

Statement of faith and belief

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Bethany Christian Services is united in our belief in the core tenets of our faith as outlined in the Apostles' Creed:

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
On the third day, he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the global church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.*

BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES THAT GUIDE US

Bethany Christian Services is rooted in the historic Christian faith, as expressed in our statement of faith, the Apostles' Creed. In addition to this foundational statement, we affirm the following biblical principles that guide our work, our relationships, and our mission to serve vulnerable children and families.

Authority of scripture

We affirm the Bible as the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God. It is the foundation for our faith, our values, and our work. Scripture reveals God's character, His redemptive plan, and His call to love and serve others. While we uphold the inerrancy of Scripture, we recognize that Christians across denominations may interpret it differently.

Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:16–17; Psalm 119:105; Hebrews 4:12

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness..." — 2 Timothy 3:16

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Spiritual formation of staff

We are committed to the spiritual care and growth of our staff, recognizing that our work is both professional and deeply spiritual. We honor the diversity of Christianity within Bethany and create opportunities for all staff to engage in ways that deepen our unified experience of knowing, loving, and following Jesus.

Scripture: John 15:5; Romans 12:1–2; Philippians 1:6

“Remain in me, as I also remain in you... apart from me you can do nothing.” — John 15:5

A biblical mandate to care for the vulnerable

We are called to care for the orphan, the widow, and the foreigner. We live out this Biblical mandate by standing in the gap for children who need safety, stability, and love. Our mission to demonstrate the love and compassion of Jesus through quality social services shapes our commitment to walk alongside children and families with dignity, empathy, and hope.

Scripture: James 1:27; Deuteronomy 10:18–19; Isaiah 1:17

“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress...” — James 1:27

God’s reflection in humanity

We believe every person is created in the image of God and therefore possesses inherent dignity, worth, and purpose. We further believe God creates human beings in His image as male and female, as determined by biological sex.

Scripture: Genesis 1:27; Psalm 139:13–16; Galatians 3:28

“So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.” — Genesis 1:27

The sanctity of human life

We believe that all human life is sacred from conception to natural death. We are committed to offering life-affirming options to expectant parents, walking alongside them with compassion, support, and hope.

Scripture: Psalm 139:13–16; Jeremiah 1:5; Luke 1:41

“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.” — Psalm 139:13

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God's design for marriage

We believe God designed the family as the primary structure for love, care, and human flourishing. We work to strengthen families and preserve them whenever possible. We affirm the biblical design of marriage as a covenant between one man and one woman, established by God to reflect His love and faithfulness. This covenant reflects Christ's love and provides a stable, nurturing environment for children.

Scripture: Psalm 68:6; Ephesians 6:1–4; Proverbs 22:6; Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:4–6; Ephesians 5:25–33

"Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh." — **Genesis 2:24**

Partnership with the church

Since our founding, Bethany has partnered with the local church to live out the Gospel by providing safe and loving homes for children. We believe the Church is God's instrument for transformation in the world.

Scripture: James 1:27; Matthew 5:14–16; Acts 2:42–47; Ephesians 4:11–13

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden." — **Matthew 5:14**

Excellence as worship

We pursue excellence in our work as an act of worship and a reflection of God's character.

Scripture: Colossians 3:23–24; Proverbs 22:29; 1 Peter 2:9

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord..." — **Colossians 3:23**

By signing this, Bethany board and staff members indicate their personal agreement and adherence to Bethany's Statement of Faith and Belief. As we move forward together, we do so with a shared commitment to our Christian identity and the mission God has entrusted to us. We are united by our faith in Jesus and our biblical mandate to care for vulnerable children and families. May our work reflect His love, our excellence proclaim His name, and our service bring hope to those we serve.