

## Lagniappe

Most of the time I use this Lagniappe column to *"add a little something extra"* about First Baptist Church and what is happening around us. But today I want to do something different - I want to write to you about Christians in Nigeria.

You may be aware that Nigeria is the most populous nation in Africa. It was one of the first African nations to hear the gospel. Many of our brothers and sisters live in this large nation.

For years, Nigeria has suffered from what some people call a civil war. It certainly is a war of sorts, but I believe that it is an attempt to eradicate Christians from Nigeria.

Here are some recent facts and statistics:

- Many churches have been attacked and destroyed.
- In some cases, whole villages have been wiped out.
- Since the beginning of this year, approximately 2,500 Nigerian Christians have been murdered.
- The numbers are staggering for the total number of Christians killed, being more than 125,000.

This is awful news, but as you would expect, there is beautiful faithfulness and perseverance on the part of believers.

Last week, in the face of persecution and tribulation, many churches met, read scripture aloud, sang hymns, and taught the Bible to children. All of this was in the face of continuing attacks against churches and believers.

One day, we will worship around the throne with these faithful Nigerian Christians. These believers must be saying with the apostle John, *"even so, come, Lord Jesus"* - Revelation 22:20.

Please be in prayer for God's deliverance for His people and for their perseverance.

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