

# *Our Mission at EBCC!*

**Matthew 28:19-20a**

East Berlin Community Church

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## *Our Mission: “Share Christ, Build Believers”*

### **A. We are believers in the process of being built!**

1. **We’ve committed our lives to Jesus Christ**
  - Matthew 11:28 -- *“Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest”*
2. **We’ve taken “his yoke” on us**
  - Matthew 11:29-30 -- *“Take my yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls”*
3. **We haven’t arrived yet! Still in process**
  - Philippians 3:10-- *“that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His suffering, being conformed to His death”*
  - Philippians 3:9 -- *“be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God and is by faith.”*
  - Philippians 3:12-14 -- *“Not that I have already attained or am already perfected, but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended: but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead. I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus!”*

### **B. We are to “Share Christ, Build Believers”**

- Matthew 28:19-20a -- *“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, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you.”*
1. Our **Mandate**: *“Make Disciples”*
  2. The **Means**
    - a. **“SHARING CHRIST”**
      - Mark 16:15 -- *“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.”*
      - 1. **Begins with Evangelism**, both passive (witness) and active (going)
      - 2. **Our sharing Christ must be...**
        - a) **Missional**-- that is, the center or core of everything we do
        - b) **Intentional**-- cannot be left up to chance, but rather planned.
        - c) **Universal**-- not just in our own community, but world-wide.
    - b. **“BUILDING BELIEVERS”**
      1. **The START: Water Baptism** *Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”*
        - a) **Baptism is a public declaration of one’s ALLEGIANCE to Jesus Christ**
        - b) **Baptism is a public declaration of one’s ALLIANCE with other Christ followers**
          - Acts 2:41-- *“Then those who gladly received the word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.”*

- c) **Another way of publicly declaring one's alliance is by officially joining a church.**
2. **The MAIN TASK: TEACHING** *"teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you."*
- a) **A Disciple is one who has placed their trust in Jesus Christ and then follows Him in a life of continual learning and obedience.**
- Matthew 16:24-25 -- *"If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it."*
  - Matthew 11:29 -- *"takes my yoke upon you and learns from me"*
  - John 8:31 -- *"If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed!"*
- b) **Our teaching needs to be....**
- 1) **DOCTRINAL**—*"all things that I have commanded you"*
- (a) **The Apostle's spiritual eyes were opened by Jesus.**
- Luke 24:44-45 -- *"These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.' And He opened their understanding that they might comprehend the Scriptures."*
- (b) **They were aided by the ministry of Holy Spirit**
- John 14:26 -- *"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you."*
  - John 16:13-14 -- *"However, when He, the Spirit of truth has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you."*
- (c) **Apostle's doctrine = New Testament**
- Acts 2:42 -- *"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayer."*
- (d) **We need to be taught "What" as well as "Why"**
- (e) **Adequacy of Scripture**
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17 -- *"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work!"*
  - 2 Timothy 4:2 -- *"Preach the Word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all long suffering and teaching!"*
- (f) **Downplay of doctrine today**
- 2 Timothy 4:3-4 -- *"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables."*
  - Ephesians 4:14-- *"children, tossed to and fro and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting."*

- 2) **APPLICATIONAL**—*“teach them to observe all things”*
- (a) **We are to be doers of God’s Word, not hearers only**
- James 1:22-23 -- *“But be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.”*
- (b) **Titus: Teach sound doctrine**
- Titus 2:1 -- *“Speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine”*
- (1) **To older men**
- Titus 2:2 -- *“Teach the older men to be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience”*
- (2) **To older and younger women**
- Titus 2:3-5 -- *“the older women, likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things—that they admonish the younger women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.”*
- (3) **To slaves**
- Titus 2:9-10 -- *“Exhort bondservants to be obedient to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all things, not answering back, not pilfering, but showing good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.”*
- (c) **Various venues of disciple making: large group, small group, one-on-one mentoring**
- 3) **COMMUNICABLE**—*“teach others”*
- (a) **The Principle:**
- 2 Timothy 2:2 -- *“And the things that you have heard among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also”*
- (b) **The Problem: “slow to learn”**
- Hebrews 5:12 -- *“For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food.”*
- (c) **In Practice: All of us are “teachers”, perhaps not in a formal setting, but informal settings with family members, friends**