

EVENTS & NOTICES

Adult Bible Class. Sundays, 9:25a in the chapel.
Matt Ottaway will be teaching.

Men's Ministry. This Saturday, November 10 at 8a.
Light Breakfast & Bible Study, "Thriving in Babylon". (Youth room)

Women's Ministry. Ladies Bible Study. Thursdays from 10a – 11a.
Melanie Ottaway. Topic: "Living Hope & Holy Living – I Peter".
Save this Date! Friday, December 7 at 7:30p for "Silent Night",
WM Christmas Event. Sign up at the welcome desk.

Prime Time Fall Potluck. This Tuesday, November 6 at 11:30a.
Sign up at the desk. Christmas Social tickets see Helen Richards.

20's & 30's. Tuesday, November 6 at 7p.

Focus Club (Int. Student Dinner). This Friday, November 9 at 6p.
Bring a dish to share. Sign up at the welcome desk if you can help.

SASS. Friday November 16 & 30. "Going Deeper with God" study
with meditation, sharing & prayer at the home of Sally Phoenix.

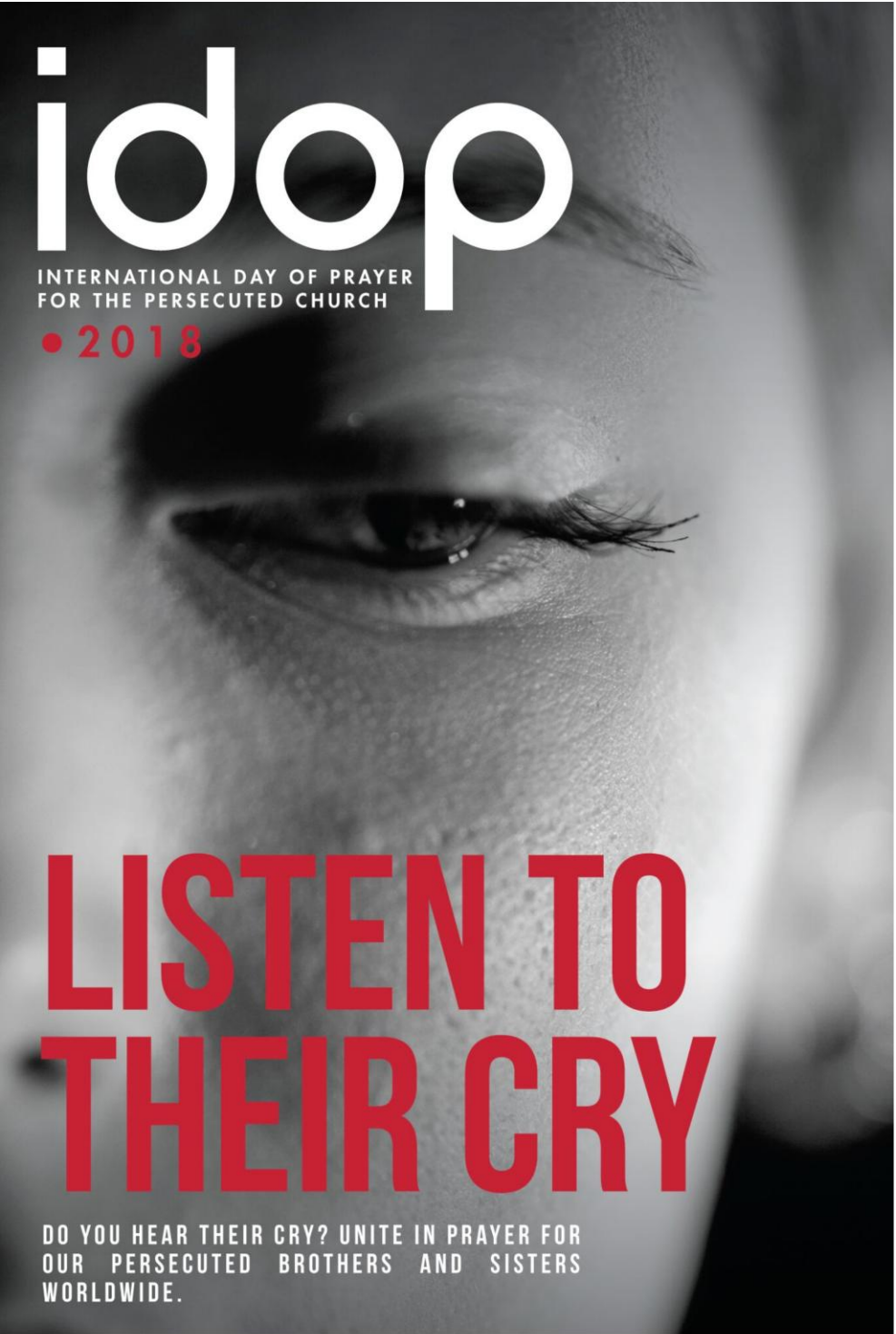
Ministry Guide. Pick up a booklet for more ministry information.

Baby Dedication. December 16. Talk to a pastor if interested.

Creekside Kids is back on this Wednesday at 6:30p.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2018

COUNTRIES IN FOCUS THIS YEAR

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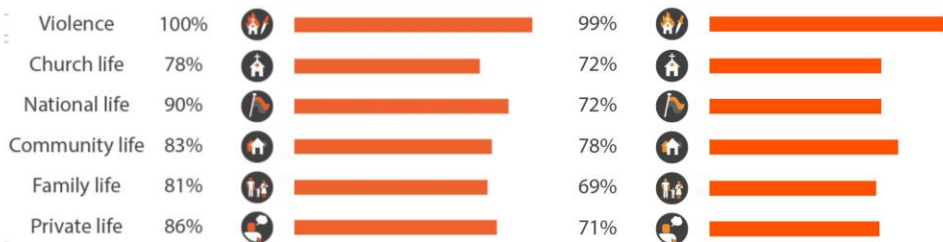
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NIGERIA

How bad is it?

This chart shows the extremity of persecution against Christians based on data from the Open Doors World Watch List 2018



Persecution is measured in two categories: **Violence** and **Pressure** (from church life to private life). While Pakistan ranked 5th overall on the World Watch List of the most dangerous places in the world for Christians to live, it scored highest as the most violent place for Christians in the world. Nigeria ranked 2nd in terms of violence.

Pray with Pakistan believers

- That God's gracious presence in the lives of Muslim-background believers will be a testimony to others.
- Praise God that Asia Bibi (a Christian woman found guilty of blasphemy and sentenced to death) has been acquitted!
- For Benish Paul who remains in critical condition after recently being thrown from a building after refusing to renounce her Christian faith and marry a Muslim man.

Pray with Nigerian believers

- For God's comfort and strength for thousands of displaced Christians.
- For women and children in danger of kidnap and forced marriage.
- That the Lord will bring about a miraculous change of heart, repentance and faith among Boko Haram members.
- For Leah Sharibu who has been abducted by Boko Haram, held captive because of her faith.

"Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness."

Acts 4:29

TAKE ACTION

- **Pray for believers and churches** in the countries on the World Watch List, an annual ranking of the 50 countries where it is most dangerous to follow Jesus. <https://www.opendoorsca.org/world-watch-list>
- **Download the "Pray for the Persecuted Church" app** from Open Doors and receive regular, specific prayer requests submitted by those living out their faith in the world's most difficult places. <https://www.opendoorsusa.org/prayerapp>
- **Write a letter to persecuted believers.** Children can participate in this as well. (For example, Leah Sharibu refused to deny Jesus to her captors and remains in captivity to the militant group Boko Haram. Open Doors is calling people to send email messages of encouragement to Leah's parents, Nathan and Rebecca Sharibu. To learn how, visit <https://www.opendoorsusa.org/take-action/advocacy/letter-writing> or <https://www.prisoneralert.com>
- **Write to the federal government** to urge it to act on violations of religious freedoms. Also write to your local MP about these issues.
- **Listen to Ripple Effect Podcasts: Real People Living in Persecution.** Hear from persecuted Christians from around the world. Listen firsthand to their struggle, their hope and how you can help! <http://dailyprayerstory.com>
- **Read a book of true stories of Christian persecution around the world** (eg. "Tortured for Christ" (Wurmbrand), "Jesus Freaks: Martyrs: Stories of Those Who Stood for Jesus", any book by Brother Andrew, "Tortured for his Faith" (Popov), etc.)
- **Adopt a Front-Line Worker** through Voice of Martyrs by giving and praying for them. <https://www.persecution.com>
- **Regularly visit the following websites** for up-to-date news and prayer requests going on around the world:
 - Voice of Martyrs: <https://www.vomcanada.com>
 - Open Doors Canada: <https://www.opendoorsca.org>
 - International Day of Prayer Canada: <http://idop.ca>