

THE SESSION'S MESSAGE

On November 7, 2021, and throughout the month of November is the International Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians (IDOP). We in this country are blessed because we do not see the type of persecution that our fellow Christians in other countries endure. Many times, they even make the ultimate sacrifice to follow the Lord Jesus. However, having said that, I would note that the Church sees tremendous growth during these times of persecution. It is in our nature to avoid things that cause us pain, but remember Christ told us to pick up our cross and follow Him.

One such Christian did just that. His name was Richard Wurmbbrand. He was born the youngest of four boys in a Jewish family on March 24, 1909, in Bucharest, Romania. Gifted intellectually and fluent in nine languages, Richard was active in leftist politics and worked as a stockbroker. On October 26, 1936, Richard married Sabina Oster, who was also Jewish. They placed their faith in Jesus Christ in 1938 as a result of the influence of a German carpenter named Christian Wolfkes. Richard was ordained as an Anglican, and later Lutheran, minister.

During World War II, Richard and Sabina saw many opportunities for evangelism among the occupying German forces. In 1945, Romanian Communists seized power and a million Russian troops poured into the country. Pastor Wurmbbrand ministered to his oppressed countrymen while engaging in bold evangelism to the Russian soldiers. The secret police kidnapped Richard on February 29, 1948. He was locked in a solitary cell and labeled prisoner number 1. His wife was arrested and forced to work on the Danube Canal project. She was eventually released after three years. Richard was also released only to be rearrested and then released in an amnesty in 1964.

Through all his persecution Richard remained focused on serving the Lord and his fellow Christians. He began a ministry of being a voice for persecuted Christians in the West, where he also wrote his testimony of persecution, "Tortured for Christ." Later Richard moved to the United States and in 1967 the Wurmbbrands officially began a ministry committed to serving our persecuted Christian family called Jesus to the Communists World (later renamed The Voice of the Martyrs). This work continues today in more than 60 countries where Christians are persecuted.

I encourage you to read Richard's book "Tortured for Christ" and to pray for "The Voice of the Martyrs" ministry throughout the month of November.

God bless you all,
Dennis

IDOP Requested Prayer Points:

Pray for Christians for whom fleeing from persecution is the only option. Pray for God's protection and provision.

Pray also for God's grace in the emotional turmoil of leaving everything behind.

Pray for those ministries caring for fleeing Christians: that they will be able to provide the necessary physical needs – but also to give pastoral and spiritual support.

Pray for Eritrean Christians on refugee camps in Ethiopia – particularly those caught up in the current conflict in the Tigray area.

Pray for Christians from Syria and Iraq who have fled to the northern Kurdistan region.

Pray for Christians in Nigeria who have become refugees in their own country as a result of Islamist attacks.

Pray for the country of Afghanistan; that believers will remember that God knows everything, He cares for them and will provide for them even in the most difficult of times.

Pray that the global church and Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) supporting Christians in Afghanistan respond to calls for help with compassion, wisdom and boldness, and help people to find God in the midst of trouble and great distress.

For more information and to sign up for regular prayer updates, please visit:

www.releaseinternational.org

NOVEMBER 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 B-day: Joel Coddington	5	6 Anniv: Ray & Melanie Evans
7 Daylight Savings Time Ends International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church Sunday School: 9:30am Worship: 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom)	8 Game/Fellowship Time: 9:30am B-day: Stephen Cannon	9 WM Hinged Study: 9:30am or 6:30pm	10 Dinner & Bible Study: 5:30pm/6pm	11 Veterans Day B-day: Elliot Stanford	12	13 B-day: Judah McNutt
14 Deacon Meeting Sunday School: 9:30am Worship: 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) MNA Mercy Ministries Thanksgiving Offering Communion: TBD Congregational Meeting: after worship service	15 Game/Fellowship Time: 9:30am	16 Session Meeting: 9am WM Hinged Study: 9:30am or 6:30pm B-day: Joy Mackin	17 Dinner & Bible Study: 5:30pm/6pm	18	19	20 B-day: Ruth Symon B-day: Mia McNutt B-day: Nathaniel Coddington
21 Sunday School: 9:30am Worship: 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) Monthly Fellowship Potluck Deadline: Christmas Cards for the Troops	22 Game/Fellowship Time: 9:30am Christmas Church Decorating: 2pm B-day: David Coddington	23 WM Hinged Study: Cancelled B-day: TJ Keasler B-day: Andrea Ward	24 Dinner & Bible Study: 5:30pm	25 Thanksgiving Holiday	26	27 B-day: Cindy Keasler
28 First Sunday of Advent Sunday School: 9:30am Worship: 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) HOP: 2pm	29 Game/Fellowship Time: 9:30am	30 WM Hinged Study: 9:30am or 6:30pm				

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

DEACONS OF THE MONTH: David Coddington and Ray Evans

FOOD MINISTRY LEADER OF THE MONTH: Bess Weltin

RECURRING WEEKLY EVENTS:

- Sunday School at 9:30 am.
- Sunday Worship at 11:00 am, in the sanctuary and via Zoom.
- Game/Fellowship Time, Mondays at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.
- Women’s Fall Study, Tuesdays at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall or at 6:30 pm (contact Patty Kirkpatrick for evening study information.)
- Dinner/Bible Study, Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall; dinner is at 5:30 pm and the Bible study is at 6:00 pm
- Choir Practice, 7:00 pm

DEACONS CLASS OF 2022: Glenn Basinger and Trey Griffith

DEACONS CLASS OF 2023: David Coddington and Mike Cork

DEACONS CLASS OF 2024: Ray Evans and Joel Coddington

<u>2021</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>2021 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 6,027.00	\$ 71,552.00
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$ 5,444.35	\$ 56,828.87
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ 582.65	\$ 14,723.13
<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

SEPTEMBER AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 25

NOVEMBER EVENTS

November 7:

- Daylight Savings Time Ends.
- International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church.

November 14:

- Deacon Meeting.
- Communion (TBD).
- Mission To North America (MNA) Mercy Ministries Thanksgiving Offering.
- Congregational Meeting immediately following the worship service to elect Deacons for the class of 2022-2025.

November 16: Session Meeting, 9:00 am.

November 21:

- Monthly Fellowship Potluck.
- Deadline for Christmas Cards for the Troops.

November 22: Christmas Decorating at the Church, 2:00 pm.

November 28: First Sunday of Advent.



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 21st.



HAVE YOU TALKED TO GOD TODAY?

NOVEMBER 2021

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	The Lighthouse Women's Center — Demopolis, AL
General Support	Palmer Home for Children — Hernando, MS

HOOKED ON PRAYER (HOP):

Acton, Beth	Hoggle, Judy
Allinder, Kate	Hooks, Chesnee
Bazuin, Caiden	Huizenga, Fran
Beale, Amy	Hux, Karen
Beard, Ken	Ivy, Kendall
Beard, Ronnie	Jennifer (Missionary)
Beeler, Peggy	Kelly, Dale
Belcher, Samuel	Lane, Barbara
Brantley, Maggie	Lawson, Connie
Brooker, Chrissy	Lewis, Kathy
Brooker, Jan	Ligon, Brandon
Busby, Rhae	Mackin, Jimmy
Bynum, Linda	McIntier, Jodie
Cannon, Mary	Mize, Bethany
Chastang, Kristye	Morgan, Laura
Coker, Jean	Mutisya, Cecilia
Craig, Noah	Parr, Higley
Curry, Walter	Plummer, Kaegan
Davidson, Karen	Reynolds, Christy
DeWitt, Robert	Sakon, Ethan
Duncan, Conner	Sall, Terry
Dyer, Doug	Sharp, Chris
Emerson, Sandra	Sims, Anna Katherine
Espy, Emily	Sims, Sarah
Finley, Betty	Snipes, Ramona
Foshee, Barbara	Taylor, Marie
Griffith, Michelle	Thornton, Alaina
Hall, Jimmy	Tipton, Carolyn
Hart, Sarah Elizabeth	VanderMolen, Popko
Haubert, Chloe Belle	Witherspoon, Mary Stewart
Hayes, Betsy	Womble, Caleb
Hocker, Jeannie	Zimmerman, Steve

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.

If you have a heart to pray for the critically, chronically or terminally ill, HOP needs you.

**Can you pray?
WE NEED YOU!**

**Can you knit or crochet?
WE NEED YOU!**

**Can you write note cards?
WE NEED YOU!**

HOP is a prayer shawl ministry. We give shawls, throws, or blankets to the critically, chronically, or terminally ill to let them know we are praying for them. You do not need to know how to knit or crochet to be involved.

Any monetary gifts or donations of supplies, yarn, note cards and/or postage is greatly appreciated.

Please contact Eloise Harris or Joy Mackin for more information on how you can get involved.

OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS

Cancer:

Luke (Jonah's son)
Scott Kirkpatrick
Jimmy Mackin
Rick Wilson

Illness:

Laura Morgan
Neal Bules
David Headley

Special Needs:

Liz Bond
Frank Ramey
The Hutton Family
Sharon Farst

Military Personnel:

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

