

Baptism

Jesus commanded it; he ordained it.

Matthew 28:19–20. “Go therefore and make disciples,” Jesus said, “of all nations, *baptizing* them.” Jesus told us to do this until he comes back. He keeps going and says, “. . . baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. . . . And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” So, as long as this age exists before Jesus comes back again, we are to be making disciples for him by teaching what he’s taught us and baptizing them in the process.

Baptism expresses union with Christ.

Baptism, we believe, expresses union with Christ in his death and resurrection. And the clearest teaching on this is found in Romans 6:3–4, where it says this: “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?” So, you hear the idea of unity there. “We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”

It’s faith that is the means by which we are united to Christ and justified by him. But we show this faith, we signify this faith, we symbolize it, with an act of baptism. Faith unites us to Christ; baptism portrays the union with Christ.

Baptism is in the name of the triune God.

There is a holy appeal to God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit to be present in this act, and make the portrayal true and real in what it says about the work of redemption.

United to Christ’s Body

Baptism was uncompromisingly commanded and ordained by the Lord Jesus until he comes. It was universally practiced and administered by Christians in the early church and has been all through the centuries. Paul took it for granted; there are no unbaptized Christians in the New Testament. And it was uniquely connected to conversion as an unrepeatable expression of saving faith. We’re only justified once; we only die and are united to Christ once and permanently.

Baptism was a sacred expression of faith, a faith that unites you to Christ and his people — a particular people, in a particular church, where you could be nurtured and held accountable as the New Testament teaches.



July 31, 2022

10:30 A.M.

Jesus Sent Them Out with Instructions



Mark 6:7

And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.

Order of Service

Announcements

Welcome

Missions Report from the Howdens

Preparation for Worship

-----God's Greatness-----

Call To Worship

Hymn of Praise: "From the Day"Palmer/Smith/Hein/Kulia

Prayer of Invocation

Affirmation of Faith: The Westminster Shorter Catechism*

Hymn of Affirmation: "Cornerstone".Liljero/Morgan/Myrin

Children are dismissed to Sunday School.

----- God's Renewal-----

Understanding Ourselves Rightly: Jeremiah 2:9, 11, 13

Public Confession

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort: Psalm 32:3, 5

Song of Renewal: "Turn your Eyes Upon Jesus"

. . .Lemmel/Romanacce/Trout/Windbarger/Stiff

-----God's Grace-----

Scripture Reading: *Mark 6:7-13 (ESV)*

Prayer

The Sermon

"Jesus Sent Them Out With Instructions"

Song of Communion

"Mighty Cross".William/Ingram/Ntlele/Furtick

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Approach

Scripture Reading: Mark 14:22-25 (Optional)

Holy Communion

-----God's Blessing-----

Parting Hymn

"In the Hands of Christ My King" . . .Ivey/Dawes/Land/Collins

Benediction

*The Westminster Shorter Catechism, along with the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Westminster Larger Catechism, serve together as the statement of faith for Redeemer Presbyterian Church and the PCA. Formulated in the 17th century England, they are a second level of authority under the Scriptures and serve to explain the system of doctrine revealed in the Bible.

representative character of their mission. They preach the message of repentance which Jesus had proclaimed; they cast out demons and heal the sick because these activities had characterized his ministry.

The Disciples don't go just talking. They go acting. They go serving.

Notice they anoint the sick. They heal the sick. They exorcise demons. They're not just going simply to tell people things. They're going to minister. They're going to serve. They're going to meet needs. Also, they were supposed to come with amazing integrity and simplicity of life with regard to money.

Jesus' directions to the Twelve were designed to bring about massive ministerial effects.

They preached with only the shirts on their backs. They gave no thought as to where they would lay their heads. They dramatically portrayed judgment on any who rejected the gospel. Everything they said and did emphasized the urgency of the huge claims of their message. And their ministry, by Christ's own definition, was a greater ministry because they were such rude, fallible instruments.²

Summary

We have the Great Commission. Our responsibility is to go into all the world and preach the gospel, as was theirs. We are to call sinners to repent and believe in Christ. We are to tell them that the only way to enter God's Kingdom, enjoy forgiveness, spiritual blessings through all eternity, is to come to Christ. We are also to show lost sinners' compassion, kindness, tenderness and mercy.

What are the abiding principles for those who would minister midst unbelief?

We must expect difficulties in ministry. "A servant is not greater than his master." Nevertheless, Christ fights unbelief through those who truly believe. The faithful follower lives in *dependence*. He travels light. He does not seek *comfort* first, but God's pleasure. He is *straightforward* about the condition of the world and the danger facing lost men and women.³

¹Lane, pp. 208, 209.

²Hughes, R. K. (1998). *Luke: that you may know the truth* (p. 325). Crossway Books.

³Hughes, R. K. (1989). *Mark: Jesus, servant and savior* (Vol. 1, p. 137). Crossway Books.

Faithful Ministers Demonstrate Contentment

Mark 6:10 (ESV)

And he said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there."

Given their power to heal diseases and cast out demons, they likely received invitations to upgrade their comfort by changing homes. But they were not to move from house to house.

The lesson for the Twelve was that they were to possess contentment. Once they settled in someone's house, they were not to seek nicer accommodations. According to Matthew 10:8–9, Jesus also forbade them from using their ministry to make money: **"Freely you received, freely give. Do not acquire gold, or silver, or copper for your money belts."**

Faithful Ministers Exercise Discernment

Mark 6:11 (ESV)

And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them."

It was customary for pious Jews who had traveled abroad to carefully shake the dust of alien lands from their feet and clothing. This act dissociated them from the pollution of those pagan lands and the judgment which was to come upon them. **This action by the apostles symbolically declared a hostile village pagan. It was a merciful prophetic act designed to make the people think deeply about their spiritual condition.**¹

It would provide warning that the disciples had fulfilled their responsibility and that those who had rejected the mission would have to answer to God. **The mission of the Twelve communicates in dramatic and harrowing fashion the seriousness of the need for Israel to repent now.** The message of repentance is that God reigns.

Faithful Ministers Respond in Obedience

Mark 6:12–13 (ESV)

So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. ¹³And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

In obedience to their commission the Twelve proclaimed the gospel through their word and deed. Their message and the exercise of power confirm the

Upcoming Events

Saturday, August 6 6:00 P.M. August Prayer Dinner
at the home of Pastor Rick and Barb

Sunday, August 17 6:15-7:15 P.M. House of Prayer
GCC Prayer Gathering —1300 High St.

Saturday, August 20 8:00 A.M Men's Breakfast
at the home of Pastor Rick

Sunday, August 28 5:00 P.M. Baptism Service
at the home of Dave and Lisa Frame; followed by supper
Brochures are available at the Welcome Table.

DiscipleMakers: Tim and Holly Howden

CRU: Steve and Kristin Scholl

Crossing Cultures International

David and Mindy Nelson

Guatemala-Sandra and Ray

Prayer Concerns

- Pray for them as they add their first three staff members in Guatemala this month.
- Their goal is to train another ten teachers in the Teacher Training Workshop.

Praises

- Classes are multiplying. They started with one class in June 2021 and will have around 12 by August 1.
- David Nelson and Ray certified ten teachers in April; all ten will teach a class by August 1.



Pro-Life Prayer Guide

THE WOMAN WHO HAS TAKEN THE ABORTION PILL
A chemical abortion involves taking two pills over the course of 48 hours. Some women regret their decision after taking the first pill, and there is a reversal process that is not widely known. Pray for word to spread about the reversal process. Pray that women who regret their decision will reach out for help and be met with love and grace. Pray for lives to be saved.

Prayer/Praise. July 31, 2022

- Pray for Jill Aument, who needs to have an eye procedure done one time per month for three months, for bleeding and fluid behind her eye. Pray for continued healing for Jill following this procedure.
- Pray for Ernest, co-worker of Steve Simons, whose wife passed away. Pray for God to give wisdom and direction for Ernest and his child's future.
- Pray for Steve's brother John's mother-in-law who had a nasty fall and is in Paoli memorial hospital. Pray for her healing.
- Pray for Emelia, the 6-year-old daughter of Barb Hunter's friend, Lindsey. Emelia fell off monkey bars at the park and broke her elbow. Pray for quick healing and comfort in a cast during this summer for Emelia.
- Pray for Joie Horner's friend, Cheryl who lost her husband in an accident while cutting down trees. Pray for God's continued strength, comfort, and peace for Cheryl and her family.
- Pray for Lorraine Blanski's sister-in-law, Beth, who will be starting a 5-day radiation treatment program for one month beginning on September 19th. Pray for God's continued healing for Beth.
- Praise that Austin, the stepson of Lorraine Blanski's niece, is doing well with his prosthetics. Pray for continued healing and mental health and God's strength for Austin as he navigates his new life.
- Pray for Leah, daughter of John Kurtyka and cousin of Lorraine Blanski, who is struggling with drug addiction and is away at an 8-month drug rehabilitation program. Praise that Leah is progressing but still has a long journey ahead of her. Pray for God's strength, peace, and comfort for Leah.
- Pray for Terry Cecchetelli's daughter, as her marriage is struggling, and harsh words are coming from her husband. Pray for her granddaughter as she is hearing things she shouldn't be listening to.
- Pray for Terry Cecchetelli's grandnephew, Liam, who is 1-year old and has a rare disease called PDHA-1. He will need a feeding tube. Pray for God's wisdom for Liam's doctors and strength and comfort for the families.
- Pray for Steve Simons neighbor, Mrs. McCabe, who has dementia. Pray for God's strength for the McCabe family during this difficult time.
- Praise that Dalton Weider, father of Lulu Bocci's friend, Mary, is now in rehab learning to talk, walk, and move his muscles. Pray for his progress and his family as they support him.
- Pray for Igor Parfeniouk, a North Coventry police officer with Matt Deichert. Pray for Igor's sister and her family, as they are still living in Ukraine.
- Pray for Donna Jenkins' friend, Debbie Breyer's husband, who is in the hospital with undetermined issues. Pray for God's healing.
- Pray for Donna Jenkins' nephew, Evan James, who has a very rare disease, CDA. Praise that Evan can be off the breathing machine for the hours he is awake. Pray for God's healing for Evan and for his family and wisdom for his doctors.
- Pray for Justine Schumaker for healing through her chemotherapy treatment.

Message

Jesus Sent Them Out with Instructions

Mark 6:7-13

Introduction

This passage informs us more about the character of mission for Christ than the specifics of mission. From a close reading of the text, we can draw the following principles about their mission that apply today.

In commissioning His twelve apostles, the Lord Jesus delegated His message and power to the first generation of gospel preachers.

FAITHFUL MESSENGERS PROCLAIM SALVATION

Mark 6:7 (ESV)

And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.

“And he called the twelve”

When Jesus chose these Twelve men, He was making a statement about the apostasy of Judaism. None of them came from the religious establishment.

Jesus choosing these men is an open judgment and condemnation on the religious establishment.

The Lord sent them out in pairs for obvious reasons: to provide mutual support and protection, to strengthen the impact of their individual capabilities, and to ensure that their message was confirmed by two witnesses (cf. Deut. 19:15).

Luke 9:2, “He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to perform healing.” The word “proclaim” refers to the authoritative, public pronouncement of vital information by a herald or forerunner.

Faithful Ministers Live Dependently

Mark 6:8-9 (ESV)

He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts—⁹but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics.

For the disciple to come with the message of Jesus but depend on the hospitality of the people there, to live among them, and to become dependent on them was an act of tremendous respect and humility. The specific terms of the commission demanded of the disciples a rigorous commitment to total dependence upon God for food and shelter.