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CASE STUDY OF THE GLAD TIDINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
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ABSTRACT

The main purpose of the research was to carry out a comparative study of the Evangelistic attitude of Baptist members viz-a-viz the fulfilment of Christ command in Mathew 28:18-20 in a typical Nigerian Baptist Church – A case study of The Glad Tidings Baptist Church, Ogbomoso. A review of related literature was examined on the topic to provide information and documentary evidence to treat in part and to formulate and recommend procedures to follow. The outcome of the study shows that Baptist members have warm evangelistic attitude towards the fulfilment of Christ command in Matthew 28: 18 – 20. It was also brought to limelight that Baptist Churches do motivate members to reach out to the lost in relation to Christ expectations in Mathew 28: 18 – 20. Finally it was found out that Baptist Churches do engage in active evangelism as commanded by Jesus in Matthew 28:18-20. Based on the findings it was recommended that the church should involve wealthy members of our denominations to give financial supports to evangelism. It was also recommended that the Pastor and church executive committee should place evangelism as the priority of the church.

5.2 Recommendations

Arising from the findings of this study, the following recommendations are made:

1. It is obvious that the local church alone cannot provide all the funds needed to run an effective evangelistic programmes; therefore, efforts should be made by the Pastor and Mission/Evangelism coordinator to involve wealthy members of our denomination to give financial supports to evangelism.
2. The pastor as well as the church council should place evangelism as the priority of the church.

3. The local church should organize training and retraining for Baptist members to equip them with essential facts about evangelism.
4. Church leaders (Pastor, Deacons and Mission/Evangelism coordinators) should encourage members to engage in evangelism by their own positive involvement in evangelism.
5. In order to involve mass participation in evangelism, a day should be set apart monthly for the church to go out on evangelism.
6. The end result of evangelistic activities should aim at planting a church or increasing the already planted church if the distance of the new convert is very close.
7. Baptist churches need to go more on media especially Radio and Television to reach out to the lost.