

Where can I go for more information?

For general questions and comments about Founders Ministries, you can use the contact form on our website:

founders.org/contact-us

You can subscribe to the Founders eNewsletter or read the eNewsletter online at:

founders.org/enewsletter

For information on titles by Founders Press visit:

press.founders.org

Many of our titles and issues of *The Founders Journal* are available for download as eBooks (ePub and mobi) from our online store.

Please send orders for resources from Founders Press to:

orders@founders.org

Past issues of *The Founders Journal* are available free online in PDF format:

founders.org/journal

To order audio resources online see:

founders.org/audio

For information about the Founders Study Center, you can contact Dr. Ken Puls, our Study Center Director at:

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To enroll or take courses through the online Founders Study Center see:

studyonline.founders.org

Read the Founders Blog at:

theblog.founders.org

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How can I participate in Founders Ministries?

Founders Ministries is a non-profit organization guided by a board of directors, who share a commitment to the biblical gospel that our Southern Baptist forefathers held dear. While no formal membership exists, we encourage all those who share our vision of reclaiming the gospel and reforming churches to participate in our conferences, subscribe to the *Founders Journal*, take courses through the Study Center and make use of our books and other resources. Individuals and churches may also voluntarily identify themselves with Founders Ministries by adding their names to our Founders Friendly Church and Founders Friends lists on our website: founders.org

How can I support Founders Ministries?

God has greatly blessed our efforts with limited resources. As our ministries have expanded, however, so have our needs:

- Pastors, church leaders, church planters, and students from around the world regularly contact us for counsel.
- Plans are underway to redesign and update our website to make our resources more readily accessible.
- Workers on the mission fields contact us to come over and help.
- Prison Ministries and inmates write to us requesting resources.
- Several excellent books await publication.
- New courses for our Study Center need to be developed and brought online

If you have benefited from our efforts, would you consider joining hands with us to expand our work? Please pray for our work and consider what the Lord has enabled you to do. Tax-deductible gifts are appreciated and used to further expand the work of reformation through Founders Ministries. You can send a tax-deductible donation by check to our mailing address or give online at:

founders.org/giving

*Thus says the LORD:
"Stand in the ways and see,
and ask for the old paths
where the good way is, and walk in it..."
Jeremiah 6:16*

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What is Founders Ministries?

Founders Ministries, Inc., is a ministry of teaching and encouragement that seeks to promote both doctrine and devotion expressed in the Doctrines of Grace and their experiential application to the local church, particularly in the areas of worship and witness. Founders Ministries takes as its theological framework the first recognized confession of faith that Southern Baptists produced, the *Abstract of Principles*. We desire to encourage the return to and promulgation of the biblical gospel that our Southern Baptist forefathers held dear.

What is the purpose of Founders Ministries?

Our purpose is to encourage pastors, students and church leaders to recover the gospel of God's grace and work for the spiritual health and reformation of local churches.

Our abiding concerns:

- We desire to be orthodox without being obnoxious.
- We want to be confessional, yet contemporary.
- We are Southern Baptist, though not sectarian.
- Our goal is to be doctrinally and devotionally balanced.

What ministries does Founders encompass?

- Regional Founders Conferences
- The *Founders Journal*—a quarterly theological publication in digital format
- Founders Press—the publishing arm of Founders Ministries
- Founders Online (founders.org)
- Founders Ministries Blog (theblog.founders.org)
- Founders Internship Programs
- Founders Fraternalis
- Founders eNewsletter
- Founders Online Study Center—an online ministerial training academy (studyonline.founders.org)
- Founders Minister Search List (online)—a forum to help churches looking for Founders-friendly ministers and to help Founders-friendly ministers looking for interested churches

Where did this ministry originate?

In 1982 a group of seven men met to pray about and discuss the need for reformation within the Southern Baptist Convention. At that time there seemed to be a small but growing resurgence of interest in the “doctrines of grace” (the belief that salvation is sovereignly and graciously given by God to sinners). After spending the morning in prayer, it was agreed that the energy generated by this divine renewal should be conserved and guided. A decision was made to host a meeting on the doctrines of grace for pastors and church leaders. “The Southern Baptist Conference on the Faith of our Founders” was scheduled and met in July of 1983 on the campus of what is now Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee. The conference met annually there for the first 8 years, moved to the campus of Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama from 1991 to 2004, and was hosted by churches from 2005 to 2008. Past speakers have included John MacArthur, J. I. Packer, Iain Murray, Al Mohler and John Piper. Themes have included missions, evangelism, revival, preaching, pastoral ministry, sanctification, the doctrines of grace, law and gospel and the church. From this national conference, several regional conferences have developed through the years. Information on upcoming regional conferences is posted on our website at:

founders.org/conferences

From the annual conference the *Founders Journal* emerged in 1990. The *Founders Journal* is a quarterly theological publication containing articles (reprints from old, largely forgotten works, as well as contemporary writings), book reviews, editorials, news and letters. In conjunction with the sesquicentennial celebration of the SBC in 1995 a special double issue of the journal was published and mailed free of charge to every Southern Baptist pastor, missionary, denominational executive and professor. The journal continues to be published quarterly and is mailed out to every state in the union and dozens of foreign countries.

Two more ministries began in 1996. Founders Press was established to provide literature that is consistent with the goals and principles of the original vision. With the explosive growth in the World-Wide Web as a means of publishing, we decided to go online in Winter 1996 to make the journal and conference information more widely available. Our website (founders.org) attracts over 200,000 hits each month.

In 1998 we changed the name of the organization from the Southern Baptist Founders Conference, Inc. to Founders Ministries, Inc., in recognition of the growth and development of our activities through the years. Tom Ascol was named as Executive Director of Founders Ministries.

In 2003 we launched the online Founders Study Center under the direction of Ken Puls. The Founders Study Center is the online Ministerial Training Academy of Founders Ministries (studyonline.founders.org). The primary purpose of the Study Center is to provide resources for men in the field who are serving in the gospel ministry or pursuing the gospel ministry. Through the Study Center we are able to bring biblically sound, in-depth courses of study to those serving God faithfully in the local church and on the mission field. The Study Center serves in conjunction with a mentoring program, allowing students to work with respected, experienced pastors.

Do you really think that churches can be reformed and the gospel recovered?

Absolutely! Not because we have any secret weapon which will bring it about. And not because we have any confidence in our efforts or in those whom God is raising up to call us back to our doctrinal heritage. Rather, we genuinely hope to see sweeping reformation and revival across not only the SBC but across evangelicalism in general because of the character of God and the testimony of His previous work in history. We have already seen more positive developments than many of us dared to dream about when Founders Ministries first began. A reformation is under way. How deep it will go and how far it will spread is beyond our ability to know. But there is more evident encouragement to press on in the work of reformation today than there has been in two generations. God is at work in far greater ways than we can measure. But what we can see is tremendously encouraging.



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