

Welcome

to ELMWOOD MB CHURCH



November 3, 2024

Sermon: "The Work of the Spirit in the Life of the Christian"

Romans 8:12-17

– Pastor Ken

There will be Kids Loft this morning during the sermon.

SERMON NOTES

PRAYER & PRAISE:

- Pray for our seniors @ home: Katie Visch & Eileen Roller.
- Today is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. Please pray for boldness and courage for believers to continue to share the gospel, and for protection as they faithfully follow Him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

"We thank everyone for what you did for us: feeding us, making us feel happy. You have shown us the love that makes us feel independent. May God bless you very much. He Himself will repay you." -Moses Kitumaini, on behalf of the family.

"We, the Refugee Sponsorship Committee, thank you, the congregation, for the overwhelming generosity in sponsoring the Kitumaini family. All the financial obligations have been met and then some. There is a surplus of \$3,494.11."

-Deb Kernaghan, Al Enns, Mary Unruh and Herta Janzen

There are two weeks left to fill and drop off Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes! Collection date is November 17th.

Baptism and Membership classes: If you are interested in being baptized or would like to learn more, classes will begin November 24th in the library during the Sunday school hour (9:30-10:15am.) Sign up at the info desk or contact the office.

Donut Date: Adults and children are invited to attend a one-on-one meeting time on **November 22nd at 6:45 pm.** Age-appropriate questions will be provided, as well as donuts and hot chocolate! Please register through the Church Center App. If you have any questions, contact Bronte Stevens or Alannah Mittelstadt.

THIS WEEK (November 4 – November 10):

Tuesday: 9:30am Sewing Group
6:30pm UGM

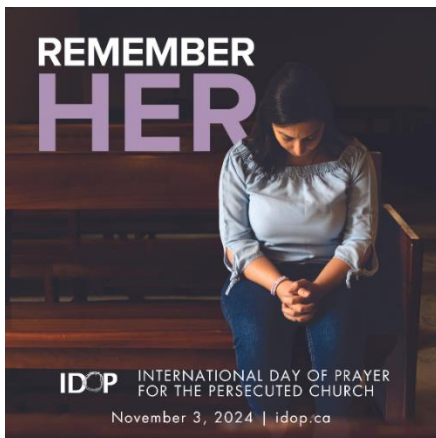
7:00pm Women's evening Bible study

Wednesday: 7:00pm Leadership Council meeting

Thursday: 7:00pm Youth

Sunday: 10:30am Worship Service

MISSIONS & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT



Join Open Doors online **this evening at 6:00 pm** for their International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church event. It will stream live on the Open Doors Canada Youtube channel.

This year, the emphasis will be on women who faithfully follow Jesus despite the cost.

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2024 OPEN DOORS WORLD WATCH LIST



A ranking of the 50 countries where it is most difficult to be a Christian.

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| 1 North Korea | 18 Maldives | 35 Vietnam |
| 2 Somalia | 19 China | 36 Bhutan |
| 3 Libya | 20 Burkina Faso | 37 Mexico |
| 4 Eritrea | 21 Laos | 38 Egypt |
| 5 Yemen | 22 Cuba | 39 Mozambique |
| 6 Nigeria | 23 Mauritania | 40 Qatar |
| 7 Pakistan | 24 Morocco | 41 Congo DR (DRC) |
| 8 Sudan | 25 Uzbekistan | 42 Indonesia |
| 9 Iran | 26 Bangladesh | 43 Cameroon |
| 10 Afghanistan | 27 Niger | 44 Brunei |
| 11 India | 28 Central African Republic | 45 Comoros |
| 12 Syria | 29 Turkmenistan | 46 Tajikistan |
| 13 Saudi Arabia | 30 Nicaragua | 47 Kazakhstan |
| 14 Mali | 31 Oman | 48 Jordan |
| 15 Algeria | 32 Ethiopia | 49 Malaysia |
| 16 Iraq | 33 Tunisia | 50 Turkey |
| 17 Myanmar | 34 Colombia | |

PERSECUTION IS REAL. IT IS A DAILY REALITY FOR MORE THAN 365 MILLION CHRISTIANS WORLDWIDE.

Every year, the World Watch List is produced which ranks the top 50 most dangerous countries to live in as a Christian. The World Watch List is based on a comprehensive scoring system that measures the degree of freedom Christians have in five key areas of life – private, family, community,

national and church life. These are then added to the amount of violence they experience to provide a final ranking.

Receive a free copy of the guide to learn more about each country on the list, with country specific prayer points.

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India

2.3%
Christian

- Since 2014, Christian persecution has skyrocketed. Modi and the BJP have passed laws and enforced policies targeting Christians and limiting their religious freedom. Attacks on minorities are reported in greater number and greater severity every year.
- Pray for leaders to speak out against attacks led by radical Hindu nationalists. Pray for protection for India's Christian community.



Nigeria

48%
Christian

- Boko Haram, Fulani militants and Conservative Islamic communities have killed, displaced, and assaulted many Christian communities.
- Pray for protection for Nigeria's Christians against terrorist groups. Pray for provision for the millions of people who have been displaced due to the violence. Pray for the safe return of Nigerian women who have been forcefully converted and forcefully married.



North Korea

1-2%
Christian

- Under the reign of the Kim family, North Koreans are taught to revere only their supreme leaders and nothing else. Christianity is seen as the state's enemy, and Christians must be secretive about their faith or else they might be arrested or face execution.
- Pray for the Gospel to spread among North Korea's unreached. Pray for protection for North Korean Christians who practice their faith in secrecy.



Iran

1-2%
Christian

- Decades of violence have decimated Iraq's Christian community. Militias moved into the Christian homeland following their displacement by ISIS. Extortion, harassment, and threats are common. This environment makes it impossible for Christians to rebuild their lives following genocide.
- Pray that Iraq's Christians may have the strength of courage, fortitude, and patience. Pray that they may continue as faithful witnesses of Christ in their homeland.