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WELLSPRING CHURCH

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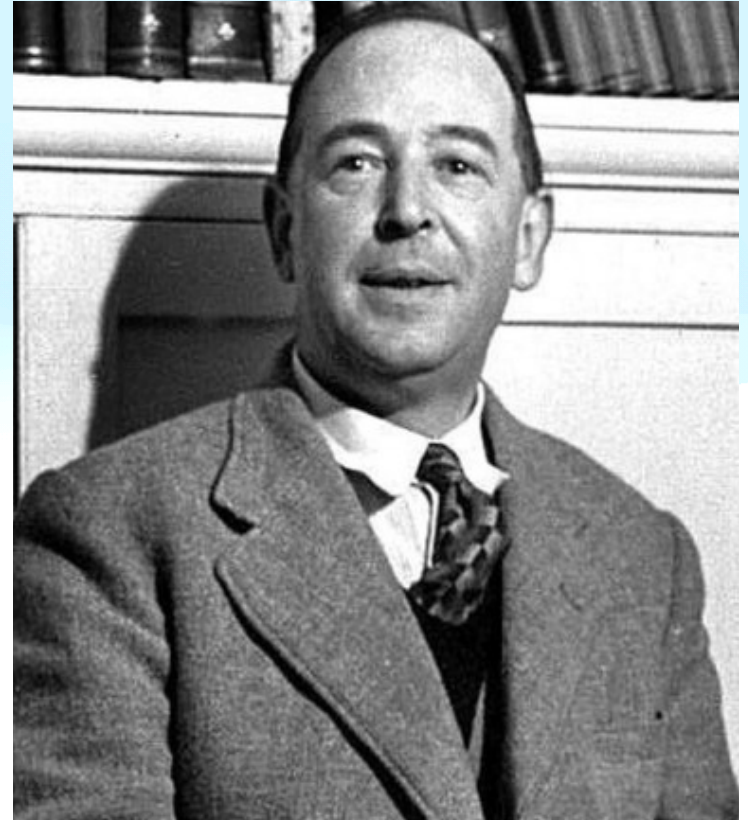
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The gospel as mystery, yet
with a logical inner coherence
with explanatory power.

I believe in Christianity
as I believe that the sun
has risen: not only
because I see it, but
because by it I see
everything else.

CS Lewis



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Matthew 28:19–20 (ESV)

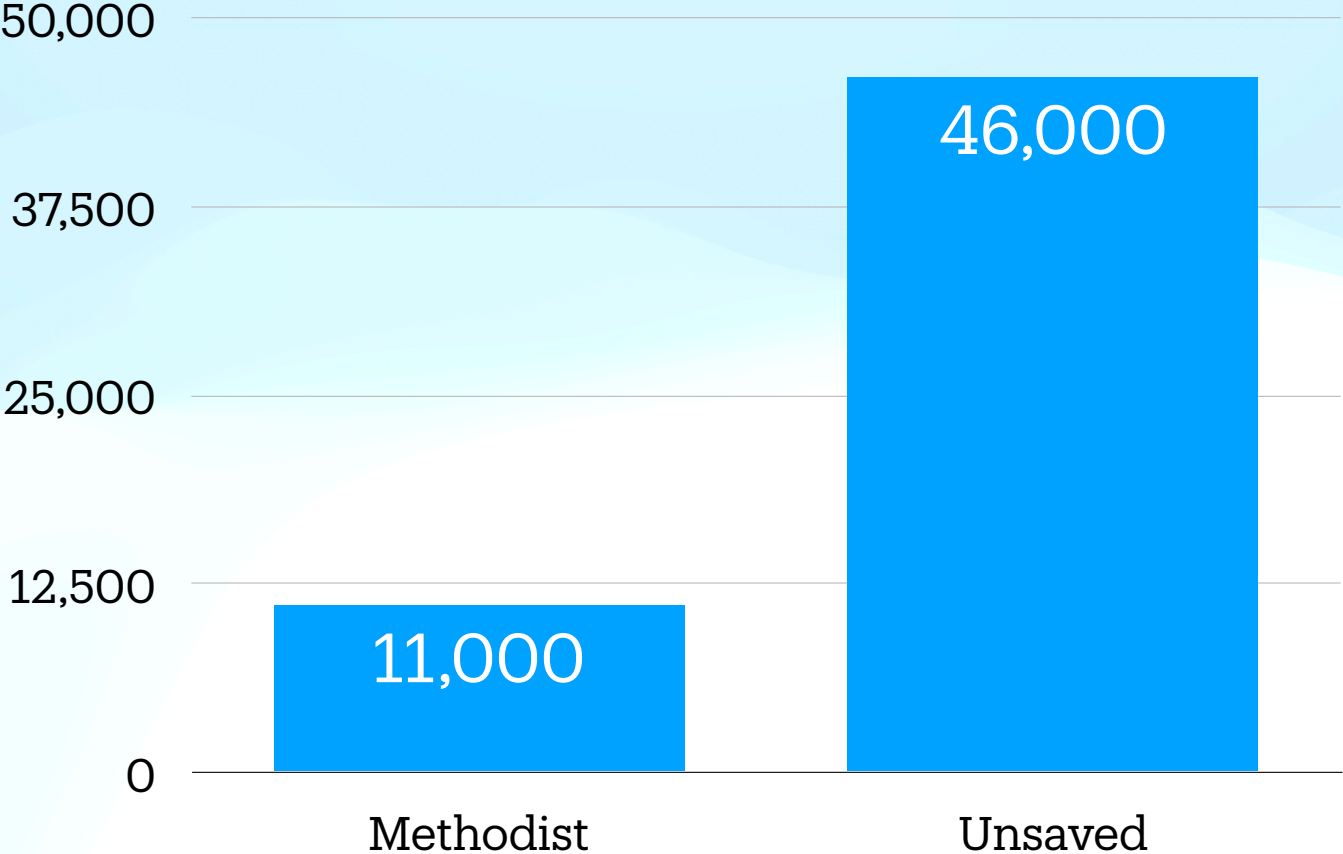
¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ **teaching** them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

104,000 people in
Madison County.

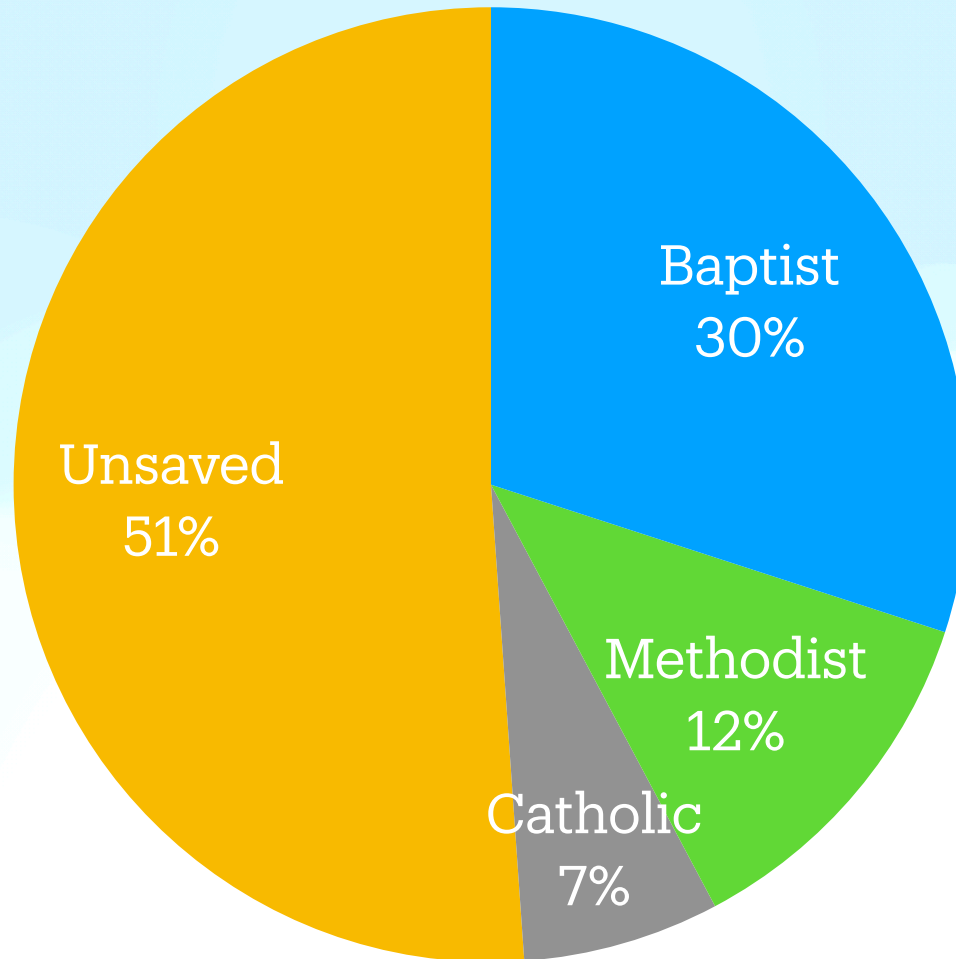
47,000 people in Madison
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11,000 people in Madison
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Faith, Love, and Obedience

1 Corinthians 13:1–7 (ESV)

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

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The teaching work of the church is **collaborative**.

Acts 2:17–18 (ESV) (from Joel 2)

¹⁷ ‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons **and your daughters shall prophesy**, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸ even on my male servants **and female servants** in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

Acts 21:8–9 (ESV)

⁸ On the next day we departed and came to Caesarea, and we entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him.

⁹ **He had four unmarried daughters, who prophesied.**

1 Corinthians 11:4–5 (ESV)

⁴ Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head, ⁵ **but every wife who prays or prophesies** with her head uncovered dishonors her head, since it is the same as if her head were shaven.

1 Corinthians 14:1–31

Make love your aim, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy. For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him. ... On the other hand, he who prophesies speaks to men for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation. He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church. Now I want you all to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. ... Since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church. ... I thank God that I speak in tongues more than you all; nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind, in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue. ... When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification. ... For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged. (14:1-31 RSV)

1. Faith, love, and obedience
2. Obedience to the great commission
3. The collaborative teaching work of the church

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