

# OUR MISSION

At Hempfield, God is at work refreshing our perspective on what it means to be the church. This new year is a season of new beginnings for us as the Spirit of God challenges us to rethink what it means to be the church. In this first series entitled "Our Mission," we will be looking at The Great Commission Jesus gave to his disciples and the sermon Simon Peter preached on the Day of Pentecost, the birthday of the church. Through these Scriptures, we will be celebrating some of the core values of the kingdom of God:

**Commissioned with Purpose - Empowered by the Spirit - Led by Christ  
Called to Repentance - Baptized into New Life - Committed to Community**

## COMMISSIONED WITH PURPOSE

### **The Great Commission**

Matthew 28:16-20

**16** Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. **17** When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.

**18** And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

**19** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.

And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

### **Making Disciples**

In calling his followers to make disciples, Jesus was not asking them to do anything they were not familiar with. They had all been disciplined by Jesus and new what discipleship involved.

### **Baptism**

Baptism is the sign of new birth. It symbolizes our death to this world and our new life in the kingdom of God.

### **Teaching**

Jesus wants his disciples to pass on what they have learned. This is a life-long process of learning and sharing

### **Christ is With Us**

We never do this work alone, but Christ himself is with us to guide and empower our work.

# An Invitation



## Believer's Baptism Class

At Hempfield, we will be instituting new "Believer's Baptism Class" for anyone who is hearing the call of Christ to receive the sign of baptism or to reaffirm the baptism of their youth. The class will be taught by Pastor John Longmire and Rashard Allen on Sundays 11:30 on 1/21, 1/28, and 2/4.

A special service of Baptism and Reaffirmation of Baptism will be held on our Sunday morning services of 2/11. Sign-up is in the lobby or email Pastor John at [jlongmire@hempfieldumc.org](mailto:jlongmire@hempfieldumc.org).

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### QUESTIONS *for discussion*

Are you a person who likes to learn things for yourself or would you rather someone teach you?

Is there a difference between a "Christian" and a "Disciple?"

What typically keeps you from sharing your faith?

- feeling like I don't know enough.
- feeling like I don't have the time.
- not wanting to get involved.
- other \_\_\_\_\_

What would you need to feel more confident in sharing your faith?



**Your Notes** *what God is saying to you:*

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