

On-Site for Seniors

Statement of Beliefs

While the social support, medical care, and education provided by a Christian service organization may look very similar to that provided by a secular organization on the surface, we hold to a world view that has a uniquely Christian understanding of human problems and their solutions. The work being done is informed and guided by biblical revelation of the true condition of mankind in the world. Biblical revelation informs us that while human problems are often physical in nature, these physical problems of illness and death are by-products of a more fundamental problem: man's fallen nature and alienation from God. This ultimate and eternal reality must be fundamental to the internal and external workings of the organization.

As a faith-based, non-profit community service corporation, we put forth the following beliefs as the defining points of basic "Christian Truth" on which we base our daily motivation and objectives:

- 1) **Foundation Source:** We believe in the authority of the Bible as being divinely inspired, extending equally and fully to all parts of the writings (prophetical, doctrinal, poetical, historical) as appeared in the original manuscripts. We believe it is God's Word in written form and is our only written guide in matters of faith and conscience.
- 2) **Creation and Man's Position:** In the beginning was God, and God created all else that exists. Humans have a unique and high value amongst all life on earth because they were created in the image of God to live in communion with Him, and to mediate God's benevolent dominion to the rest of the created order. This is the basis for the precious value of human life. Since God is the Creator, He alone is the ultimate source of value and life. (*Gen. 1:1-31*)
- 3) **The Fall of Man:** In the garden of Eden, man chose autonomy and rebellion, rather than implicitly trusting his Creator. This self-autonomy is the fundamental nature of sin that has resulted in man's separation from God. Communion was broken, and man and all his descendants were plunged into a fallenness which is characterized by alienation from God, from himself, from other humans, and an alienation from the very created order over which he was designed to exercise loving dominion. Out of this alienation comes all human problems culminating for each human in sickness and physical death. (*Gen. 3:1-24*)
- 4) **God's Mercy to Restore Man's Position in Christ:** God has graciously provided a way to restore humans to communion with Him and to provide eternal life rather than eternal death. God's gift of reconciliation is mercifully given to those whom He chooses to show mercy. From all eternity, God had planned to show forth His glory to the greatest possible extent by providing redemption to fallen man and a restoration of communion with God through the exercise of the unique work of the three persons of the Trinity. At the planned time in history, the Christ, Jesus, the Son of God, came into the world and through His life, death, and resurrection paid the penalty of man's sin and provided a way to restore communion with God. Those who believe in Christ

will have eternal life. (*John 3:16, Rom 5;1, 3:25, Eph 2:8, Heb 2:17, 1 John 2:2, 4:10*)

- 5) **The Work of the Holy Spirit:** The life of the Holy Spirit is given to reside within each Christian believer. This new spirit within man responds to God in trust and faith, though imperfectly, and clings to Christ as his treasure for this life and the next. The believer trusts that Christ's righteousness is applied as his own before the face of God, and that the Spirit of God is within him both giving him the will and doing the work that is actually righteous, though still now imperfect. This life empowers otherwise fallen man to live a supernatural life taking on gradually more and more of God's character, as he leaves behind his old human nature. (*Rom 8:9-11, 12:1-2, Acts 2:38, 1 Cor 2:10, 2 Cor 3:6, 3:18, Gal 4:6, Phil 2:13, 1 John 4:13*)
- 6) **God's Love as the Source of Man's Actions:** The outworking of God within the believer is defined by the love of God Himself. It is because God first loved us that we now love Him. God's love is manifest by His being abundantly sufficient for our every need, whether we recognize the need at the time or not. We are called to love our neighbor as ourselves, which can only be accomplished as a reflection of God's love through a derivative love for humans made in God's image. This is the essence of the life of God as it is displayed in the Christian life. Such love is supernatural in nature, and is only actually possible because believers are indwelt by the Holy Spirit. (*Rom. 5:5, 8:1-2, 27, Phil 2:13, 4:13, 1 John 3:16-18, 4:7-11, 5:3*)
- 7) **The Believer's Life filled with Joy, Peace, and Hope:** The Christian depends on Christ for his present true life lived in Christ and for his future security and perfect communion with God in heaven. Because of this life now and for all eternity, that has been provided to believers of Christ, the believer lives in hope and peace during his earthly life, trusting God regardless of his temporal circumstances. He has a hope and peace of eternal life. After death he shall be united with Christ in heaven, to ever live in perfect communion with the Triune God as he was designed to do. (*Ps. 39:7, 71:5, John 14:25-27, Rom 8:18-39, Eph 1:18-19, Phil 4:7, Col 1:12-13, 27, 1 John 3:3*)
- 8) **Beyond This Life:** The consummation of this age will be manifest in the re-creation of the new heaven and the new earth in which Christ will reign supreme, and redeemed humans will live in perfect communion with the Triune God. With this hope in view, Christians live looking for the return of Christ and the consummation of the kingdom of God. We understand that for believers, to be absent from the body in death is to be present with Christ immediately. Believers will be given new bodies clothed with immortality. At the consummation of the age, believers will be like Christ and He will be glorified. (*Luke 23:42-43, John 3:15-16, 1 Cor 15:50-57, 2 Cor 5:1-8, Heb 1:10-12, Phil 1:21, 23, 3:20-21, 1 Peter 1:3-5, 2 Peter 3:10-13, Rev 21:1*)

Given these beliefs as realities, services and care provided by On Site for Seniors, Inc. will have these truths as the basis for its purpose, motivation, hope and strength.