International Christian Response

Hope & Help for the Persecuted Church

Uzbekistan

It's not illegal to be a Christian in Uzbekistan. The president declared that as a secular state, Uzbekistan would not make laws about religion. However, the government has not approved registrations for any church buildings since 2022 and only about 30 churches have official registration. This lack of official recognition concerns ICR partners, especially after the president changed the constitution in 2023 to keep himself in power for the next 14-16 years.
On the social level, it's hard to change people's minds. With 93% of the population Muslim, conversion is often viewed as a deep dishonor to the family. When someone decides to follow Jesus, they often lose family connections.

Additional Prayer Requests

1. Pray for those sharing the gospel with Muslims.
2. Pray for Christians to be able to share the good news of Jesus with children.
3. Pray for safety for those serving as pastors and evangelists.
4. Pray for women like Dilara and Nargiz who are often beaten by their husbands for their faith.

For more information visit:
https://christianresponse.org

Sermon Notes

Nothing Can Separate Us

Romans 8:31-39

HOPE IN CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

Glorifying God by Knowing,
Living and Proclaiming
our Hope in Christ

Today's Message

Nothing Can Separate Us

Romans 8:31-39

September 29, 2024

Guest Pastor Mitch Senti

Welcome!

Welcome to Hope in Christ Church. We are so glad you have joined us today!
May God bless you as you worship with us.

Order of Worship

Prelude: Mitch & Rochelle

Come Thou Fount

Welcome

Call to Worship Romans 8:28-30

Lord I Need You

Prayer of Confession

I Will Praise Him Still

One Thing Remains

Prayer

Special Song: Nothing Can Separate Us

Sermon Scripture Romans 8:31-39, Reader Philip

Sermon Nothing Can Separate Us

The Love of God

Benediction

Postlude: Mitchell & Rochelle

Today's Offering is for the Benevolence Fund
There is a collection basket next to the sound booth.

Announcements

"VOICES OF THE PERSECUTED" CONFERENCE: Saturday, October 12 from 8:30 -3:15, join ICR and hear what God is doing in places where Christian's live in difficult circumstances; their unique challenges and amazing opportunities. Event held at the Evangelical Chinese Church, Edmonds, WA.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study is starting October 9 from 9:45-11:00am. We will study the book of John. Study guide books are available to be picked up in the office or from Faye on Sunday. Cost is $10 per book.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE: The Seahawks 12, Sissy Davis, passed away on June 18, 2024. We were all devastated and miss her terribly. Today, from 1 p.m. till 3 p.m., we will have a Celebration of her Life at the Pavilion at Cordata: 4530 Cordata Parkway in Bellingham. Bring your best stories (and we all have some), to share with us. We will have brunch and enjoy the day in her memory. If you have any questions.

GEMS: GEMS needs a helper who could join us once or twice a month. Contact Darlys if you have any questions.

POTLUCK: Mark your calendars - our next church potluck will be Sunday, October 13 after Sunday School (12pm). Please bring soup, salad, buns or/and dessert and stay to enjoy each others company. Not able to bring food? Join us anyways! There's always enough food to share.

CELEBRATE WITH ENVISION MISSION: Envision Mission will be hosting a special evening on Oct. 3 to celebrate its residents who have completed their Summit House program. The event, which will be held at Sonlight Community CRC at 6:30 p.m., will honor supporters and volunteers with an opportunity to give to the ongoing work of Envision Mission. Delicious desserts will be served, and live music will be performed by Mitch and Rochelle Senti.

Servants for Sunday, October 6, 2024

Greeters: Jay, Avis

E-Street Taxi: Doug

Foyer Monitor: Jay

Scripture Reading: Damon

Prayer Room: Needed

SS Observer: Jolene

Communion Prep: Doug, Winnie

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