



## **Biographical Sketch**

Rev. Bill Heintz  
Executive Director and Pastor  
The Foundry Rescue Mission and Recovery Center  
Bessemer, AL

Bill Heintz is a licensed and ordained minister and has served as the Executive Director and Pastor of The Foundry Rescue Mission and Recovery Center in Bessemer, Alabama since 1996.

Rev. Heintz began working in the rescue ministry in 1987. Before coming to The Foundry he served as Associate Pastor at Calvary Assembly in Decatur, AL and then as interim director for the Downtown Rescue Mission in Huntsville, AL.

Acknowledging that the most common denominator in homelessness is drug and alcohol abuse, Heintz had the desire to provide more than a warm bed and hot meal for the homeless. His vision was to offer men and women caught in the devastating grip of addiction the tools to permanently transform their lives through a long-term, residential Christ-centered recovery program.

In 1996 Rev. Heintz and his wife, Michele, pioneered The Foundry Rescue Mission & Recovery Center in Bessemer, AL that currently serves over 230 men and women from across the Southeastern United States. The Foundry has demonstrated remarkable successes in the treatment of drug and alcohol abuse in men and women. The Foundry's Christ-centered program restores self-worth and spiritual growth in individuals. Work, study, self-examination through counseling, service to others, discipline & faith comprise a winning formula at The Foundry.

Pastor Bill and his wife Michele have five children and live in Pleasant Grove, Alabama.