



## Statement of Faith

The Board recognizes that ChristianWorks for Children is not the church. We are a Christian ministry founded by the Churches of Christ. Because we seek to serve our church constituents effectively, to be united in our service to Jesus Christ as He has modeled for us, and to be guided by the teachings of Jesus Christ as revealed in the Bible, we expect all employees, all board members, all counselors, all volunteers engaged in facilitating children's support groups, and all adoptive and foster parents to fully embrace and commit to this statement of faith and beliefs.

Accordingly we believe:

1. The Bible is the inspired word of God, the supreme and final authority in faith and conduct, which reveals the nature of God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit (2 Tim. 3:16; 1 Pet. 1:19-21).
2. God interacts with this world as Creator and Savior through Jesus Christ (Gen. 1; Heb. 1:1-3; John 1:1-5; 12:13).
3. God is honored when we imitate the nature of God and his son through the guidance of the Holy Spirit (John 3:13-17; 1 Cor. 11:1; 2 Pet. 2:21).
4. Jesus Christ is the son of God. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born in the flesh to a virgin. He was crucified with the foreknowledge of God as atonement for man's sin, was raised from the dead, and has ascended to the right hand of God. Through Him only we have access to God (John 3:13-17; John 14:6; Acts 2:22-23; 1 Cor. 15:1-4).
5. Salvation of man is only through God's gift of grace for those who put their faith only in Jesus Christ for their justification. Faith is demonstrated by obeying His command to be baptized in water reflecting the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus (Eph. 2:8-9, Gal. 2:16, Gal. 3:26-27, Rom. 6:3-4, 23, Acts 2:37-39, Matt. 28:18-20).
6. Those who have accepted God's gift of grace and demonstrated their faith have fellowship with Him if we walk in the light as He in the light, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin (1 John 1:5-10).
7. Jesus Christ established His church and placed himself as head (Eph. 1:22-23, 5:23; Matt. 16:18).
8. God interacts with believers through the Holy Spirit as Helper, Teacher, Guide, and convicts all mankind of sin, righteousness, and judgment (John 14:26, 15:26, 16:13; Acts 9:31).
9. God is to be worshipped in spirit and truth. God calls us to participate regularly in worship and service, to praise him and mutually encourage and build each other up in Jesus Christ (John 4:24; Acts 2:42-47; Heb. 10:23-25).
10. Like Jesus, children should grow in the knowledge and wisdom of God as they age, increasing in favor with God and man (Luke 2:40, 52; Matt. 19:13-14).
11. Jesus Christ is glorified by our conduct and effort to do our best in everything we do, knowing it is Him we serve (Col. 3:12-14, 17, 23-24).
12. Every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31.) Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture.
13. God has established marriage as a lifelong, exclusive relationship between one man and one woman and which is intended to last a lifetime (Gen. 2:24-25; Ex. 20:14, 17, 22:19; Lev. 18:22-23, 20:13, 15-16; Matt. 19:4-6, 9; Rom. 1:18-31; I Cor. 6:9-10, 15-20; I Tim. 1:8-11; Jude 7; Gen. 1:27; Deut. 22:5).
14. All human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life (Ps 139).

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Signature

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