

February 28, 2019

**Exalting the Savior,
Evangelizing the Lost,
Equipping the Church,**

A Note from the Pastor by Dr. Steven Weems

Dear FBC Leeds Family,

The Great Commission: And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20) I am the type of person who likes to know why I'm doing something. What is the purpose? What is the meaning? I have very little free time (six kids will do that for ya), so if I'm going to spend my time, energy, and effort doing something, I want to know why! When it comes to the reason we are here as The

Church, Jesus answers the "why" for us right here in this passage. First Baptist Leeds exists to make disciples for Jesus! We are here to be a Great Commission Church!

That's why I am so excited about our new sermon series coming in March entitled "Connected: How to Become a Great Commission Church." Each week we will be examining a different aspect of this amazing command of Jesus in Matthew 28 so that we can understand what it means to be a Great Commission church full of Great Commission individuals. What did Jesus mean when He said we are to go? What authority is He talking about? What does it mean to make disciples? Why is baptism so important?



Why is teaching such an important part of the church? And what does Jesus mean when He says that He will never leave us alone? These are some of the questions we are going to answer during this new series.

I pray that you will be able to join us each week and together we will become a Great Commission church full of Great Commission individuals...all for the glory of Jesus!

In Him,
Bro. Steven

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A special **THANK YOU** to everyone who stayed for the Youth Spaghetti Luncheon on February 17th. Your donations brought in over \$1,600 for this summer's mission trip to Panama City, FL. Students and leaders are now preparing to work in two areas of ministry the week of June 20-24: hurricane relief and VBS for local children effected by the storm.

Again, your prayers and support are so appreciated. Thank you for making mission work a reality for our students!

Please consider also supporting the children's camp fund-raiser luncheon on Sunday, March 10th following the morning service.

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