



Hello Federated family,

Thank you for your patience as I was gone on vacation. We had a wonderful time on our trip to Scotland. It is a beautiful country, and I would highly recommend visiting if you get the chance. You might even do as Hannah and I did and make some haggis. Haggis isn't as bad as you think, in fact, I found it quite enjoyable.

In our newsletter series we are spotlighting seven hallmarks of a disciple. We are referencing two different scriptures for these marks. The second set which we will get to later is Acts 2:42. In Acts we see the start of the early church, and we see that the disciples live a certain way. I recommend reading all the way through the end of that chapter in Acts as it paints a great picture of what the early church was up to. It also gives us a challenging question in our own lives. It makes me ask myself, am I doing what Peter, James and John were doing?

Our focal passage today is a very famous passage often called the great commission. It is so called because they are marching orders from Jesus Himself. Matthew 28:19-20, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Last month we focused on what it means to "observe all that I commanded you," if you missed that one I recommend you read it. It is posted on our website: federatedchurch.tv. This month we are focusing on baptism. Jesus commanded, here in the great commission, that we baptize the disciples we are making. Baptism is a part of the whole process. Here are 9 more scriptures speaking about baptism.

"Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" Peter said to them, 'Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself.' And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, 'Be saved from this perverse generation!' So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls." Acts 2:37-41.

Peter had just preached his message during Pentecost and the Jewish crowd, many of whom had literally called for Jesus' death, were listening. The crowd saw the miraculous work of God when tongues of fire came from the Holy Spirit. The Jews heard Peter's words and were convicted of their sin. Peter then tells them to repent, which is the same message Jesus gives in Matthew 4:17. All people, even people today, need to know that they are not perfect and must stop their sin and lead a new life by following Christ. Peter said repent, be baptized for the forgiveness of those sins and then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

A word from Pastor Adam (continued...)

What an amazing promise. Jesus promised the disciples in Acts 1:5, “for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” This power that descended, the third person of the trinity, God Himself, is received as a part of the baptism process. The disciples received Him first on Pentecost, but we are to receive Him as part of the baptism process. That is what Peter says in Acts 2. We must show faith (which is belief plus obedience) by repenting and being baptized. That is our part of the command. Reading this should make us ask, have we been obedient in baptism?

Another scripture about baptism is Ephesians 4:1-6, “Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.”

Paul was ministering to both Jews and Gentiles. The tension in the early church was palpable. Groups within the church formed, it was often a “we” versus “they” mentality. Paul invests a lot of ink showing how we must all be one unified church. We must unify around something specific. How do we do this? These verses in Ephesians 4 play a bit of a conclusion to those thoughts. Paul is urging us to walk in the calling we have received. We must therefore act not divisively but peacefully and gently. Being peaceable and gentle at times is very difficult, especially when we disagree on a matter. Paul is saying that the manner in which we behave while disagreeing is important. We should, at all times, reflect Christ, for it is by His name we are called. It is His example, words and commands that we are to follow and unify around. That is the point of Paul’s admonition of “one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.” It is still important today in a world where denomination and belief can easily divide. We must follow Christ and it is there we will find our unity.

This is precisely the point Paul again makes in Galatians 3:26-29, “For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s descendants, heirs according to promise.” Paul says it another way in 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, “For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many.”

Unity is found in Christ, not our factions. I love the picture that is painted here of putting on Christ as though He were a garment. In other words, we must cover ourselves in Him so thoroughly that he becomes a part of us. People would see Him, not us.

“For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority; and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ; having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.” Colossians 2:9-14.

A Word from Pastor Adam...

Jesus is fully God, the Holy Spirit is fully God and Paul is very clear on their deity. This is who we align ourselves with when we are baptized. It is as though we are saying, "I'm on His team." Baptism is a physical marker, like circumcision, that tells of the covenant oath we take. When we are baptized it sets us apart for Him. We are buried in baptism, like He was buried after crucifixion. We are raised up through faith, like He was raised from the dead. What an incredible thing. Therefore, we are made alive after being dead in our sins, by Christ's work on the cross. God designed baptism to have such deep and rich meaning. We, who belong to Christ and have been baptized, should be a different kind of person. We should always reflect His holiness.

Peter makes the connection of typology as he compares baptism to Noah's ark in 1 Peter 3:20-22. "...when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through the water. Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him."

God is still working patiently to offer souls repentance as in the days of Noah. He provides a way through water towards Himself. Baptism isn't washing the dirt away, nor is it literally washing sins away, but Peter says when you are baptized it is an appeal to God, an appeal to the resurrection of Christ and the saving power of His atoning work. Our obedience in baptism represents an appeal, as in court, to have the mercy of Christ cover us. We must make that appeal; we must be baptized as a disciple. We must be baptized like those believers in Acts 2 who were baptized in obedience to Christ for the forgiveness of sin.

Paul sums all these thoughts up like this in Romans 6:1-11, "What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus." Repent of your sin. Be baptized a sign of dying to your old self and live a new life with Christ.

Some of you might now be saying, Adam, I was baptized a long time ago, so this article is kind of worthless. Not so! If I may bring it back to the great commission. Jesus said make disciples and baptize them. If you have already been baptized you completed that part of discipleship. Yet the commission still remains, each believer is to make disciples and to baptize them. For the seasoned believer that is quite a challenge. The challenge could be put this way, who are you discipling and are they ready for you to baptize them? It is each of job to walk that path. Jesus said it. Now that is convicting. We will talk more about making disciples next month but remember that we should be actively discipling those around us for the kingdom of God. We should be baptized in obedience and we should be ready to baptize those who are following the way of Jesus. If you are ready to talk about baptism please come see me, I'd be happy to talk about it with you. We do this all in obedience to Him. – Pastor Adam



JULY 2026

SUNDAY SERVICE 10AM



THE FEDERATED CHURCH

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			1 YOUTH Meal & Bible Study 5:30	2	3	4 4TH OF July
5	6	7 Prayer Meeting 6:30pm	8 YOUTH Meal & Bible Study 5:30	9	10	11
12 Board Meeting	13	14 Prayer Meeting 6:30pm	15 YOUTH Meal & Bible Study 5:30	16	17	18
19	20	21 Prayer Meeting 6:30pm	22 YOUTH Meal & Bible Study 5:30	23	24	25 Men's Ministry Meeting 8am
26	27	28 Prayer Meeting 6:30pm	29 YOUTH Meal & Bible Study 5:30	30	31	

July 2026



Happy Anniversary

7 - MIKE & JAMAE FREY

7- JIM & SHARON GOODEN

23 - BRIAN & CARLA HENDERSON

24 - BRAD & STARLA WITTROCK

28 - BRENT & CHERI HENDERSON

29 - PATTY & ANTHONY STOUDEMIRE

30 - BRUCE & DEBBIE BARE

30 - JOHN & VALERIE JOHNSON

HAPPY Birthday



1 - Jimmie Koehn

3 - Shawn Scammahorn

7 - Patt Sandefur

8 - Lesley Redwine

10 - Haley Mitchel

13 - Toby Hill

16 - Karli Karrenbrock

17 - Susan Campbell

23 - Elise Morrow

23 - Camryn Redwine

28 - Hayley Meadors

28 - Jennifer Hill

29 - Jared Mitchel

29 - Lincoln Wood

30 - Brian Henderson

Free GIVE AWAY



August 1
8-10am

The Missions Team
is now graciously accepting
donations of fans
for the upcoming
FREE GIVE AWAY
to be held on August 1st!



MEN'S MINISTRY MEETING

JULY 25TH
at Mike Whitehead's

JESUS

IN YOUR HOLY NAME
WE PRAY...

Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting @ 6:30!
ALL ARE WELCOME!

A DISCIPLE...



• Observes Jesus' commands



• Is baptized



• makes disciples



• Is devoted to scripture



• prays often



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Matthew 28:19-20 / Acts 2:42

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- For the Gospel to be heard in our community
- For our children & youth
- For the growth of God's Kingdom in and through our church.
- For the broken and the lost to come to know the love of Christ in a life-changing way
- For an uprising of Prayer Warriors across the nation
- For the Spiritual Awakening of our nation

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A MULTITUDE OF SINS.

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