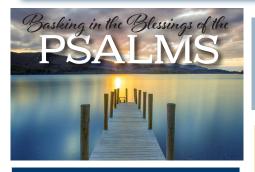


July 18, 2021 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Welcome. We are glad you're here.



Lord of all power and might, who is the author and giver of all good things; graft into our hearts the love of you Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Today's Psalm: 37

2021 Camp Meeting August 13-15 Trinity Pines

Scott & Vicki Shaw Camp Meeting Directors

Verne Ward Director of Global Missions Featured Speaker

Information at www.tpines.org/camp-meeting Registration: Cindy at 208-888-0988

The Strength Paradox PSALM 8 Pastor Zach Carpenter

Baptism

Baptisms will be part of our worship service on July 25. Please contact the church office at 208-888-2141 or office@myvsn.org.

Volunteers Needed

VSN has a need for volunteers. We need ushers, greeters, communion servers, setup/tear down for events, security team, worship arts, and more. We need those who are passionate about and

knowledgeable of all that VSN offers and have a heart to share that with newcomers for our welcome center. We also need those willing to take photos and videos to document events of the church. Please contact the church office to let us know you are interested in serving!



Valley Shepherd VBS

July 26-30 * 6:00 - 8:30 pm Ages Kindergarten to Sixth Grade

Volunteers Needed!!

Prayer Requests

Our nation & leaders Military/Law enforcement Church of Week: Eagle Pastor Tim Bunn Church Finances Income during summer months Those with chronic health issues Persecuted Church: Morocco Imprisoned Christian: Yousef Nadarkhani, Iran, held 1090 days

Sunday Morning Connections:

Connexions led by Cindy Pusey Mariners led by Keith Ricketts Branches led by Bob Arnold & Ken Altman Ambassadors led by Bob Marsland Living for Christ led by Fred Fender Adult Life Application led by Gail & Craig Zickefoose 20-Something led by April & Matt Drinnon University-Age led by Angie Pearl & Kevin Thompson Undefined led by Kim Nixon

Call the church office at 208-888-2141 to connect to these groups.

Order of Service

Welcome Scripture Reading Worship in Music Invocation & Lord's Prayer Worship in Music Church Family Announcements Baby Dedication Sermon Benediction

Thursday Morning Men's Prayer

6:30 am in the Prayer Chapel Breakfast for those who can at KJ's American Grille (formerly called JB's)

Stay Connected

If you have or know of a need please contact the church office.

Cry Room Available Across from the Chapel in Rm 105



VBS Volunteers Needed!

Financials July offering to date: \$37,761 Needed each month: \$95,295

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CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION IN MOROCCO



OVERVIEW:

Morocco is ruled by a monarch who is purportedly a direct descendant of the prophet Muhammad and intends to govern the nation with Islamic principles. The North African country has experienced over 1,100 years of Islamic oppression since Morocco's historic people group, the Berbers, were forced into Islam by invading Arabs in the eighth century. Today, only a fraction of 1 percent of the population is Christian. The growth of Christianity has been slow, with a major setback occurring in 2010 when hundreds of missionaries were forced to leave the country. With the rise of digital technology and social media, more Moroccans are coming to faith in Christ.

MAJOR RELIGIONS:

Nearly all Moroccans are Sunni Muslims.

PERSECUTOR:

The government is the main persecutor. Family, friends and communities also persecute Christian converts.

WHAT IT MEANS TO FOLLOW CHRIST IN MOROCCO:

There are no church buildings in Morocco. Bible distribution and missionary activity are not allowed in the country. Christians have difficulty finding fellowship, but networks of underground churches have developed. A number of Christians have been imprisoned on charges of apostasy and proselytizing.

ACCESS TO BIBLES:

About 35 million people live in Morocco, but few printed Bibles exist in the country. It is difficult to get a Bible, but believers access Scripture through creative methods such as digital files on SD cards, which they can use on their mobile phones and tablets.

VOM WORK:

VOM supports various forms of outreach and provides assistance to new converts.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for the wisdom of believers caught by secret police
- Pray that believers will boldly share the gospel with their families
- Pray for unity among Moroccan Christians
- Pray that Bibles will become more accessible throughout the country
- Pray for King Mohammed VI and other government leaders

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Prisoner Profile





PRISONER NAME	LOCATION	ARRESTED	HELD
Yousef Nadarkhani	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Jul 2018	1082 DAYS

Yousef Nadarkhani and three of his church members, Saheb (Zaman) Fadaee, Mohammad Ali (Yasser) Mosayebzadeh and Mohammad Reza Omidi, are serving 10-year prison sentences on charges of "acting against national security" and "promoting Zionist Christianity." The men are all members of the Church of Iran.

Yousef, 45, had spent nearly three years in prison after being sentenced to death for apostasy in 2010. He was acquitted in September 2012.

The believers, along with Yousef's wife, Fatemeh Pasandideh, were arrested on Friday, May 13, 2016. Yousef and Fatemeh were released on bail the same day, while Saheb, Mohammad Ali and Mohammad Reza were released on bail two weeks later.

The four men were sentenced in July 2017 and began their sentences a year later in July 2018, after violent arrests at their homes. Fatemeh was reportedly told she would be arrested if she left Gilan Province. Saheb, Mohammad Ali and Mohammad Reza were also sentenced to 80 lashes each for drinking wine during Communion.

Yousef became a Christian at age 19. His wife is also a Christian convert from Islam, and the couple have been fighting for more than 10 years for the rights of their two boys to be recognized as Christians. For the past several years, the boys have been denied certificates showing they completed their studies, because they refused to take Islamic classes.

10-Year Sentence Reduced

On June 22, 2020, Yousef Nadarkhani's prison sentence was reduced to six years. Further areas for appeal are also being explored

Address for Saheb (Zaman) Fadaee

Evin Prison Saadat Abad Tehran Islamic Republic of Iran

Please note:

When writing a letter, never mention the name of the source of your information or the name of any organization such as Voice of the Martyrs or Prisoner Alert. It is not dangerous for a prisoner to receive letters from individuals, but if an organization is mentioned they may be accused of links with 'foreign organizations' and receive harsher sentences. Also, please do not state anything negative about their government. For the latest information, including letter writing tools and helps, please visit PrisonerAlert.com.

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