

MISSIONSOUTREACH

Jesus' final command while still on earth, The Great Commission, states, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20).

Most Christians know this verse and understand that it is Jesus' call for us, His church, to continue His work and share the Gospel. By and large, part of what it means to be an evangelical church is to support the spread of the gospel to those who have never heard it. We are called to share the Gospel, make disciples, baptize and teach because Jesus loved us, loved *the world*, so much that He died for us.

Jesus is the Lamb of God and purchased with his blood, "persons of every tribe and language and people and nation." (Rev. 5:9). Jesus has already done the work, lived the sinless life, died the perfect substitutionary death, and rose from the dead, conquering death for the *entire* world. Now we are called to share the good news.

We must not forget that scripture teaches clearly and plainly that there is only **ONE** way to salvation and that is through Jesus! Jesus answered, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through me." (John 14:6) If the true and accurate word of God is not spread then ultimately it will lead to the eternal separation from Christ for millions of people.

So what do we do to follow the scriptural commands set forth by Christ? We share the Gospel. We share the truth in scripture. We follow the command that was given to us by our Lord. We reach out to those in our own community and throughout the world based on where the Lord has called each of us and based on the gifts that He has provided. We must boldly proclaim the name of Jesus and as Paul states in Romans, we should not be ashamed of the Gospel because it is the power of God that brings salvation to all who believe. (Romans 1: 16)

With that in mind I wanted to take a moment to share with you what FCC Neoga is doing and how you can get involved. Our church is currently involved in supporting (through service, financially and prayerfully) many local missions including the Community Clothesline, the Neoga Food Pantry and Heartland Christian Village. Regionally we are supporting Oblong Children's Home, Christian Campus House at EIU and Oil Belt Christian Service Camp. Internationally we are active in providing Christmas gifts through Operation Christmas Child, sponsoring children through Compassion International, Hopewell Children's Home, Thirst Missions, HIS Home for Children, Rapha House and Ryan and Melinda Hicks-International Missionaries. Please visit our website for more specific information on these groups.

We would love to have your help in praying for, discussing and guiding the direction of Missions outreach at FCC Neoga. If you are interested in serving please contact the church office at 217-895-3930, office@fccneoga.org or you can contact me at 217-343-2210, Matthew.Frankie@gmail.com.

In Christ,
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