

THE SESSION'S MESSAGE

Well November is packed with lots of days to remember. On the 1st we find that Daylight Saving Time ends. So, we will fall back. You remember that hour that we lost when we sprang forward? Well this is where we get it back. Yea!!! Then on Tuesday the 3rd we go to the polls and vote.

I wonder how long it will be before we know who won the election. I do encourage all of you to get out and vote for the person you think will be the best one for the job of leader of the free world. No pressure there.

Then on November 11th we celebrate Veterans Day. This is a day when we honor the folks that served in the military who put their lives on the line to protect us and our way of life. I encourage you to thank a veteran for their service.

Toward the end of the month we have on the 26th Thanksgiving Day. Despite the unrest and violence, we have witnessed across our nation, and the deaths from the corona virus, we still have a lot to be thankful for. Remember through all the chaos God is still in control. I would pray that we would draw together and work for unity and peace. Also, I would pray that the compassion of the people would come forth and protect the unborn. We must value each life as precious to God.

When I was much younger, I would try to find reasons for things like cancer. The medical profession would tell us that there is no cure for these diseases. I figured it was just God's way of punishing us for our sinfulness. In time I realized that it was sin that brought sickness and death. God loves us and wants what is best for us. Isaiah 55:6 says, "Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near." Go to God first. Do not make him the last resort.

Why is it so hard for us as a people to be humble, to give God the glory that he is due? Again, it is that sin nature that is within us and it keeps telling us that we can be like God. We keep listening to the wrong voice. Which voice should we be following? The Holy Spirit, for he will guide and direct us to the path that leads to eternal life.

The most powerful tool that we have available to use is prayer. Pray by yourself or with a small group, or even a large group, the important part is to pray. Pray daily and we will see the change. That change will be in us because we are doing what God has said we should do. During this season of thanksgiving let us give thanks to God for we are truly blessed even during this time of political strife and COVID-19. God bless you all and I pray that we all stay healthy and virus free.

Dennis

"We should ask God to increase our hope when it is small, awaken it when it is dormant, confirm it when it is wavering, strengthen it when it is weak, and raise it up when it is overthrown."

- John Calvin

Give
THANKS
WITH A GRATEFUL
HEART 1 Thessalonians. 5:18

NOVEMBER 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>1</p> <p>Daylight Savings Time Ends</p> <p>International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church</p> <p>Worship: 11am (in sanctuary and via Zoom)</p>	2	<p>3</p> <p>Election Day: GO VOTE!</p>	<p>4</p> <p>B-day: Joel Coddington</p>	5	<p>6</p> <p>Anniv: Ray & Melanie Evans</p>	7
<p>8</p> <p>Diaconate Meeting: 9am</p> <p>Worship: 11am (in sanctuary and via Zoom)</p> <p>Communion</p> <p>B-day: Stephen Cannon</p>	9	10	<p>11</p> <p>Veterans Day</p>	12	<p>13</p> <p>B-day: Judah McNutt</p>	14
<p>15</p> <p>Worship: 11am (in sanctuary and via Zoom)</p> <p>Session Meeting: 4:30pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>B-day: Joy Mackin</p>	17	18	19	<p>20</p> <p>B-day: Ruth Symon B-day: Mia McNutt B-day: Nathaniel Coddington</p>	21
<p>22</p> <p>Worship: 11am (in sanctuary and via Zoom)</p> <p>Deadline: Christmas Cards for the Troops</p> <p>B-day: David Coddington</p>	<p>23</p> <p>B-day: TJ Keasler B-day: Andrea Ward</p>	24	25	<p>26</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day</p>	<p>27</p> <p>B-day: Cindy Keasler</p>	28
<p>29</p> <p>First Sunday of Advent</p> <p>Worship: 11am (in sanctuary and via Zoom)</p> <p>Deacons Fund Offering</p>	30					

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

DEACONS OF THE MONTH: Glenn Basinger and Trey Griffith.

FOOD MINISTRY LEADER OF THE MONTH: To Be Determined.

RECURRING WEEKLY EVENTS: Sunday Worship at 11:00 am, in the sanctuary and via Zoom.

<u>2020</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>2020 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 6,106.00	\$ 74,915.86
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$ 4,158.56	\$ 66,603.13
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ 1,947.44	\$ 8,312.73
<u>2019</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>2019 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 10,008.35	\$ 72,702.44
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$ 8,743.97	\$ 86,114.97
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ 1,264.38	\$ (13,412.53)

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR THE TROOPS

We hope you will help support our Christmas Cards for the Troops annual event. Start planning now to prepare your cards. **All cards will need to be delivered to the church by November 22nd.**

Let family and friends know about our annual project! We welcome cards from everyone.

(For homemade cards: please do not use glitter.)



Sunday, November 1
International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

November is the month we collectively pray for world missions, particularly for restricted-access countries where believers are often persecuted for their faith. This month of prayer coincides with the **International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church, which is Sunday, November 1.** Mission to the World invites our congregation to join in a global prayer meeting on that Sunday to pray for our oppressed brothers and sisters.

A prayer guide is provided on page 4.

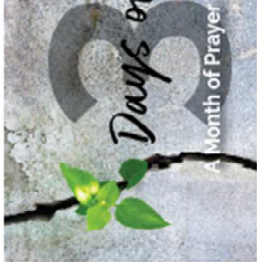


REMEMBERING THE
 PERSECUTED CHURCH

"REMEMBER
 THE PRISONERS
 AS IF YOU
 WERE CHAINED
 WITH THEM."

HEBREWS 13:3

NOVEMBER PRAYER GUIDE FOR WORLD MISSIONS



Days of Prayer
A Month of Prayer for Global Missions



Please join millions around the world in praying on November 1, the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church, as we remember believers who suffer simply because they confess Jesus Christ as Lord. Keep praying—don't stop. We encourage you to use this calendar month after month. And visit mtw.org / pray throughout the year for more prayer requests.



NOVEMBER 2020



International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church.
Pray for believers in restricted-access countries being persecuted for their faith. Ask God to give them perseverance, protection, and boldness.

Tokyo: For the first RUF college ministry starting this school year. Pray that God causes the ministry to flourish during these uncertain times of a pandemic.

Pray for protection from Satan for families and marriages of those involved with global Muslim ministry.

Pray for divine appointments and open hearts for the world's nearly 80 million displaced people, many who live where MTW ministers.

Pray for new team members to join us in serving in Central Asia, the Middle East and North Africa.

Pray for our missionaries and Mexican partners as we seek to plant two churches in each of 10 cities in northern Mexico within the next few years.

Pray that women serving in the Muslim world would have open doors to connect with women who are often restricted to their homes.

Bulgaria: For church-planting efforts in Plovdiv and particularly that young leaders and believing families would be raised up.

Pray for imprisoned leaders from an East Asian church serving prison sentences for being faithful witnesses of the gospel.

Ask God to grant our missionaries the ability to grieve well over past ministry plans that can no longer be used due to COVID-19 and for vision to develop creative, new strategies.

East Asia: For wives of national pastors facing increasing pressure as the government steps up repressive measures on unregistered house churches.

Pray that the Lord would use COVID-19 for His glory and to expand His kingdom. Pray that the Church worldwide will respond with wisdom.

Pray for our East Asia missionary families that are currently displaced, that they would be able to return to the field soon.

Pray that churches in South Africa would ignite a revival of reconciliation, both with God and across racial and economic barriers.

Pray for development of student ministries across Southern Africa, where universities are a pivotal connection to the next generation of leaders.

Pray that Rohingya refugees living in a Southeast Asia city gain skills and experience the love of Christ through the outreach of a local community center.

Pray for Christ's College in Taipei as they search for a new president.

As Muslims turn to Christ around the world, ask God that they may they be successfully enfolded into the Church and effectively disciplined.

Ask God to call many new workers to fill opportunities in the Muslim world. The fields are ripe for harvest, but more workers are needed!

Chile: For the opportunity to promote reconciliation and healing in several situations. Pray as our missionaries seek our Father's wisdom to promote this.

Pray for pastoral training via internet-based distance courses as they are organized in eight countries in West Africa.

Scotland: For churches to be planted and thrive in a secular, humanistic culture. Pray also for God to raise up a national church planter for Glasgow.

France: That ministry through art would bear fruit, that believers would grasp God's grace through it.

Pray for peace in the Sahel region of Africa, where outreach to Muslims is being hindered by extremist groups.

Pray for the advance of God's kingdom and church growth among First Nations and Native American people. Pray for relationships of trust to grow.

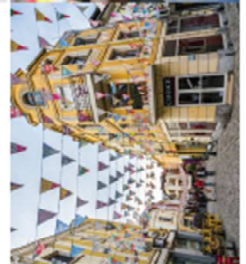
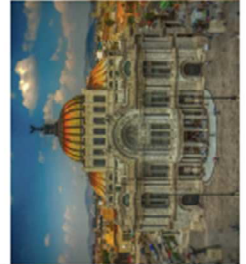
Pray for governments in Muslim-majority countries to allow space for Christians to live freely and openly proclaim their faith.

Pray for two young Italian leaders being disciplined into pastoral ministry.

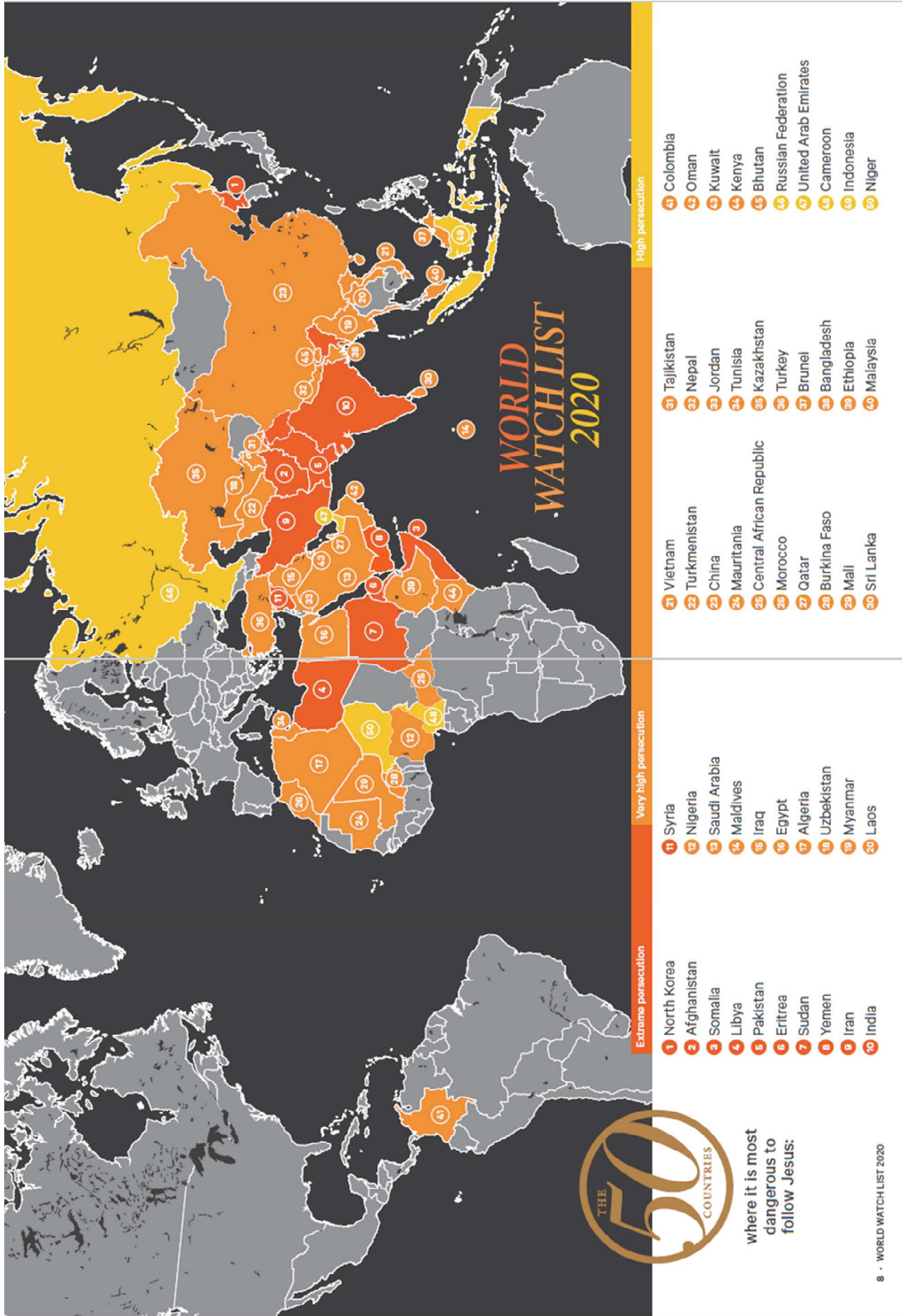
Pray for economic recovery across Southern Africa, already besieged by poverty and inequality, now intensified by COVID-19; pray that God would bring relief and draw many to Himself.

Praise God for the sacrificial giving of many who financially support workers among Muslim groups; may the Lord continue to provide.

Pray for a new educational initiative for missionary kids in Nagoya, Japan, and that it would expand to serve Japanese families.



WORLD WATCH LIST 2020 — 50 Countries Most Dangerous to Christians



Source: OpenDoorsUSA.org
<https://www.opendoorsusa.org/2020-world-watch-list-report/>

HAVE YOU TALKED TO GOD TODAY?

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAITH PROMISE MISSIONARIES

Robert & Lisa Stewart	Mission to the World — Japan
Andy & Bev Warren	Mission to the World — Ethiopia
Doug McNutt	Trinity Center for World Missions — Central Africa Evangelist
Aaron & Leticia Zapata	Mission to North America — Mexico
Chaplain Ministry	Mission to North America
Jimmy & Nadia Dukes	Reformed Evangelistic Fellowship — Peru
Beth Acton	Wycliffe Bible Translators — Papua New Guinea
Joy Ayabe	Wycliffe Bible Translators — Papua New Guinea
Clete Hux	Apologetics Resource Center — Birmingham, AL
Jonah & Jennifer	Frontiers — Undisclosed Muslim Country
General Support	Sav-A-Life Pregnancy Resource Center — Demopolis, AL
General Support	Palmer Home for Children — Hernando, MS

HOOKED ON PRAYER (HOP):

Allinder, Ike
Allinder, Kate
Bazuin, Caiden
Beale, Amy
Beeler, Peggy
Belcher, Samuel
Brantley, Maggie
Brooker, Chrissy
Brooker, Jan
Bryant, Jessica
Burkett, Holly
Busby, Rhae
Bynum, Linda
Coker, Jean
Craig, Noah
Curry, Walter
Dale, Kelly
Daughtery, Jody
Davidson, Karen
DeWitt, Robert
Duncan, Conner
Dunning, Norbourn
Dyer, Doug
Eshee, Judy
Finley, Betty
Fleming, Joe
Harstad, Paula

Hart, Sarah Elizabeth
Haubert, Chloe Belle
Hayes, Betsy
Hocker, Jeannie
Hogg, Ian
Hoggle, Judy
Holman, Joann
Hooks, Chesnee
Husbands, Jennie
Hux, Karen
Ivy, Kendall
Jennifer (Missionary)
Keasler, Jo Anne
Kelly, Dale
Lane, Barbara
Leascher, Chad
Lewis, Kathy
Ligon, Brandon
Lockett, Joanne
Mackin, Jimmy
McCraw, Beverly
McIntier, Jodie
Morgan, Laura
Mutisya, Cecilia
Parr, Higley
Pickerill, Paula
Plummer, Kaegan

Reynolds, Christy
Sakon, Ethan
Sall, Terry
Segura, Chris
Sharp, Chris
Sims, Anna Katherine
Sims, Sarah
Spree, Thed
Taylor, Marie
TenHaaf, WM
Thornton, Alaina
VanderMolen, Popko
Witherspoon, Mary Stewart
Womble, Caleb
Wright, Hettie



OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS

Cancer:

Jody Daugherty
Luke (Jonah's son)
Scott Kirkpatrick
Maggie Brantley
Jimmy Mackin

Illness:

Ian Hogg
Laura Morgan
Neal Bules
David Headley

Special Needs:

Liz Bond
Sarah Elizabeth Hart
Viola Cook
William R. Horton
The Hutton Family

Military Personnel:

Chaplain William Broderick
Sam Brasfield
Steven Mackin
Victor Resto
Joseph Wilson
Josh Tyson
Blake Ivy

Expectant Mothers:

Janie Basinger
Kristen Resto

If you know anyone who needs to be added or taken off any of these lists, please provide Ann Resto with the information to keep the prayer lists current.