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## Joyfully Obeying Christ's Command to Baptize

### 1. We Make Disciples of Jesus Christ:

- because He has been given all authority
- by going to all nations
- by baptizing in the name of the Trinity
- by teaching all He has commanded us
- knowing that He is with us always

### 2. We Seek a Biblical View of Baptism:

- to baptize means to immerse, to cleanse by dipping, to wash with water (& implies a permanent change)
- it visibly demonstrates the gospel: our identification w/ Christ (His death & resurrection) & cleansing of our sins

- in the NT, those who heard & believed the word were baptized (usually immediately & sometimes as families)

- our church baptizes believers (& we welcome Christians into membership who have been baptized as infants)

### 3. We Make Water Baptism a Priority:

- because Jesus commanded us to baptize
- to publicly profess our faith in, & our identification with, Jesus Christ
- as the church who is affirming a believer's faith & welcoming him or her into the family of God
- as the church who is celebrating God's saving grace & a sinner's faith in Jesus Christ