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.