

Apostolically Founded

The Church at Stirling has been apostolically founded by Pastors Scott and Loretta Stewart (link to web site) and the church continues to benefit from its relationship with its apostolic overseers. We believe that the New Testament model is for Apostles and Pastors to work in close relationship for the benefit of the local church (Ephesians 4:11 and 12).

Belief Statements

We are convinced that best way to study scriptures is from Hebraic perspective..... All the major themes of scripture, for example *Messiah* are rooted and expressed in Hebraic thought.

We believe that the best way , and this approach to scripture permeates through all that we do.

The greatest priority of the Church and our highest calling as individuals is to worship God.

Mission Statement The 3 Rs

Reading, Writing and Arithmetic have been the basic building blocks for education for over 150 years. Likewise the 3 Rs of our mission statement provide the basic building blocks for The Church at Stirling's Activities.

The Church at Stirling exists to:

- Reach the lost
- Raise a champion church
- Resource the wider church body

Reaching the Lost

The good news of the Gospel, that there is a God in heaven that loves and cares about mankind enough to reach out to them is the most amazing message ever heard. We believe that the Jesus has commissioned his followers to communicate that message to people that have not heard (or responded to) it (Matt 28:19, Mark 16:15 and Acts 1:8). As one missionary put it 'The Great Commission is not an option to be considered; it is a command to be obeyed'.

Quite simply, if the local church does not reach people with the good news of this message who is going to? We take this commission seriously and we are constantly looking to creatively communicate this message of love and hope to people. See our Church Calendar for upcoming activities and events to that will help us reach people with the good news of the Gospel.

Raising a Champion Church:

The word 'Church' first appears in scripture in Matthew 16:18, a better translation of this word would be assembly or community. Church is a community of faith, community is based on relationships and relationships sometimes take hard work to make them successful!

The Church at Stirling is committed to building a community of faith. Scripture paints a beautiful picture of what this community of faith can be like. A community based on love for one another (1 Cor 13, John 13:35), where every person is valued and honoured (1 Cor 12), where everyone has a place and a part to play, where everyone has something to bring, an opportunity to serve and something to contribute for the benefit of the body, where every joint supplies and brings growth and edification to the body and where people are edified and released into places to serve God (Eph 4:15).

Resource the wider body

We're not arrogant enough to think we've made it as a church but we're also aware that the Lord has allowed us to learn many lessons on our journey so far, and that we have ministry areas that are strong and excelling. We are determined to share the lessons we've learned and be a resource to the wider body where we can. Contact the office if you think we can help you with this.

The Church at Stirling's 'Jacob Plan' is part of our ministry that resources the wider body by teaching on the importance of the Hebraic roots of our faith. We're regularly asked to teach on this approach to scripture and how we can use this approach to better understand scripture and Jesus our Messiah. If we can be a resource to you and help you better understand scripture through a Hebraic approach please contact us at the office or at jacobplan@churchatstirling.co.uk