mother grows old, don't neglect her.

Buy truth—don't sell it for love or money; buy wisdom, buy education, buy insight.

Parents rejoice when their children turn out well; wise children become proud parents.

So make your father happy!

Make your mother proud!

Proverbs 23:22-25 (The Message)

We are glad you have come to worship with us this Father's Day morning.

We will hear a message from

Pastor Randy—"A Family Reunion" from Genesis 50:15-21

**Grade school children will be dismissed during the morning message.**

**Room 105 is available for parents who need a quiet space with their children. It is located across from the Chapel.**

### The Week at a Glance

June 19-26

#### Monday the 20th

- ⇒ Boys' Camp
- ⇒ 9:30am—Men's Prayer Meeting
- ⇒ 6:00pm—AA Meeting

#### Tuesday the 21st

- ⇒ 4:00pm—Quilting Club

#### Wednesday the 22nd

- ⇒ 6:30pm—Men's Bible Study
- ⇒ 6:45pm—Youth Summertime Hang Out at Bear Creek Park

#### Thursday the 23rd

- ⇒ 6:30am—Men's Prayer Meeting
- ⇒ Noon—1:00pm—Picnic in the Park— all ladies (and children) invited to meet at the church pavilion and playground for a time of fellowship. Bring a sack lunch.

- ⇒ 6:00pm—AA Meeting

#### ⇒ Sunday the 26th



Join us, and bring a friend, for a time of worship as we gather in the Pavilion and on the back lawn. Bring your own lawn chair if you want. Meat will be provided for lunch, but you should bring a side-dish, salad, or dessert to share. Hosts will be available to help you from the parking lot to the Pavilion area. (No Sunday school or children's church.)

**Are you a guest?** Please let us know you are here by texting VSN GUEST to 77411 or signing a Connection Card in the pew rack.

Would you like to receive the e-newsletter? Let us know at [office@myvsn.org](mailto:office@myvsn.org)

### Women's Ministries presents

#### Summer Fling!

Are you longing to get better acquainted and develop deeper relationships with the women of VSN? Then the Summer Fling is for you!

The plan is to have groups of six to eight women meeting at a home in June or July. This could be for tea or potluck; groups will decide. Go to the kiosk for more info and to sign up to host or participate.



Several of our VSN youth will be attending NYC23, a gathering of high school students from around the USA/Canada Region, in Tampa Bay. This 4-day youth conference will run from July 5-9, 2023. Our kids will be doing several service projects fundraisers to help them finance the trip.

So calling all youth to participate, June 28, 29, and 30 if needed. Meet at the church from 8:30am-2:30pm. Bring a sack lunch. Water and snacks will be provided. Work will include rock moving, planting, weeding, and possible removal of trees. Come for as long as you can. Anna Williams is heading this up, so for more info or questions, call 208.989.7096.



Calling all kids for some exciting events:

June 20-24—Boys' Camp (registration closed)

June 26, 10am—Outdoor Morning Worship

June 29, 6:30pm—Church Picnic and Concert

July 13, 6pm—Morrison-Knudsen Nature Center

July 18-22—Girls' Camp

(registration open until July 1.)

August 3, 6pm—Movie Night

August 17, 6pm—All church picnic



June 29 @ 6:00pm

Potluck & Concert with Love Offering VSN's Coryell Centennial Pavilion

Join us on the back lawn for a great evening of music, food and fun as the Family Sowell (*pronounced soul*), a family of Bluegrass pickers, are swinging through on their way back home to Tennessee having just played at the Susanville Bluegrass Festival. They will share stories of faith and family that will encourage your soul.

The church will provide the Tri-tip and you bring sides, salads, or desserts.

## PHILIPPINES (MINDANAO) HOSTILE CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION IN PHILIPPINES (MINDANAO)



**OVERVIEW:** In the Muslim-majority southern island region of Mindanao, Islamist groups and the government have engaged in a longstanding conflict over the

Islamists' desire to form an independent Muslim state. Groups such as Abu Sayyaf and Maute have pledged allegiance to the self-proclaimed Islamic State (ISIS) to gain financial help and recruit foreign fighters. Islamic extremists routinely threaten Christians and have driven many out of Muslim-majority areas. Many pastors and other believers have been killed. However, a significant number of Christians remain in these areas as a bold witness for Christ.

**MAJOR RELIGIONS:** Most people in the greater Philippines are Christians, but the Mindanao region includes areas with a significant Muslim majority and where Islamic extremism has a strong influence.

**PERSECUTOR:** In the Mindanao region, Christians are attacked by both Sunni Muslims and communist rebels.

**WHAT IT MEANS TO FOLLOW CHRIST IN PHILIPPINES (MINDANAO):** In the Mindanao region, attacks on Christians are sporadic and unpredictable, creating an environment of constant tension for Christians. Government forces usually respond when conflicts occur, but Christians' rights are not protected in areas where the government has ceded control to Islamists. Churches are legal, and graduates of Bible schools in the Mindanao region boldly return to share the gospel in their local communities.

**ACCESS TO BIBLES:** Bibles are available in cities but are much harder to obtain in the most difficult rural areas.

**VOM WORK:** VOM responds to attacks on Christians and provides tools and training for front-line workers.

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

*Pray that cross-cultural workers will reach out fearlessly to those in dangerous, unreached areas*

*Pray for front-line workers Ruth and Mary, beginning work in a new community among the Maguindanao people*

*Pray that a group of newly baptized believers will stand firm in their faith*

*Pray for a group of young people who feel called to live and minister among an unreached people group*

*Pray that a new believer will be able to tell her family about her new life in Christ*

*Pray that community leaders will welcome front-line workers to their villages*

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## Prisoner Profile



PRISONER NAME: Pastor Meron Gebreselasie

LOCATION: Eritrea

ARRESTED: June 2004

HELD: 6,591 DAYS

Pastor Meron Gebreselasie was arrested on June 3, 2004. Meron, also known as Million, was the pastor of Massawa Rhema Evangelical Church in Massawa, a Red Sea port city. He was also an anesthetist at Massawa Hospital.

Meron was arrested shortly after Pastor Tesfatsion Hagos of Asmara, who was arrested on May 27, 2004 while visiting Meron. On his way to return Tesfatsion's belongings to his home in Asmara, Meron was detained at a checkpoint. He has been in prison ever since.

He was held for two months at Asmara's 2nd Police Station before being moved to the maximum-security Wengel Mermera Central Criminal Investigation Interrogation Center, where many of Eritrea's prominent Christian leaders arrested after the 2002 religious crackdown are believed to be held. None have been charged, tried or given prison sentences.

The pastor was not married.

Address for Pastor Meron Gebreselasie:

Link: <https://www.prisoneralert.com/letters/265/meron-gebreselasie>

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