

Four Mile Church Pillars

Pillar 6. Reach the Lost (evangelist/bringer)

- a. FMC is committed to taking our next steps towards Christ together as evangelists
- b. FMC is a church committed to an exponential growth paradigm through Christ-centered evangelism
- c. FMC identifies & develops people who gather others and introduce them to the person/words/works of Jesus
- d. FMC intentionally chooses greeters with this talent; FMC greets new people & walks alongside them
- e. FMC has a brand that is easily recognizable & conjures a response of trust, peace, love, grace, & warmth
- f. FMC procures platforms such as a texting service and other avenues that allow for an easy and safe plug in
- g. FMC develops an evangelism curriculum offered regularly to help people continue to cultivate this talent
- h. FMC does not use the cool or hot thing of the day; rather, it focuses on being authentic, genuine, ordinary, and real

Relevant Scripture

1. Rom 12: 1-2 (The Message), So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.
2. Acts 2:42-47, And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.
3. Rom 12:3-8, For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.
4. 1 Cor 12: 27-31, Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts.
5. Eph 4: 11-16, And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.
6. Matt 28:19-20, Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

7. Mark 16:15, He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”
8. Acts 20:24, However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.
9. Psalm 105, Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.
10. 1 Peter 3:15, But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.
11. Rom 10:17, Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

Reformed Theological Tenets

1. Heidelberg Catechism: Will all men, then, be saved through Christ as they became lost through Adam? A. No. Only those who, by true faith, are incorporated into him and accept all his benefits.
2. ECO Tenets: Through His regenerating and sanctifying work, the Holy Spirit grants us faith and enables holiness, so that we may be witnesses of God’s gracious presence to those who are lost.
3. ECO Tenets: We are not elect for our own benefit alone. God gathers His covenant community to be an instrument of His saving purpose. Through His regenerating and sanctifying work, the Holy Spirit grants us faith and enables holiness, so that we may be witnesses of God’s gracious presence to those who are lost. The Spirit gathers us in a community that is built up and equipped to be light, salt, and yeast in the world. Christ sends us into the world to make disciples of all nations, baptizing in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that Christ has commanded us. We are now in service to God’s plan for the fullness of time: uniting all things in heaven and earth to Himself. To this end, we preach Christ, calling all persons to repent and believe the gospel.
4. Westminster Catechism: Since there is no other way of salvation than that revealed in the gospel, and since in the divinely established and ordinary method of grace faith cometh by hearing the Word of God, Christ hath commissioned his Church to go into all the world and to make disciples of all nations. All believers are, therefore, under obligation to sustain the ordinances of the Christian religion where they are already established, and to contribute by their prayers, gifts, and personal efforts to the extension of the Kingdom of Christ throughout the whole earth.

Recommended Books:

1. Spurgeon, C. H. The Soul Winner
2. Coleman, Robert. The Master Plan of Evangelism
3. Reid, Alvin. Evangelism Handbook
4. Scroggins and Wright, Turning Everyday Conversations into Gospel Conversations
5. Chan, Francis. Letters to the Church
6. Strobel, Lee. The Case for Christ
7. Inserra, Dean. The Unserved Christian: Reaching Cultural Christians with the Gospel
8. Torrey, R.A. How to Witness to Anyone
9. Fay, William. Share Jesus without Fear

10. Packer, J.I. Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God

Venues to Implement the Pillar

1. Leverage church outreach events
2. Consider family members, neighbors, co-workers, friends, & those you come across in your everyday ordinary life.
3. Work with other pillars, such as fellowship, to foster opportunities for evangelism

Platforms & Exercises to Develop the Pillar

1. Read the Four Mile Brand guide
2. Go to a local Wal Mart, Aldis, or coffee shop and strike up a conversation with 2-3 strangers about any topic.
3. Pair up with someone else in this pillar and practice sharing the Gospel message with each other
4. Pair up and pray with someone else about your calling to reach the lost
5. Discuss fears you may have about sharing the Gospel message with someone else
6. Discuss the biggest obstacles we all face to sharing the Good News of Christ with those we know and those we've just met.
7. In 1 page or less, write out what Jesus means to you.
8. In 1 page or less, write out your testimony
9. Review Four Mile operating documents so you know what we believe as a church
10. Go to another church one Sunday and act like a stranger to see if anyone tries to reach out to you - note the fears and apprehensions you may experience going to a new place of worship.
11. Invite someone to a FMC event or worship service
12. Read the Heidelberg Catechism