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CHURCH HISTORY:

Foundations Church (formerly Foundations Forever International Church) was founded by Pastor Mitchell and Mindy Livingston in September 2001 after their return from JSMI Bible School in Fort Worth, Texas. The church started meeting at a Super 8 Conference center with one goal, share the Gospel locally and globally. For the next five years as the church grew they met in a handful of locations until finally settling down in Little River, SC.

In the spring of 2008 we joined the CEEC (Communion of Evangelical Episcopal Churches) under Bishop Quintin Moore as a part of the Diocese of Restoration. The CEEC is a communion of churches and provinces exploring opportunities to bridge the historical, liturgical, and apostolic ministry with modern Evangelical and Charismatic contexts.

Our goal today is much the same as before. We aim to be a missions minded church, locally and globally, proclaiming the Gospel and training the next generation of disciples.

CHURCH SERVICES:

SUNDAY MORNING

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| 10:00AM | Adult Bible Study (w/ coffee, tea, and fellowship)
Toddler and Children's Sunday School |
| 11:00AM | Sunday Service (Based Around Church Year) <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Liturgical The worship experience is full of liturgy, scripture reading, and prayers (both ancient and modern).* Evangelical We proclaim Christ weekly using the age old technique of Lectio Continua (Continuous Scripture Teaching)* Sacramental Weekly participation in the Lord's Supper.
Baptismal Services often. |

FRIDAY MORNING

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| 8:30AM | Morning Prayer Service <ul style="list-style-type: none">*Traditional Book of Common Prayer Morning Service with Scripture Reading* |
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CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

We believe our responsibility as a Church is to raise up Disciples for Christ (*Matthew 28:19-20*), those who are willing to go forth and proclaim the Gospel to all that have yet to hear and need to (*Acts 1:8*). We believe in building people in the firm foundation (*Luke 6:48*) that is Jesus Christ, we do so by devoting ourselves weekly to the Public Reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching (*1 Tim 4:13*) Prayer, Fellowship, and the Breaking of Bread (*Acts 2:42*). We aim to show our community the literal meaning of loving thy neighbor (*Mark 12:31*) by identifying and meeting the needs of those around us. We aim to equip the saints to build up the body of Christ (*Eph 4:12*), by teaching sound doctrine and helping to identify the next generation of Preachers and Teachers. Our chief goal is to be a light to all of those who need Him, the savior Jesus Christ, by being the counter-cultural community of individuals whose love knows no bounds, willing to proclaim his name in season and out (*2 Tim 4:2*).

To God all praise and Glory! **Amen!**

WHAT WE BELIEVE:

Christianity is defined not by the boundaries, but by the center. At the center of the Christian faith are two very important creeds of the Church: The Apostles Creed and the Nicene Creed. These historical documents have served for years as a universal set of beliefs for the Church. In keeping with tradition Foundations Church ascribes to both of these Creeds, as well as our own statement of faith, as we seek to live out an Ancient-Future Christian Faith.

APOSTLES CREED (3RD – 5TH CENTURY AD)	NICENE CREED (A.D. 325)
<p>I believe in God the Father Almighty maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary, He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; one holy Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.</p>	<p>We believe in one God, the Father Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.</p> <p>And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made; Who, for us men and for our salvation, Came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; And the third day he rose again, According to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And he shall come again, with glory, To judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.</p> <p>And we believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life; Who proceedeth from the Father [and the Son]; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets. And we believe in one holy catholic <i>[universal]</i> and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins <i>[baptism is a sign and seal of God's promise to forgive the sins of those who trust in Christ];</i> And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.</p>

FOUNDATIONS CHURCH STATEMENT OF FAITH

I. GOD

There is but one God, the Maker, Preserver and Ruler of all things, having in and of himself, all perfections, and being infinite in them all, being self-sufficient, not dependent on anything for existence; and to him all creatures owe the highest love, reverence and obedience that springs from faith (*Deut. 6:4; Ps 145:3; John 1:3; 1 Cor. 8:4-6; 1 Tim. 1:17; Rom. 11:36*), who sovereignly chooses some unto everlasting life — not because of foreseen merit in them, but of his mere mercy in Christ — thus they are called, justified, and glorified (*Rom. 8:28-30; 1 Cor. 1:27-29; Eph. 1:4, 11*).

II. THE TRINITY

We believe that there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three divine (co-equal, co-eternal), yet distinct persons, each having distinct attributes: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. (*Genesis 1:1,26; John 1:1,3; Matthew 28:19; John 4:24; Romans 1:19,20; Ephesians 4:5,6*). We affirm the doctrines of the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed (AD 381) as follows:

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Only-begotten, Begotten of the Father before all ages, Light of Light, True God of True God, Begotten, not made, of one essence with the Father, by Whom all things were made, Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead, Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets.

And we believe in One, Holy, catholic and Apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. We look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the age to come. Amen.

III. JESUS CHRIST

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, and teachings. We believe he died in the place of all sinners, bearing the wrath of God for all who would believe in Him. We believe in his bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people, and personal visible return to earth. (*Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38; John 1:1; 20:28; Romans 9:5; 8:46; II Corinthians 5:21; I Peter 2:21-23; John 20:30, 31; Matthew 20:28; Ephesians 1:4; Acts 1:11; Romans 5:6-8; 6:9,10; Hebrews 7:25; Hebrews 9:28; I Timothy 3:16*).

We affirm the doctrines of the Chalcedonian Creed (451) as follows:

We, then, following the early church Fathers, all with one consent, teach men to confess one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the same perfect in Godhead and also perfect in manhood; truly God and truly man, of a reasonable [rational] soul and body; consubstantial [co-essential] with the Father according to the Godhead, and consubstantial with us according to the Manhood; in all things like unto us, without sin; begotten before all ages of the Father according to the Godhead, and in these latter days, for us and for our salvation, born of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, according to the Manhood; one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, only begotten, to be acknowledged in two natures, inconfusedly, unchangeably, indivisibly, inseparably; the distinction of natures being by no means taken away by the union, but rather the property of each nature being preserved, and concurring in one Person and one Subsistence, not parted or divided into two persons, but one and the same Son, and only begotten, God the Word, the Lord Jesus Christ; as the prophets from the beginning [have declared] concerning Him, and the Lord Jesus Christ Himself has taught us, and the Creed of the holy Fathers has handed down to us.

IV. THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe in the Holy Spirit sent into the world by God to glorify the Son of God. We believe that without his effective call no one would come to faith. We believe that His work in regeneration is not the result of water baptism or any outward ritual. We believe He indwells everyone who trusts in Christ, and helps them make progress in overcoming sin and in becoming more like Jesus Christ in thought, deed, and love. (*John 14:16,17,26; 15:26,27; John 16:9-14; John 3:3-8; Romans 8:9; I Corinthians 3:16; 6:19; Galatians 5:22-26*)

V. THE WORD OF GOD

We believe that the Bible, consisting of the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, is the infallible Word of God, verbally inspired by God, and without error in the original manuscripts. We believe that God's intentions, revealed in the Bible, are the supreme and final authority in testing all claims about what is true and what is right. In matters not addressed by the Bible, what is true and right is assessed by criteria consistent with the teachings of Scripture. (*II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:20,21; 3:16; I Corinthians 2:13; 14:37; Mark 13:31; John 8:31,32; 14:26; 16:13-14; 17:17; 20:31; Acts 20:32; Matthew 22:29, 43-44; 24:35; Numbers 23:19; Proverbs 30:5; Psalm 12:6; Hebrews 6:18; Titus 1:2*)

VI. THE HUMAN CONDITION & SALVATION

We believe that man was created by God in His own image and for his glory; but that man sinned and fell short of God's glory, and thus incurred physical, spiritual, and eternal separation from God. We believe humanity has inherited a sinful, human nature, opposed to God's law. As a result they are under condemnation. We reject justification by works of the law, and we believe that only those who trust Jesus Christ as their Savior, by virtue of His atoning death on the cross, submitting to him as Lord, are justified, delivered from condemnation, and receive eternal life. We believe that this faith leads to a heartfelt turning from sin and repentance. The Christian life involves growth in grace through persevering, Holy Spirit-empowered resolve to reckon ourselves dead to sin and alive to Christ. (*Genesis. 1:26-7; Genesis 3; Genesis 2:17; 3:19; Eccl. 2:11; Matt 13:44; John 1:13; John 3:14; 3:16; 5:24; John 5:30; 7:13; 8:12; 10:26; 17:3; Psalm 51:7; Jeremiah 17:9; James 1:14; Romans 3:19; 5:19; Phil 3:7-8; I John 1:9; II Corinthians 5:17; Romans 6:11; 8:1; I Corinthians 15:1-2; Hebrews 3:12-14; Hebrews 6:11-12; Hebrews 10:39; Rom 3:28*)

VII. REPENTANCE

Repentance is granted by God, wherein a person being, by the Holy Spirit, made sensible of the manifold evil of his sin and his wretchedness, humbles himself, with godly sorrow and detestation of the sin, with a purpose and endeavor to walk before God so as to please Him in all things (*Acts 2:37-38; II:18; 2 Cor. 7:10-11*).

VIII. FAITH

Saving faith is a gift from God through the power of the Holy Spirit and is the belief, on the basis of God's authority, of whatever is revealed in His Word concerning Christ; accepting and resting upon Him alone for the forgiveness of sin, justification, and eternal life. It is accompanied by all other saving graces, and leads to a life of holiness (*Rom. 3:27-28; 4:1-5; 4:17-25; 10:14, 17; Phil. 1:29; Eph. 2:8; Jas. 2:14-26*).

IX. JUSTIFICATION

Justification is God's gracious and full acquittal of sinners, who believe in Christ, through the satisfaction that Christ has made; not for anything good in them or done by them; but on account of the obedience and satisfaction of Christ. By faith His righteousness is imputed to them as a gift (*Acts 13:38-39; Rom. 3:21-26; 8:34; 10:3-4; 2 Cor. 5:21; Phil. 3:9*).

X. SANCTIFICATION

Those who have been regenerated are also sanctified by God's Word and Spirit dwelling in them. This sanctification is progressive through the supply of Divine strength, which all saints seek to obtain, pressing after holiness in determined obedience to all Christ's commands (*Jer. 31:31-34; Ezek. 36:27-27; Rom. 8:1-17; 1 Cor. 9:27; Gal. 5:13-24; Titus 2:11; 2 Pet. 1:3-11*).

XI. THE CHURCH

We believe in one holy, universal Church made up of all who trust Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord of their lives. We believe that God calls us to unite with other believers in local churches to help each other to value Christ above all, to praise Him together, to grow in our love and knowledge of Him, to stir each other up to good works, and to serve his mission to make Christ known to all peoples. We believe that Christians should be baptized and regularly partake of the Lord's Supper. (*Ephesians 1:22-23; Acts 15:36, 41; 16:5; 1 Corinthians 16:1; Galatians 1:1-3; Revelation 1:4,10,11; Hebrews 10:24-25; Romans 6:3-4; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26*)

XI. SERVITUDE AND CHURCH GOVERNANCE

The Church is a body made up of many members whose positions may be different (Clergy and Laypersons) but their call is all the same. A healthy church is governed by individuals who have been called and set apart for service as Presbyters (Elder, Deacon, Overseers) and Deacons. We have instituted a biblical representation of Church Governance as outlined in the Epistles. The Presbyters are the Overseers (*1 Tim 3:1-7*) of the Church entrusted to take care of the congregation in word and deed, and the Deacons (*1 Tim 3:8-13*) are those who are called to serve the community of saints. As such we follow the Bible's clear instruction for who is to qualified to serve as a Presbyter or Deacon, how to ordain individuals, and what guidelines they should follow as leaders. (*1 Corinthians 12:12-31; 1 Tim 3; 1 Tim 5:17-25; 2 Tim 2:22-26; Titus 1:5-9;)*

XIII. SACRAMENTS

We believe the Lord has left the Church two sacraments: baptism and holy communion (also called the Lord's Supper, Eucharist or the Lord's Table). Baptism is an ordinance of the Lord Jesus, obligatory upon every believer, wherein he is baptized in water in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit as a sign of his fellowship with the death and resurrection of Christ, of remission of sins, and of giving himself up to God, to live and walk in newness of life (*Matt. 28:19; Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:3-5; 1 Cor. 12:13*).

The Lord's Supper is an ordinance of Jesus Christ, to be administered with the elements of bread (His Body) and the cup (His Blood), and to be observed by His churches until He returns. It is designed to commemorate His death, to confirm the faith and other graces of Christians, and to be a bond, pledge and renewal of their communion with Him (*Matt. 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 10:16-17; 11:23-34*).

XIIII. THE LAST THINGS & THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD

We believe in the personal and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth and the establishment of His kingdom. We believe at His return he will finally and fully vanquish Satan. We believe in the resurrection of the body and the final judgment of all people, leading to the eternal happiness of the righteous in the Lord's presence, and the eternal separation of the wicked from the presence of the Lord. (*Matthew 16:27; Mark 14:62; John 14:3; Acts 1:11; Phil. 3:20; 1 Thessalonians 4:15-8; II Timothy 4:1; Titus 2:13; 1 Corinthians 4:5; 1 Corinthians 15; II Thessalonians 1:7-10; Revelation 20: 11-15*)

MISSION PLAN:

INTERNAL MISSION

- * Create and foster a creative community of Presbyters, Deacons, Teachers, and spiritually healthy lay persons (*Current*)
- * Grow the church body & Fill the Pews (*Current*)
- * Identify potential Teachers and Pastors and help foster their journey with opportunities to Teach and to Learn (*Future*)
- * Identify a need for a new small church in the local community, and plant another church (*Future*)
- * Continue pattern of growing, educating, and sending out Pastors and Missionaries. (*Always*)

5 MILE MISSION FIELD

- * Create a Local Missions Committee (*Current*)
- * Canvas the local community to assess needs physically and spiritually (*Current*)
- * Begin Community Outreach Programs (Invite people to church and community functions) (*Current*)
- * Get Missions Committee involved in community programs and functions (*Future*)
- * Host a weekly food bank or Kitchen (*Future*)
- * Offer Seasonal community functions (dinners / picnics / events) (*Future*)
- * Offer help to those in need (*Always*)

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

- * Create a Foreign Missions Committee (*Current*)
- * Establish a yearly Mission Trip for Church Congregants (*Current*)
- * Establish and foster relationships with Missionaries and Programs (*Current*)
- * Grow, foster, and host Mission Minded Families (*Future*)
- * Help plant and establish a Missional Church (*Future*)
- * Foster a Mission-Minded Laity (*Always*)

WHERE TO SERVE:

MINISTRY DEPARTMENT

- * Bible Study Leader
- * Prayer Committee
- * Community Outreach Committee
- * Home Group Leader
- * Deacon (*must complete course*)
- * Presbyter (*must validate call and complete course*)

HELPS DEPARTMENT

- * Usher
- * Greeter
- * Hospitality
- * Communion

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

- * Nursery Worker
- * Sunday School Teacher (*Toddler*)
- * Sunday School Assistant (*Toddler*)
- * Sunday School Teacher (*Older Children*)
- * Sunday School Assistant (*Older Children*)
- * Youth Ministry Leaders

CREATIVE DEPARTMENT

- * Music Team
- * Sound / Computer / Live Stream Operator
- * Web Design / Social Media
- * Media Production / Graphic Design
- * Lighting / Stage Design

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

- * Tithes & Offerings
- * Money Counting
- * Maintenance (Indoor / Outdoor)
- * Cleaning

ADOPTION:

INVITATION TO THE FAMILY

We believe that Church Membership is more like Adoption. Since we have been adopted into the family of Christ as fellow heirs we celebrate our brothers and sisters by adopting them into our local congregation. When you are adopted at Foundations you are more than a member you are family. As your family we take your spiritual growth seriously and we aim to grow you from infants in Christ to Disciples in Christ. We invite you to join us on this journey of discipleship as part of our family.

Application for Adoption:

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Are you baptized? (*Check Which Applies*)

Yes:_____ No:_____

Date of Baptism: _____

Tell us a little about yourself and your walk of faith.

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