



## Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes

### Statement of Faith

- We believe the Bible to be the inspired, infallible, authoritative Word of God.  
(John 17:17; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 4:12)
- We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
(Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; John 10:30; 16:13-14; 1 Corinthians 8:5-6; Ephesians 4:4-6; 1 Timothy 1:17; 1 John 5:5-8)
- We believe human life is sacred from conception to its natural end, therefore, God the Father sent the Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to be born of a virgin, live a sinless life, and die a vicarious death on the cross providing salvation through His shed blood for all people who confess Jesus as Lord and believe in Him as the resurrected Savior.  
(Psalm 139:13-16; Matthew 1:23; John 1:14; 1:29; 3:16; Acts 1:11; 2:22-24; Romans 8:34; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Philippians 2:5-11; Hebrews 4:15)
- We believe the Holy Spirit indwells every person who has experienced salvation enabling us to live a godly Christian life displaying grace because we have been shown grace and living a lifestyle of faith and trust in the Lord.  
(John 3:5-8; Acts 1:8; 4:31; Romans 5:1-2; 8:9; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 5:16-26; Hebrews 11:6)
- We believe the family is the God ordained foundational institution of human society. It is composed of persons related to one another by marriage, blood, or adoption. Marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime.  
(Genesis 2:18, 21-25; Proverbs 18:22; Matthew 19:3-9; 1 Corinthians 7:1-5; Ephesians 5:21-33; Colossians 3:18-19; Titus 2:3-5; Hebrews 13:4; 1 Peter 3:1-7)
- We believe that human beings are created in God's image as biological males or females as the crowning work of His creation. Therefore, the gift of gender at birth is part of the goodness of God's creation given to every child. It is our God-given mission to minister to boys and girls and their families with the love of Jesus Christ and to do so with excellence.  
(Genesis 1:27; Psalm 127; 139:13-16; Proverbs 31:9; Isaiah 1:17; Matthew 18:2-6; 19:4; Mark 9:36-37; 10:6; Romans 1:18-32; Ephesians 6:7; Philippians 1:9-10; 4:8-9; Colossians 3:23-24; Titus 2:3-4; James 1:27)
- We believe that providing a safe environment is necessary for meeting the spiritual, physical and emotional needs of the children in our care.  
(Psalm 32:7; 146:9; Ephesians 6:4)
- We believe we are stewards of the lives, time, energy, and financial resources God makes available to us, therefore, we are ultimately accountable to Him.  
(Psalm 24:1; 1 Corinthians 4:1-2; 1 Peter 4:10-11)