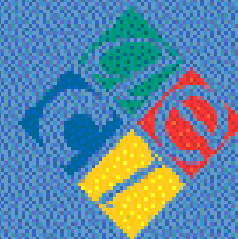


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***“relevant mission strategies
which anticipate God’s choice
to work in and through
the waters of baptism”***



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SCENARIOS

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THE NON CHRISTIAN FAMILY

THE BAPTIST GROUP

OUR NEW PASTOR

What were the key issues?

What were the key 'baptism' issues?

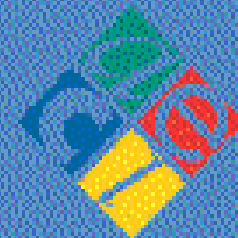


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It is of the greatest importance that we regard baptism as excellent, glorious, and exalted.

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1. *Baptism and the Gospel*

In Christ ... for the forgiveness of sin

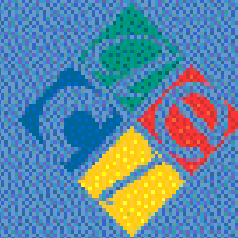


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Thus a Christian life is nothing else than a daily Baptism, once begun and ever continued.

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2. Baptism and spirituality

Look to baptism: back/ahead

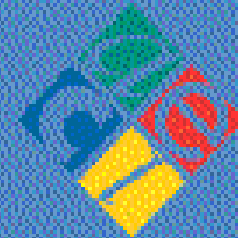


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we should diligently see to it that we ceaselessly, joyfully, and from the heart thank, praise, and honour God for baptism

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3. Baptism: a necessity!

outward ... then inward

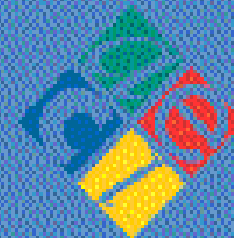


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we must boldly and
without fear hold fast to
our baptism

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MAKING A GOOD CONFESSION:

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“We cherish baptism”

Looking at a School prospectus

Looking at an enrolment form



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STRATEGIES

**1. Christian Staff who
cherish their own baptism**



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STRATEGIES

2. *New Staff orientation:
“we cherish baptism”*



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STRATEGIES

3. Devotion and worship



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STRATEGIES

4. Christian Studies

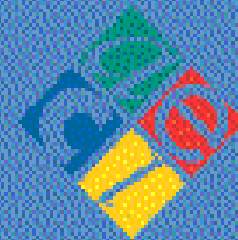


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In baptism, therefore,
every Christian has
enough to study and
practice all his or her life.

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STRATEGIES

5. *Catechesis and the School*



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STRATEGIES

6. Repentance

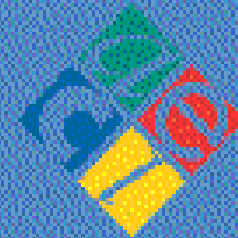


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Repentance, therefore, is nothing else than a return and approach to baptism, to resume and practice what has earlier been begun but abandoned.

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STRATEGIES

7. Family Education



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8. Using enrolment data



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9. Celebration



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STRATEGIES

10. The interview



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Values and morals



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The pursuit of re-baptism



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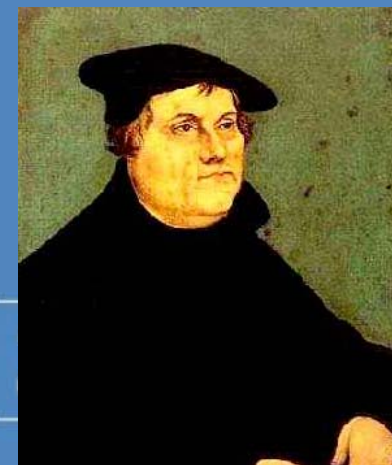
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Christ becomes Moses



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***“It is essential that
children learn the
beginning of a Christian
and blessed life ...”***



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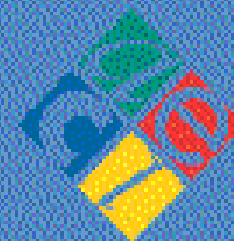
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