

NF Mission and Core Values

Mission:

To bring Glory to God through the networking of independent Baptist churches for the advancement of the gospel; the strengthening of the churches and their leaders; the promotion of sound biblical teaching; and the fostering of true fellowship and support among like minded ministries.

Our Core Values:

- We believe in the **centrality of the local Church** in God's plan for both local and global impact with the Gospel.
- We believe in **local church independency** which we believe doesn't preclude the value of a true biblical interdependency among churches of like biblical conviction and practice.
- We believe in **biblical doctrine** . . . affirming the great fundamental truths of biblical Christianity and the historic Biblical convictions of Baptist belief and polity. We also affirm the importance of sound Bible teaching in our churches.
- We believe in the **voluntary networking** of churches and leaders for fellowship, encouragement and ministry enhancement.
- We believe in a network **leadership structure** that respects church autonomy and maintains a non-controlling perspective in its dealings with individual churches.
- We believe in the biblical teaching about **doctrinal purity and separation** from false teaching (apostacy) and desire to maintain a respectful and humble perspective in dealing with others with whom we disagree.
- We believe in the **priority of the Great Commission** and affirm the importance of evangelism, discipleship and church planting both locally and globally.
- We believe in making a distinction between **unchanging biblical doctrine and changeable ministry methods** and respect the diversity of church ministry practices among our churches.
- We believe in a biblical church growth . . . desiring to foster **healthy church ministries** that intentionally and strategically reach out into local communities with the gospel.
- We believe in the importance of **loving pastoral leadership** in local churches. Such leadership respects congregational authority and works closely with deacons who provide assistance and support to their pastors.