Last month I shared with you about the persecution of Christians around the world and the major factors behind the persecution of believers.

This month I want to share with you information from Open Doors about three trends that currently impact the persecution of Christians as well as the number of Christians persecuted worldwide.

3 MAJOR TRENDS IMPACTING THE 2017 WORLD WATCH LIST

NATIONALISM IS ON THE RISE, ESPECIALLY IN ASIA. Insecure governments are using nationalism to preserve their power, to the detriment of minority Christian populations that don’t fit the nationalist mold. Often, this nationalism is religious in nature. Buddhist extremism in Myanmar and Sri Lanka, as well as Hindu extremism in India, are driven by religious nationalism and result in the violent persecution of the Christian minority.

ISLAMIC RADICALIZATION IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA IS BECOMING MAINSTREAM. While the territorial foothold of Islamic State is under assault, its influence has spread. The group has shared technical experience and financial support with terror networks throughout Asia and Africa, and generous funding from Saudi Arabia has facilitated a new network of extremist schools in Somalia, Kenya, Niger and Burkina Faso.
POLARIZATION BETWEEN RADICAL AND MORE AUTOCRATIC REGIMES IN THE MIDDLE EAST CONTINUES TO AFFECT CHRISTIANS, WHO ARE TARGETS OF BOTH SUNNI AND SHIA EXTREMISTS.

Heavyweight rivals Iran and Saudi Arabia are filling the leadership vacuum in the region, and Christians are caught in the resulting crossfire. The mass forced migration of Christians in the Middle East for over a decade now shows that the birthplace of Christianity has become a place of severe Christian persecution.

215 MILLION CHRISTIANS EXPERIENCE PERSECUTION IN THE COUNTRIES ON THE WORLD WATCH LIST

APPROXIMATELY 1 IN 12 CHRISTIANS EXPERIENCE PERSECUTION FOR THEIR FAITH

The International Day of Prayer of the Persecuted Church this year is Sunday, November 12th.

Blessings!
Pastor Kevin
Let us gather for World Communion Sunday on Oct. 1. Remember, this is the Sunday to bring non-perishable canned or boxed food and paper products. These items will be dispersed to the needy in our community through Operation Love.

PLAN TO BRING A SIDE DISH AND STAY AFTER CHURCH ON SUNDAY, OCT 1ST, FOR A DELICIOUS PITCH-IN!

CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES AND DEACONS WILL PROVIDE THE MAIN DISH (FRIED CHICKEN!) AND DRINKS, EVERYONE ELSE IS ASKED TO BRING A SIDE.

WE’LL BE EATING IN THE UPPER ROOM!
Hey Prezzy Youth!

Churby (Chuy and Kirby) here. We’re super excited to continue the Prezzy Youth Program. October’s gonna be tons of fun! …We’ll have regular Youth at church on the 1st, 15th and 22nd...We’ve be volunteering at the Animal Protection League on the 8th …and we have our Halloween Lock-in on the 27th. It’ll be a month of excitement for sure!

Be sure to check out the calendar in the youth room for times.

Youth meets every Sunday from 11-1. We’ll have lunch for you! We will not meet the Sunday after the Lock-in. Check ya later Prezzy’s!

Kirby 765-278-2030    Chuy 765-617-3549

Bible Studies, Breakfasts, Lunches & Crafting!

Come and join George Taylor’s Bible Study on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 AM in the Church Conference Room as they study, read, fellowship and enjoy!

A small Bible Study group meets on Sunday evenings @ 5:00 at Jerry & Stephanie Crabtree's home.

Men’s Presby Pride & Ladies' Lunch will both meet at Frisch’s in October! 9 AM on the 21st for the men, 11:30 AM for the women on the 24th!

A group meets in Fellowship Hall on the first Saturday of the month for crafting & quilting from 10-3!
The Task Force has recommended that we get involved in this give back program offered by the local Payless/Kroger groceries here in Anderson.

KROGERCOMMUNITYREWARDS involves signing up your Kroger/Payless Card online. Every time an enrolled member of our church shops at Kroger/Payless using their Payless Plus Card, our church earns rewards. Register online at krogercommunityrewards.com.

Our organization number is 72265.

THIS PROGRAM BRINGS IN SOME INCOME FOR OUR CHURCH!
PLEASE PLAN TO PARTICIPATE.

NEW GRANDBABY FOR NOLANDS!

Malcolm Lafayette Noland was born on Thursday, Sept. 7th near Washington, D.C. to Daniel Noland & his wife, Dr. Sara Hargrave. Grandparents in the church are Greg & Ann Noland, aunts and uncles include Ron & April Groves, Chris & Christine Nealis, and Walter & Robin Renderos. Lots of cousins too!
A Celebration of Life service was held for Harry Forse on Tuesday, September 5th, at The Community Room at Loose Funeral Homes.

Harry passed away on Aug 31st with his daughters by his side. His true passion was playing golf, and he was a published author. Harry & wife Arlene joined First Pres in 1967; they were 50 year members.

Keep his daughters, Nancy Nuce & Patti Shipley, in your thoughts and prayers.

Gene Rummel, 102, passed away in Naples, Florida on September 16th. He and wife Sarah were long time Anderson residents and wonderful philanthropists for the city. They joined First Pres in 1968.

MEMORIALS

JANE SHAW
Dr. & Mrs. Frank Beeler, Mark & Julie Bruner, William & Mary Alice Carrell, Sonya Eddy, Jon & Dee Ann Graham, Michael & Kitty Hickey, Chuck & Ginny James, Nancy Ohlheiser, Dick & Mary Kay Roby, Bob & Mary Ann Shoemaker

ROSEDA DECKER
Dr. & Mrs. Frank Beeler, Miriam Brewer, William & Mary Alice Carrell

HARRY FORSE
Adrienne Badgley
Bob & Mary Ann Shoemaker
August Receipts $17,485
August Expenses $26,360
August Deficit $(8,874)

Year to date Receipts $54,690
Year to date Expenses $67,140
Year to date Deficit $(12,450)

The August deficit is the largest yet for this fiscal year but it is still below the forecast monthly average. The lower deficit resulted from two favorable factors. 1.) A $5,000 gift from the Helen Burnett Trust (only a partial payment) was treated as budget income and was entered as Other Income. 2.) There were no extraordinary expenses.

Our year to date (3 months elapsed) position is quite good! Our deficit at this point one year earlier was higher by over $10,000. Our spending was almost $7,000 greater. Revenues have increased by almost $3700. All these budget numbers are more favorable.

Dedicated account activity was unusually active. This covers all income and expense not included in the budget. Much of it related to the Ireland trip. Income in this area exceeded expenses by $1,912. For the tenth consecutive month the stock market caused our Vanguard holdings to appreciate. The August increase was only $1,784. Overall our total financial assets decreased in value by $5,368 to end the month at $1,050,520.

Jack Eflin, Finance Chair
On **Sunday, November 5th** we will have a **Service of Remembrance** to honor and remember all the First Presbyterian Saints who have passed away since last year’s service.

They are: Dick Palmer, Sue Schrope, Bill Campbell, Barbara Zeller, Arlene Forse, Dude Warner, Ginny & Jack Hurley, Frank Phelps, Patricia Campbell, Maxine Hawkins, Roseda Doenges Decker, Jane Shaw, Harry Forse & Gene Rummel.

**Family members are especially encouraged to attend this service.**
MEMBER GREG NOLAND HONORED!

Anderson man donates 100th unit of blood

BY KELLY DICKEY
THE HERALD BULLETIN

Greg Noland jokes that it’s the best part of his day as he reclines back in the long gray chair. He’s at ease, as Phoenix Woods from Indiana Blood Center cleans his skin and pricks the needle.

“It’s just a short little pain and once it goes in it doesn’t even hurt while you’re giving,” Noland, 65, said. “It’s just one little prick, is all it is.”

While many have a fear of giving blood, the process is an easy routine for Noland by now. In the bloodmobile stationed outside First Presbyterian Church, he donated his 100th unit of blood on Wednesday.

And it’s not a goal he necessarily set out to accomplish.

Back when Noland was a freshman in college at General Motors Institute—now Kettering University—he simply wanted to discover his blood type and was told donating was the best way to find out. He decided to keep donating after he saw one of his professors receive a hat from the American Red Cross for giving 10 gallons. Over time he grew increasingly aware of the shortage for blood and those in need of it. He eventually made it a goal to donate about four times a year.

Now he’s spent about 6,000 minutes during 100 donations to pump 12.5 gallons of his O negative blood to help save others.

“It’s something that constantly has to be replenished,” Noland said. “So if that isn’t there when our children or our grandchildren need it from a wreck or something like that, if it’s not in the hospital, they’re gonna die. I think a little pinprick is not much of a sacrifice for securing the lives of others.”

According to the American Red Cross, someone in the U.S. needs blood every two seconds. Although an estimated 38 percent of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood at any given time, less than 2 percent of those eligible donate every year.

Donated blood has a shelf-life of about 42 days, and typically donors can give blood every 56 days.

And the need only increases during times of disaster.

Following Hurricane Harvey and in preparation for Hurricane Irma, Indiana Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and Indiana Blood Center released a call to Hoosiers to donate.

“In total, Hoosiers provided 600 units from Indiana Blood Center to patients in Texas,” Crouch Sept. 7 release said. “With the impending impact of Hurricane Irma, our blood supply will remain strained.”

Noland will continue to give and on Wednesday the Indiana Blood Center recognized him for what he’s already done with a plaque.

“Still not a 10-gallon hat,” he said. “It’ll look nice on the wall, though.”

Like Kelly Dickey on Facebook and follow her on Twitter @KDickey7, or call 765-340-4800.

To donate

• To donate blood or platelets, you must be in good general health, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be at least 16 years old.

Parental consent is required for blood donation by 16-year-olds. 16-year-olds are not eligible to donate platelets. No parental consent is required for those who are at least 17.

• Whole blood can be donated every 55 days, platelets every seven days and plasma every 28 days.

• For more information about donating and blood drives, go to indianablood.org or redcrossblood.org.
Susie and Dave Huff, 40 years, 10/8  
Michael and Kay Day, 25 years, 10/10  
Edwin and Kathryn Etchison, 67 years, 10/10  
Daniel Noland & Sara Hargrave, 8 years, 10/10  
Bud and Nancy Campbell, 33 years, 10/13  
Rob and Jane Loose, 30 years, 10/24  
Art & Lesley Henning, 15 years, 10/26  
Fred and Pat Riggs, 71 years, 10/26  
We wish you many more happy years!

MURDER MYSTERY UPDATE! DATE CHANGED!

Mark your calendars for either Friday, Nov. 17th, or Saturday, Nov. 18th, for another fun filled Murder Mystery/Dinner here at First Pres!

It’ll be catered—maybe by Fazoli’s! Many Presbyterians will be in this play— Plan to come!
Birthdays 2017

10/1  Joe Wilson
10/2  Steve Perry
10/3  Bob Shoemaker
10/4  Bill Beeler
10/5  Jackie Hensley
10/7  Shea Bischoff
10/8  Nancy Campbell, Fred Riggs
10/9  William Carrell, Carol Farran, Barbara Perry, Dick Wohlberg
10/17 Lauren Beeler Vale
10/22 Bud Campbell
10/26 David Mishler
10/27 Marilyn McKean
10/30 Nancy Ohlheiser, Ken Wilkinson
10/31 Dawn Lowe

Newsletter Guidelines

- Deadline is the 15th of each month.
- Complete the Newsletter form and place it in the church office, directly in Julie Benagh’s mailbox in the Conference Room OR -
e-mail to Julie at 1stPres@1stPresAnderson.org.
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**October Events**

**Dates to Remember:**

10/1 **WORLD COMMUNION/ALL CHURCH PITCH-IN**

10/7 **Craft/Quilt Day @ Fellowship Hall**

10/8 **Youth Volunteering at Animal Protection League!**

10/21 **Presby Pride @ Frisch’s**

10/24 **Ladies’ Lunch @ Frisch’s**

10/27 **Youth Lock-In**

11/5 **Service of Remembrance!**

11/17 & 11/18—**MURDER MYSTERY**

12/17 **Service of Musical Praise**

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**People to Watch for in October**

Serving Communion on **World Communion** Sunday, October 1 @ 10 AM are **Nancy Johnson, Charles Johnson, Kirby Gilliam & Rev. Kevin Bausman.**

Head Ushers for 9 AM Traditional Service in October will be **Steve & Julie Benagh.**

**William & Mary Alice Carrell** and **Betty Gibson & Lou Canaday** will assist them.

Coffee Hour at 9:30 will be hosted by **Your Deacons.**