STATEMENT OF FAITH

What we *believe.*

Called to Care
1 JOHN 3:16, 18

"Let us love in deed and in truth."
1 JOHN 3:18

We Are Called to Care is a Christ-centered ministry. The way we care for children and families grows out of what we believe about God, about people, and about the good news of Jesus Christ.

OUR MISSION

We Are Called to Care exists to provide safety, healing, and hope to vulnerable children through compassionate, trauma-informed, Christ-centered care and services that restore dignity, promote well-being, and demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ.

OUR VISION

We envision a future where every child is safe, valued, and nurtured, especially those who have experienced abuse, neglect, or trauma. Guided by our faith in Jesus Christ, we strive to create opportunities for healing, strengthen families, and empower children to experience hope, stability, and a brighter future.

The beliefs that anchor us

01 The Scriptures

We believe the Bible, the 39 books of the Old Testament and the 27 books of the New Testament, is God's Word, written by people inspired by the Holy Spirit. As originally given, it is free from error in all it teaches. It is our final authority for what we believe and how we live, and it is fully sufficient: nothing is to be added to it or placed above it. All Scripture points to Jesus Christ and leads us to salvation through faith in Him.

Psalm 119:105 · 2 Timothy 3:15-17 · 2 Peter 1:19-21

02 God

We believe in one living and true God: the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver and Ruler of the universe, infinite in holiness and love, all-powerful, all-knowing, all-wise and present everywhere. The eternal, unchanging God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit: three persons, undivided in nature, essence and being.

The Father

He reigns with providential care over His creation and over human history. He hears and answers prayer, is faithful to every promise, and in His grace gave His Son, Jesus Christ, for our redemption.

Matthew 6:9 · Romans 8:28

The Son

Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, born of the virgin Mary, fully God and fully man, yet without sin. He died on the cross in our place, rose bodily from the dead, ascended to the Father, and will return in power and glory.

John 1:1-18 · Philippians 2:5-11

The Holy Spirit

The Spirit is fully God. He draws people to repent and confess Jesus as Lord, gives new birth, lives within every believer, grows Christlike character, comforts, and gives the gifts by which we serve.

John 16:7-14 · Ephesians 1:13-14

03 Humanity

We believe every person is a special creation of God, made in His image. Through Adam's free choice, sin entered the human race, and all people are now separated from their Maker and cannot return to Him apart from His grace. Yet because every person still bears God's image, every person of every race has full dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love.

Genesis 1:26-27 · Romans 3:23 · Ephesians 2:1-10

> *In our work: no child is defined by what has happened to them. Each one bears the image of God.*

04 Salvation

We believe salvation is God's free gift, offered to all who receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. It is by grace through faith, apart from any human virtue or good works. God gives new birth, declares righteous those who turn from sin and trust in Christ, and grows them toward maturity by His Spirit. He who began this work will be faithful to complete it. There is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ.

John 3:16 · Ephesians 2:8-10 · Philippians 1:6

05 The Church

We believe all who come to Jesus Christ in faith are joined by the Holy Spirit into one body, the church, with Christ as its Head. The church exists to worship and glorify God, to make disciples through the good news of Jesus, and to serve Him with the gifts He gives, working together in love and unity.

Matthew 28:18-20 · Acts 2:41-47 · Ephesians 4:11-16

> *In our work: we are not a church. We serve alongside local churches and help believers care for children and families in foster care.*

06 Angels and the enemy

We believe angels are created beings who worship and serve God and care for His people. Satan, a fallen angel, is the father of lies and the declared enemy of God and of humanity. He was defeated through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and will face eternal judgment.

Hebrews 1:14 · John 10:10 · Colossians 2:15

07 The return of Christ

We believe Jesus Christ will return at a time known only to God. Every person who has ever lived will be raised bodily from the dead: unbelievers to judgment and eternal punishment, and believers to eternal joy with Him in the new heaven and the new earth. This hope moves us to godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 · Titus 2:13 · Revelation 20-22

08 Marriage, gender and sexuality

We believe God creates each person male or female, and that together they reflect His image. We believe marriage is the covenant union of one man and one woman, and that God intends sexual intimacy for that union. We believe God offers redemption and restoration to all who seek His mercy through Jesus Christ, and that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect and dignity.

Genesis 1:26-27; 2:18-25 · Hebrews 13:4 · Mark 12:28-31

09 The sanctity of human life

We believe all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth at every stage and in every condition, from conception through natural death, including pre-born babies, the aged, and those with physical or mental challenges. We are called to defend, protect and value every human life.

Psalm 139

> *In our work: this is why we show up for vulnerable children, and for the families who open their homes to them.*

FAITH IN ACTION

Our core values: how these beliefs *shape our care*

1 Christ-Centered Compassion

Our faith in Jesus Christ is the foundation of everything we do. We seek to reflect His unconditional love through compassionate service, treating every child and family with dignity, kindness, and respect.

2 Safety & Protection

Every child deserves to feel safe and secure. We are committed to creating environments that prioritize physical, emotional, and psychological safety while protecting the dignity and well-being of those entrusted to our care.

3 Healing & Restoration

We believe healing is possible, even in the midst of profound adversity. Through trauma-informed care, meaningful relationships, and individualized support, we help children find hope, build resilience, and move toward restoration.

4 Excellence & Integrity

We are committed to providing high-quality, professional services with honesty, accountability, and responsible stewardship of the resources entrusted to us. We strive for excellence in every aspect of our work.

5 Relationships & Belonging

We believe meaningful relationships are essential to healing. We intentionally cultivate environments where children and families feel seen, heard, valued, and supported, fostering trust, connection, and a sense of belonging.

6 Hope & Purpose

We believe every child is uniquely created by God, possesses immeasurable worth, and has a future filled with possibility. We are committed to helping children recognize their value, discover their strengths, and embrace opportunities for a brighter tomorrow.

The final authority. This statement does not exhaust what we believe. The Bible itself, the inspired and infallible Word of God, is the sole and final source of all that we believe and the final authority for how we live.

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