

WBC Vision Statement

*By the power of the Holy Spirit,
through new life in Christ and
communion with the Father,
Waxhaw Bible Church exists
to glorify God.*

WBC Core Values





The mission God has given His church is to make disciples, therefore we will proclaim His message of salvation and show the love of Christ in our church, our community, and the world.

*God's Mission:
Make Disciples who
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- *Make Disciples who Make Disciples*
 1. The Power
 2. The Prospects
 3. The Process
 4. The Promise

1. The Power

- “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.”
 - During His life, Jesus demonstrated His authority on earth over sickness, sin, evil spirits, nature, religious instruction
 - Here He informed His disciples that He had authority in heaven, as well

1. The Power

- See 1 Cor. 15:20-28
 - Jesus will “abolished all rule and all authority and power” (24b)
 - Jesus “must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet” (25-26)
 - Then Jesus will hand over His kingdom to the Father (24a)

1. The Power

- In His Name (authority), we are to:
 - Pray for God's will (John 14:13-14)
 - Give thanks (Eph. 5:20)
 - Pray for/anooint the sick (James 5:14)
 - Do whatever we do (Col. 3:17)
 - Go, make disciples, baptize, teach (Matt. 28:18-20)

2. The Prospects

- In all the nations
 - “...And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.” (Gen. 12:3)
 - “The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, *saying*, “ALL THE NATIONS WILL BE BLESSED IN YOU.” (Gal. 3:8)

2. The Prospects

- In all the nations
 - We are some of the fruit of the apostles' faithfulness to that command
 - We, in turn, are to continue that, both globally and locally
 - Globally: WBC currently supports 10+ missionaries

2. The Prospects

- Locally:
 - In churches: cf. *Body Building*
 - “So the churches were being strengthened in the faith, and were increasing in number daily.” (Acts 16:5)
 - In our homes: parenting is discipling!
(Deut. 6:1-9; Eph. 6:1-4; Col. 3:20-21)

3. The Process

Cf. The Acts of the Apostles

1. Travel to a new town/region
2. Preach the gospel
3. Baptize & Instruct those who respond
4. Form a new church/establish leaders
5. Repeat

3. The Process

What about the churches?

1. Elders are to equip the saints to minister to each other and the world
2. Baptize & Instruct those who respond
3. Send some out to preach the gospel and establish new churches with leaders
4. Repeat

3. The Process

- “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.” (Mark 16:15-16*)

3. The Process

- *Why baptize?*

- Identification – we died with Christ and are raised with Him (Rom. 6:3-4)
- Declaration – public display of repentance and commitment to obedience (cf. Luke 3:3-14)
- Union – *into the name*

3. The Process

“When one is baptized into the name of the Trinity, he professes to acknowledge and appropriate God in all that [H]e is and all that [H]e does for man.” (Marvin R. Vincent)

3. The Process

“When one is baptized into the name of the Trinity, ... He recognizes and depends upon God the Father as his Creator and Preserver; receives Jesus Christ as his only Mediator and Redeemer, and his pattern of life; and confesses the Holy Spirit as his Sanctifier and Comforter.” (Marvin R. Vincent)

3. The Process

- Teach them to observe all He commanded
 - *Observe – to keep the eye fixed on -> to faithfully obey a duty, precept, law, or custom*
 - His commands inform us of the proper way to live life (cf. 1 John 2:3-6)
 - E.g. - “love one another” (John 15:12)

3. The Process

- Teach them to observe all He commanded
 - “Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son.” (2 John 9)

3. The Process

- Teach them to observe all He commanded
 - “If anyone advocates a different doctrine and does not agree with sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine conforming to godliness, he is conceited and understands nothing; ...”
(1 Tim. 6:3-4)

3. The Process

- Teach them to observe all He commanded
 - Self-perpetuating: Jesus gave the command to His disciples to make disciples who would obey all the commands He gave to His disciples, including that one

4. The Promise

- “BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL,” which translated means, “GOD WITH US.” (Matt. 1:23 <- Isa. 7:14; 8:10)
- “and [behold!], I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

4. The Promise

- *I with you I am* – emphatic!
- *The whole of all the days*
- *Until the completion or culmination of the intended purposes of this time period*
- Jesus is still working in and through disciples to accomplish His mission of building His kingdom, to the glory of God

So What?

- The Church has a job to do! -> make disciples of Jesus, to the glory of God
- You have a part to play in that
 - Share the gospel and teach people to live according to Jesus' commands

We Exist to Glorify God