



THE FOUNDRY

Our Mission

OUR SINGULAR FOCUS IS TO HELP PEOPLE KNOW, FOLLOW, AND SHARE JESUS.

VALUES

All People Matter to God and therefore to us.

"God so loved the world..."

We offer Hope and Healing to a broken world.

"Changed people change the world."

Life change happens in Authentic Community.

"Big faith is most often grown in small groups which invite us into meaningful relationships and challenge us to grow."

We create Engaging Environments to tell God's Story in a compelling way.

"Making faith boring is sinful."

We are called to Shared Service.

"Everyone has a part to play in God's Mission".

A changing world requires Fresh Expressions of the Good News.

"The message is timeless but the methods of reaching people will change."

An External Focus and Radical Generosity honor God and grow our faith.

"Success is not only measured by seating capacity but by sending capacity."



STATEMENT OF FAITH

JOHN WESLEY, THE FOUNDER OF A RENEWAL MOVEMENT WITHIN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND, WHICH LATER BECAME THE METHODIST CHURCH, QUOTED AUGUSTINE, SAYING:

*"In essentials, let us have unity.
In non-essentials, let us have liberty.
In all things, let us show charity (love)."*

AT FOUNDRY WE CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING **ELEVEN AREAS OF BELIEF TO BE ESSENTIAL:**

1. GOD THE FATHER:

God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. God is personal and is involved in and cares about our daily life. He eternally exists in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal, each possessing the attributes of deity.

2. JESUS CHRIST:

Jesus Christ, the second person of the Trinity, was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. The incarnate God, Jesus, was both fully God and fully human. He lived a perfect life and is God's Chosen One to bring salvation to all peoples, for all time. He willingly died on a cross to redeem us and to offer us the gift of eternal life. He ascended to heaven and will return to earth to judge the living and the dead.

3. THE HOLY SPIRIT:

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, God present with us for guidance, comfort and strength. The Holy Spirit lives in every Christian, changing us, renewing us and strengthening us to accomplish the mission God has for us.



4. SALVATION BY GRACE:

Salvation cannot be earned. There's no behavior, no matter how holy or righteous, by which we can achieve salvation. It's the gift of a gracious God through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Salvation involves repentance (turning from sin), conversion (being made new), and justification (being made right with God).

5. AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE:

The Bible is God's word to us. The Bible is a unified story which leads to Jesus. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, the Bible is the source of truth and the final authority for Christian belief and practice.

6. THE KINGDOM OF GOD:

The Kingdom of God is the reign of God. It is revealed whenever and wherever God's will is done on earth as it is in Heaven. This Kingdom is the mission and the primary task of the Church today.

7. THE CHURCH:

The Church is an extension of Christ's life and ministry in the world today. The Church is the people of God, filled with the Spirit of God, joined in the mission of God. God is actively working to transform the world and has chosen the Church as an instrument of this transformation. God's intent is for all believers to be joined with the Church in this mission.

8. HUMANITY:

All human beings are created in God's image and designed to be in relationship with our creator. Through sin we break our relationship with God. Only through God's grace are we restored and reunited with God, with creation and with the persons God intends us to be.



9. COMPASSION:

God calls all Christians to show compassion to those in need and to stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves.

10. BAPTISM:

Baptism, Through baptism we are joined with the Church and with Christians everywhere. Baptism is symbolic of new life, a sign of God's love and His forgiveness of our sins.

11. THE LORD'S SUPPER (COMMUNION):

The Lord's Supper is a holy meal of bread and wine that symbolizes the body and blood of Christ. The Lord's Supper recalls the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and celebrates the unity of all the members of God's family. By sharing this meal, we give thanks for Christ's sacrifice and are nourished and empowered to go into the world in mission and ministry. Our communion table is open to all who love Christ, repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another.

"The Apostles' Creed is one of the oldest expressions of the essentials of Christian faith. For over 1,600 years, it has encapsulated the beliefs that all truly Christian churches hold to. I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified dead and buried. On the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father, Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, The holy Christian Church, The communion of Saints, The forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the Body, And the life everlasting, Amen".



OUR VIEWS ON SOME “NON-ESSENTIALS”:

Forms of Baptism – Infant baptism is a covenant between God, the child’s parents and the Church. It is a commitment to inspire and nurture the faith of children, so they will grow to profess their own faith in Christ and follow Him as Savior and Lord. We celebrate baptism (or remembrance of baptism) with teenagers and adults making a public profession as a follower of Christ. We baptize by sprinkling, immersion or pouring.- Acts 16:33. Baptism alone doesn’t save, but is an outward sign of the saving grace of God at work.

Women in Leadership – All should use their gifts. – Acts 2:17-18; Romans 12:6; Romans 16; Galatians 3:28

Political Views – We don’t endorse parties or candidates. Scripture teaches us to practice civic responsibility for the betterment of our our world and to pray for and obey government. Science and the Bible don’t have to conflict. We don’t need to fight science to affirm the authority of scripture.

When Christ will Return – Jesus said He would return and we should be about His work of serving one another in the meantime.

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4: 3-6(NIV)

VIEWS ON CHARITY (LOVE) IN ALL THINGS:

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.... And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:1-3, 13 (NIV)

