

Legacy Celebration

Bethany College Auditorium

Sunday, April 26, 2015 --1:30 pm

Closing Remarks and Prayer

Hear Christ's command to all of us ...

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore ... make disciples of all nations. And here are the three things you need to do in making these disciples ...

- 1) go to the nations – your backdoor neighbours and the tribe in regions unknown;
- 2) help them make a public statement of their loyalty to Christ, that is, baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; and
- 3) teach them to obey everything I have commanded you.

And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

In new forms and old the Church must continue to teach disciples to read what Christ taught, to understand this teaching correctly, and to put that teaching into practice. Over the years some doors will close and others will open, but our Lord said he would build his church, and the gates of hell would not be able to hold it back.

Students, take what you have learned, put it into practice, and obey the command of Christ. Take the message of the gospel outside the boundaries of your comfort zone and the comfort zone of the church. Be those who publicly declare their allegiance to Christ. Share what you have learned so that many others will know the love of God and actively pursue His will.

Alumni, parents, board members, family and friends of Bethany, continue doing this work in the name of Jesus. Let all those you meet know you belong to Jesus, by your actions and your words declare all that Jesus taught.

Faculty and staff, both past and present, continue to fulfill this command of Christ wherever He guides you from here.

Let's pray

Holy God, Loving Son, Life-giving Spirit,

I pray that you will walk with and care for these your children. May their love keep on increasing and may they continue to grow in knowledge and understanding, discerning how to make the best choices in life. Then your children will still be pure and innocent when Christ returns.

And until that day, may the Spirit of Jesus Christ keep all of us actively doing good that brings glory and praise to God.

May the Lord bless you and protect you,

May He watch over you and lead you in His way,

May He hold you in his hand and give you peace.

And now to him who can keep you on your feet, standing tall in his bright presence, alive and joyful—to the one true God, our only Saviour, through Jesus Christ his Son, our King, be glory, majesty, strength, and authority before all time, now, and forever, world without end.