

THE OLIN T. BINKLEY MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

FEBRUARY 22, 2026
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



BECOMING AWARE

“Do you know what hurts so very much? It's love. Love is the strongest force in the world, and when it is blocked that means pain. There are two things we can do when this happens. We can kill that love so that it stops hurting. But then of course part of us dies, too. Or we can ask God to open up another route for that love to travel...Love is larger than the walls which shut it in.”

— Corrie Ten Boom, *The Hiding Place: The Triumphant True Story of Corrie Ten Boom*

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

RINGING THE SANCTUS BELL

PRELUDE

There's a Bright Side Somewhere
Old Time Gospel Band

Traditional

There's a bright side somewhere, there's a bright side somewhere,
I ain't gonna rest until I find it. There's a bright side somewhere.

There is more joy somewhere ...
There is more love somewhere ...
There is more peace somewhere ...
There is more justice somewhere ...
There is more freedom somewhere ...

*THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴ But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Insert

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sally Molyneux

Please pass the Friendship Registers found on each row.

Complete the requested information and then pass it back down the row.

Thank you for worshipping with us at Binkley!

Children through 5th grade are invited to go to the Sunroom at this time.

Parents, please pick up your children at this location following Worship.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 32

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit. While I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.
Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of

deliverance. I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you. Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

A CONTEMPORARY WORD

Fredrick Douglass
Cassi Chandler, reader

Poem from Robert Hayden

When it is finally ours, this freedom, this liberty, this beautiful and terrible thing, needful to man as air, usable as earth; when it belongs at last to all, when it is truly instinct, brain matter, diastole, systole, reflex action; when it is finally won; when it is more than the gaudy mumbo jumbo of politicians: this man, this Douglass, this former slave, this Negro beaten to his knees, exiled, visioning a world where none is lonely, none hunted, alien, this man, superb in love and logic, this man shall be remembered. Oh, not with statues' rhetoric, not with legends and poems and wreaths of bronze alone, but with the lives grown out of his life, the lives fleshing his dream of the beautiful, needful thing.

HEARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

Susan Rogers

CALL TO PRAYER

You Are My Hiding Place
Tonya Hamm and Karin Mills, soloists

You are my hiding place,
You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance.
Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you.
I will trust in you; let the weak say,
"I am strong in the strength of my God."

DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE AND MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Put a Little Love in Your Heart

Jackie DeShannon

Think of all humankind, give them a helping hand. Put a little love in your heart
You see it's getting late, oh please don't hesitate. Put a little love in your heart
And the world will be a better place for you and me, just wait and see.

Another day goes by and still the children cry. Put a little love in your heart
If you want the world to know, we won't let hatred grow. Put a little love in your heart
And the world will be a better place for you and me, just wait and see.

Take a good look around and if you're looking down, put a little love in your heart.
I hope when you decide, kindness will be your guide, put a little love in your heart.
And the world will be a better place for you and me, just wait and see.

SERMON

Hiding but not Hidden

Marcus McFaul

*AN INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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*(If you wish to become a member of Binkley Baptist Church today,
you are invited to come forward during the hymn to be welcomed and received.)*

POSTLUDE

May the Long Time Sun Shine upon You

Snatam Kaur

May the long time sun ... shine upon you ... all love surround you,
And the pure light ... within you ... guide your way on ... guide your way on.



The flowers on the communion table are given by Karin Lee in appreciation for Linda Bourne and Karin Mills.

About the cover: "...when his (James Tissot) carefully researched collection of 350 watercolors depicting the life of Jesus was first published as a book in 1896, it found a large and enthusiastic audience. No one who had followed his previous career could have anticipated that this painter of urban life in Paris and London would undertake the project of painting virtually every event in the Gospels. The Life of Our Lord Jesus Christ project took nearly ten years to complete. "(from Terry Glaspey's "75 Masterpieces Every Christian Should Know")



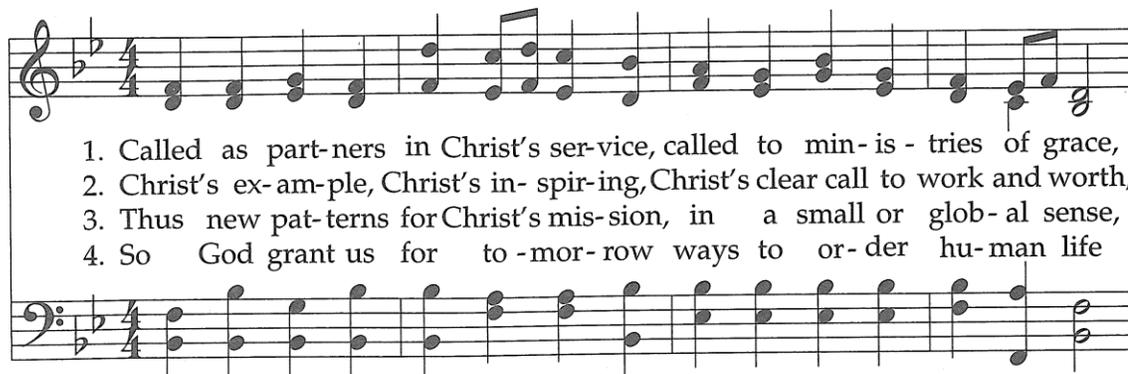
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Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. Mt. 4:1

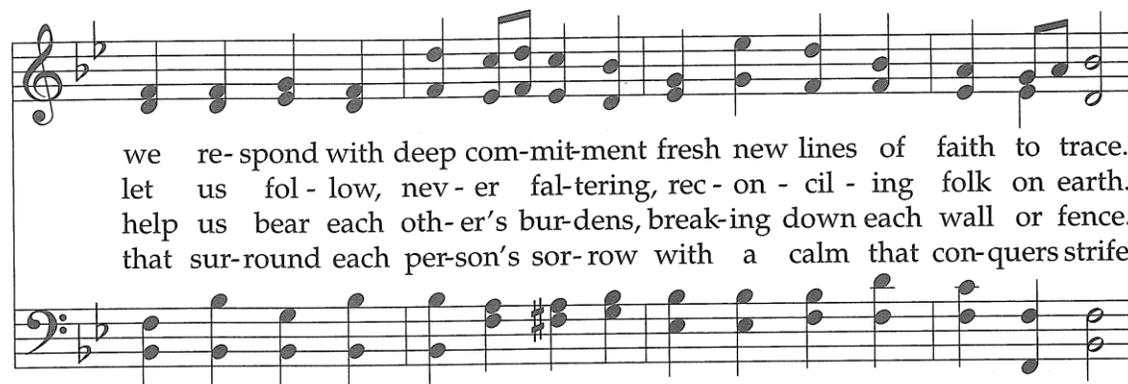
1. Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and pray,
 2. As you with Sa - tan did con-tend, and did the vic - tory win,
 3. As you did hun - ger and did thirst, so teach us, gra - cious Lord,
 4. And thro' these days of pen - i - tence, and thro' your Pas - sion-tide,
 5. A - bide with us, that through this life of doubts and hope and pain,

teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.
 O give us strength in you to fight, in you to con-quer sin.
 to die to self, and so to live by your most ho - ly Word.
 for - ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at last at - tain!

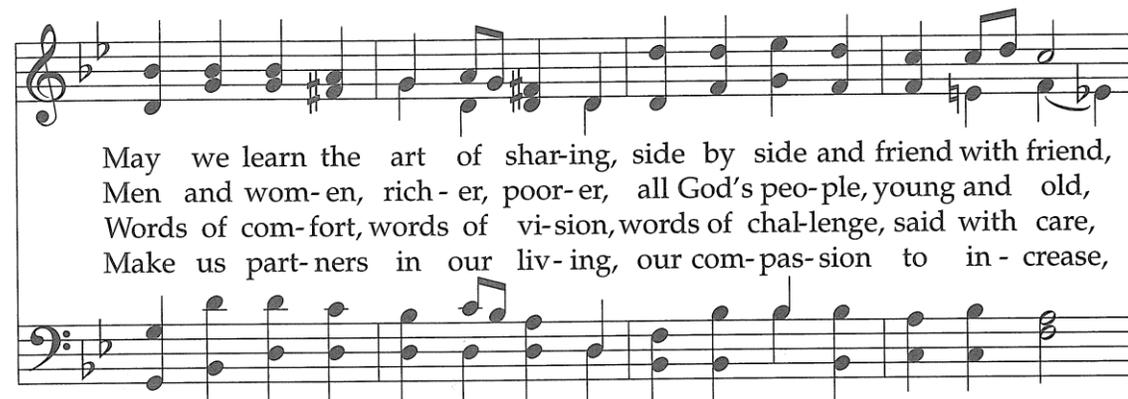
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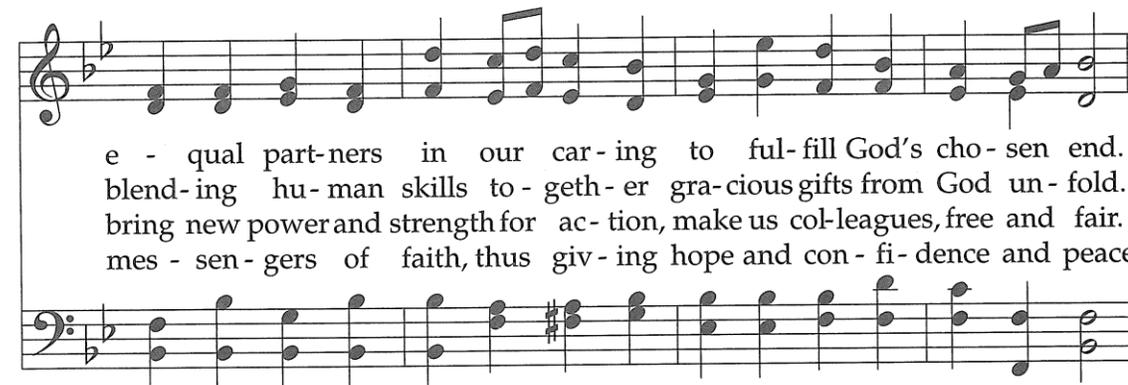
1. Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is - tries of grace,
2. Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in- spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
3. Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
4. So God grant us for to -mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life



we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
let us fol - low, nev - er fal-tering, rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.
help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quers strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
Men and wom-en, rich - er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in - crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
blend-ing hu-man skills to - geth - er gra-cious gifts from God un - fold.
bring new power and strength for ac - tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv - ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

WORDS: Jane Parker Huber, 1981
MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870

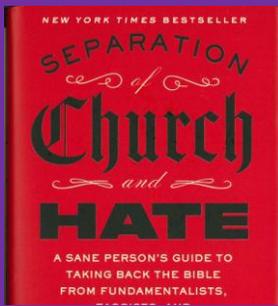
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Welcoming a New Member

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Reaffirming our own faith in Jesus the Christ,
we gladly welcome you into this community of faith,
enfolding you with our love
and committing ourselves to your care.

In the power of God's Spirit
let us mutually encourage each other to trust God
and strengthen one another to serve others,
that Christ's church may in all things stand faithful.



Dr. McFaul invites you to read and discuss John Fugelsang's provocative bestseller Separation of Church and Hate starting on Thursday, February 19th for five consecutive weeks at Noon in the Lounge. Chapters 4-6 for Thurs 2/26

In the Narthex this Sunday and every Sunday, the 2026 Crop Hunger Walk T-shirts will go on sale for \$10 each. So far no one has signed up for this year's Crop Walk. Use the Q Scan to get to the website and join the Binkley Walkers' team.



Sunday Music at Binkley

February 22, 2026
7:00 PM

Binkley Sanctuary
Binkley Baptist Church
1712 Willow Drive, Chapel Hill

Featuring Binkley's Choral Scholars:
Diya Kayaleh, soprano
Kit Rice, alto
Henry Reacher, tenor
Jack Adame-Covey, baritone

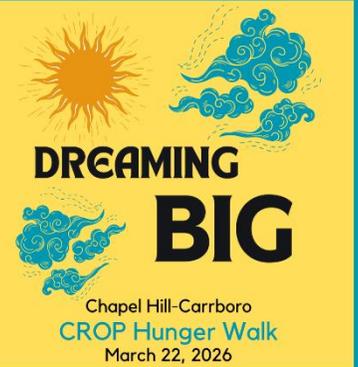
Singing music from the Renaissance to modern jazz.

Accompanied by Mike Harris and Mike Davis



TONIGHT

Reception to follow the concert



DREAMING BIG

Chapel Hill-Carrboro
CROP Hunger Walk
March 22, 2026

A Service of Remembrance
and in Celebration
of the Life
of



Richard Brice

Saturday, February 28
11 am

Binkley Baptist Church
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

(reception will follow service)

JUSTICE FOR ALL VIGIL

New Time

Join us to affirm the members of our beloved community - Black and Brown, LGBTQ, Immigrant, Refugee, and Palestinian lives under attack.

Saturday 02/28/2026
1-2PM

1712 Willow Dr.
Chapel Hill, NC

BINKLEY
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Say it with Flowers

Sign up to provide flowers for the communion table

2026 Flower Sign Ups are NOW available.

Sign Up [Here](#),
email Janet O'Neal at joneal23@nc.rr.com
or scan the QR code below.

Celebrating an occasion?

Honoring a loved one?





Sojourners: will meet this week. Article for this week: [What Lent Asks of Christians Rethinking Trump](#)

Understanding and Reflecting on the Liturgical Year: will meet again later in the year.

Next Sunday: March 1st – The Second Sunday of Lent, communion celebrated; Dr. McFaul preaches, “Journeying with Jesus.” Music from our Chancel Choir.

Mindful Parenting: At each weekly meeting in the Chapel, the class discusses ideas about parenting from current resources. Novice and experienced parents and caregivers – all are welcome. Ty Hagler facilitates this class.

Six Needs of Mourning: This Grief Group will meet at the library for a couple of hours each Sunday for six weeks to explore Dr. Alan Wolfelt's work *Six Needs of the Mourner* with Chaplain Stacy Gunter, a M. Div. seminary student. Sundays January 18- February 22, 2026 - Church Library: 9 am - 10:45am
This will be the final week for this class.

Upcoming Class: Thinking carefully about mental illness, violence, and guns: a social justice lens - a class from Jeff Swanson. Please see below for further information on the class.



Thinking carefully about mental illness, violence, and guns: a social justice lens

March 1, 8, and 15th

Three-Session Adult Sunday School with Jeff Swanson, PhD

North Carolina is home to more than two million people who experience mental illness each year, yet our public behavioral-health system reaches only a fraction of those in need. Governor Stein's recent Executive Order highlights the crisis: nearly every county faces a shortage of mental-health professionals, and too many people go untreated until they end up in emergency rooms, jails, or prisons. Nationally, more people with disabling mental illnesses are incarcerated today than were housed in the largest state hospitals a generation ago. At the same time, the United States continues to lose about 130 people every day to preventable firearm injuries—more than half by suicide. These two problems intersect only at their edges, but both raise profound ethical questions about safety, autonomy, justice, and our obligations to one another. This three-session series will explore these issues through a public-health lens and the moral commitments of a faith community dedicated to compassion and social justice. We will also consider how partisan polarization distorts public understanding—and how congregations like Binkley can help bridge divides to support humane, evidence-based solutions.

March 1 - Session 1 – Gun Violence, Mental Illness, and the Law: Balancing Risk and Rights. What the evidence really shows, why NC still lacks an ERPO (“red flag”) law, and how faith communities can advocate for life-saving, rights-respecting policies.

March 8 - Session 2 – Outpatient Civil Commitment: Autonomy vs. Paternalism. Understanding Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT), the surge in involuntary commitments, and the ethical tensions at the heart of current NC policy debates.

March 15 - Session 3 – Psychiatric Advance Directives: Ulysses in Recovery. How PADs help people preserve autonomy during future crises, the ethics of self-binding, and ways congregations can support dignity and recovery.

Jeff Swanson is Professor in Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Duke University School of Medicine and a faculty affiliate of the Wilson Center for Science and Justice at Duke Law School. Trained as a sociologist, he works across disciplines to build evidence for interventions, policies and laws to improve outcomes for people with mental illness and to prevent firearm-related violence and suicide. He is a long-time Binkley member.

Background readings for further interest – supplied on request



Binkley Senior Adult Ministry Updates From Diane Eubanks Hill, Minister with Senior Adults

The next few months bring a variety of opportunities for Binkley's senior adults and others who might be interested:

Aging in Community led by April Kemper. This group gathered on February 19 and explored challenges each is facing, offering care and support. Many thanks to April for leading! Watch for opportunities to gather with this group - possibly for a visit to the Botanical Gardens - once the weather is consistently warmer. Drop ins are always welcome!

How to avoid Scams – This event is planned for 10:30 on Wednesday, March 18, followed by lunch. The presenter is Lt. Daniel Roberson of the Orange County Sheriff's Office. Watch for details, and the opportunity to register for this event, and the lunch that follows.

Other events are planned, including a **May 3 Sunday afternoon hymn sing and a June 1 back porch brunch and discussion of Joan Chittister's fascinating book The Gift of Years: Growing Older Gracefully.** Please note the change in book titles for this discussion.

All events offered by Binkley's Senior Adult Ministry are open to anyone interested, no matter the age. Questions? Contact a Senior Adult Planning Team Member (Tonya Hamm, Buck Horton, April Kemper, Denise Laux, Craig Meisner, Elizabeth Perry, Betty Prioux, Sheryl Scrimsher, Dennis Will or Diane Eubanks Hill, Minister with Senior Adults)



Easter Lily orders

Easter Lilies will be \$20 each. Order forms will be available starting March 8th through March 30th.

Upcoming Calendar Note:
The Church Office will be closed Tuesday, February 24th for the Staff Retreat.

Children & Youth Activities

Date	Children	Youth
February 22	Chapel @ 9 Sunday School @ 9:45 Worship with Children @ 11	Chapel @ 9 Sunday School @ 9:45 Worship @ 11
March 1	Chapel @ 9 Sunday School @ 9:45 Worship @ 11	Chapel @ 9 Sunday School @ 9:45 Worship @ 11

BINKLEY PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS

CHURCH FAMILY

Liz Medefesser	Chet & Verla Insko	Al Wheless & Melissa Moore	Martha Smith
Maribel Bruno	Lyn Lamont	Deborah Tippett	Susan Pike
Sue Wallace	Howard Tate	Susan Rogers	Angie Hutto and family
Mike Ennis	Allison Smith	Bo Lloyd	Elizabeth Eagle
Jerry and Eileen Richards	Dennis Will & Family	Curt McLaughlin	

HEALTH CENTER RESIDENTS AND THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL

Laurence & Rachel Avery	Betty Bean	Nell Morton	Ruth Ann Ross	Yvonne Holt
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EXTENDED FAMILY

Renzo Hernandez (Maribel Bruno)	Joe Grieshaber (Karen Long)	Lillian Moneyhun (Gloria Lightsey-Lewis)
Antonio Faria Bonano (Maribel Bruno)	Luisa Euwema (Julie Lentz)	Ethan & Charlotte Zolit (Martha Hutt)
Lidsi Diaz (Maribel Bruno)	John Coble (Charles Coble)	Roy Cotton (Karen Long)
Marlene Gual (Maribel Bruno)	Keith Siegel (Kimberly Eastman Zirkle)	Ruby Switzer (Katherine Walker)
Anthony Taylor (Dorothy Pennell)	Valerie Harper (April Harper)	Ben Armfield (Susan Rogers)
Jerry Nettles (Phala Gellert)	Penny Freeman (Wendy Gellert)	Kathy Gregory Bell (Myra Knight)
Thomas McIlwain (Ashley Nissler)	Rowan Caraway (Dennis Will)	Matt Gates (Angie Hutto)
Philip Callen (Karen Long)	Randolph Wilson (Denise Laux)	Gene Carpenter (Libba Wells)
Banner & Ingrid Carrera (Dorothy Pennell)	Michele DeRieux (Kathryn Handley)	Bill Daniel (V Sue Wallece)
Jan & David Edwards (S. Ketchin)	Tom Dagenhart (Diane Eubanks Hill)	Debbie Hawkins (Mike Hawkins)
Mark Price (Jan Young)	Joyce Davis (Karin Mills)	Betty Hillman (Martha and Ginger Greene)

CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS

The Comprehensive Rural Health Project, Jamkhed Tan & Scott Coats (Myanmar missionaries)	Pinheiro Baptist Church, Maceio, Brazil - Odja Barros & Wellington Santos, Pastors
Iranian People	People of Sudan
Hope Flowers School – Issa Family	Pastor Ishan Biswas, Native Evangelical Church, Bangladesh
Palestinian and Israeli victims of violence	Men of Orange Correctional Center

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