

The Order of Worship

Opening Song	Come, Thou Fount
A Prayer of Praise	Highlight Attribute <i>Independence</i>
Scripture Reading	II Peter 1:12-15
Congregational Song	Complete in Thee
A Prayer for the Nations*	#9 Nigeria
Affirmation of Faith	
A Prayer for the Lost	
Congregational Song	Victory in Jesus
Sermon:	II Peter 1:12-15

More Christians are murdered for their faith in Nigeria than in any other country. Violent attacks by Boko Haram, Hausa-Fulani Muslim militant herdsmen, ISWAP (an affiliate of the Islamic State group) and other Islamic extremist groups are common in the north and middle belt of the country, and are becoming more common farther south. In these attacks, Christians are often murdered or have their property and means of livelihood destroyed. Men and boys are particularly vulnerable to being killed. The women and children left behind are very vulnerable and living testimonies to the power of the attackers. Perpetrators are seldom brought to justice. Christian women are often abducted and raped by these militant groups, and sometimes forced to marry Muslims. Christians from a Muslim background face rejection by and pressure from their families. Muhammadu Buhari's presidency (2015 onwards) has seen a sharp increase in attempts to force Islamization on the country, including appointing Muslims to key government positions. Many Christians who are driven out of their villages and away from their sources of livelihood are forced to become internally displaced persons (IDPs), often living in informal IDP camps. Given the continuous occupation of their villages by Fulani militants, the lack of government support, the lack of proper education for their children and the high vulnerability of IDPs, these believers continue to suffer even after the brutality of the initial persecution.

Prayer Requests

Mary Ann Cooper	Paula Moore
Rita Stewart	Danette Roberson
Jett Bobo	Miriam Wheeler

Announcements

Tonight:	SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP 6pm
	"Meal (pizza) and a Movie" <i>Bring Desserts</i>
Oct 30 th	The Brethren Fellowship (11am – 2pm)
Oct 30 th	Fall Fest Fun 4pm – 6pm
Nov 2 nd	Believer's @ the Waymire's 11am
Nov 14 th	Farmer's Market
Nov 21 st	Homecoming
Dec 7 th	Believers @ the Johnson's 11am
Dec 19 th	Christmas Cookie Walk
Jan 4 th	Believer's Pot Luck @ Emory
Jan 16 th	Chili Lunch (Fundraiser)
Feb 1 st	Believers
Feb 13 th	Valentine Cookie Cake

Explorer's Bible Study

Tuesday Mornings and Wednesday Evenings

II Peter 1:12-15

Remember....? The average person forgets up to ___% of what they've heard within an _____. You've probably watched a little television in your lifetime. Advertisers think that you have to hear/see their messaging _____ to retain it. Our ability to absorb information is a God-given one. It used to be that we educated children according to the way God created us. Young children have an amazing ability to memorize voluminous amounts of data. That's the time we should take to immerse our children in memorizing biblical truth. They might not understand what they memorize but that will come as they get older.

A good teacher will, regardless of the student's age, understand that the learning process begins with reviewing the known and then covering the unknown. Repetition, repeating, remembering is vital to all phases of learning.

I. Peter's Reasoning vs 12

As long as Peter lived, he would _____ them of what he'd taught. He wanted them to

remember. Do you think Peter remembered his past? How about the number 3? "I DON'T KNOW HIM!" Remember, Peter was not writing to new converts. The trouble always comes when we think we've _____ and lose the sense of gospel urgency. That's true individually and _____ as well.

II. Peter's Reminding vs 13-15

Peter considered it his responsibility to _____, to _____ the church with the truth of the gospel, as long as he lived. Preach the gospel to yourself, daily. (Luther). Peter also understood that he was in an earthly dwelling, a _____. That tent was like the tabernacle. It was held in place with pegs/ropes. Peter knew that soon it would be time to "move." He saw death as moving from one place to another. His exodus "departure, exit, death" was possibly soon and would be sudden.

Peter wanted his readers to remember. What do you think that was? What is it 1) that we should remember and 2) what do we want others to remember regarding us?