



Statement of Faith

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired and infallible word of God, and that it is Kerr County Christian Action Council's authority in all matters of faith and practice.

Commentary: The Bible is altogether true because it is revelation from God (2 Timothy 3:16). Therefore, it is fully authoritative over the life of the believer and the conduct of ministry. All legitimate authority in ministry is derived from the Scriptures and subordinate to them. Immediate leadership of this ministry rests with the board of directors, and their authority must be the Scriptures. Therefore, their authority is not unfettered. It is defined foremost by the obligations laid upon all Christians by the Bible (Romans 13:1-6). These include obeying the laws of the state and honoring agreements they have made, including the affiliation agreement and any contractual arrangement with personnel, landlords, etc.

2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Commentary: No one denying the Trinity (Matthew 28:19) should be allowed to serve in the Pregnancy Resource Center (TPRC) ministry. Some groups deny the existence of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit as distinct persons, opting instead for the belief that these are mere manifestations or forms in which God reveals Himself. Other groups deny the absolute deity of Christ (John 1:1 and Romans 9:5).

3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His Miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father and in His personal return in power and glory.

Commentary: Acceptance of the historical facts of the gospel is essential for true faith (1 Corinthians 8:6). Regardless of their claims, persons who deny or doubt the resurrection of Christ or the other facts of His life as presented in the Bible should not be permitted to serve in the ministry.

4. We believe that for the salvation of *lost* and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential, and that this salvation is received through faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and not as a result of good works.

Commentary: The apostle Paul reserved his harshest warning for those who abandoned, added to, or distorted the gospel he preached (Galatians 1:8-10). These warnings were necessary 'because of the tendency of men and women to deny that their condition before God is so wretched, so hopeless and futile that they can do nothing to please God or earn His favor (Ephesians 2:1-3; Romans 1:18-32, 3:1-19; Genesis 6:5). Denying their hopeless position, they distort the gospel into a 'faith plus' proposition in which God provides a measure of mercy, but it is up to men and women to complete what is

necessary for salvation through works of righteousness. TPRC also rejects the unbiblical teaching of universalism, which teaches that in the end all men and women will be saved and spend eternity in heaven (see point 6). An act of God leading to profession of belief is necessary for salvation. TPRC also believes that no salvation is available apart from specific belief in Jesus Christ.

5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life and to perform good works.

Commentary: Although good works are not a means of salvation, they are the fruit, or result of salvation. After stating that salvation is by grace through faith, the apostle Paul immediately went on to admonish the Ephesians: “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which He prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them” (Ephesians 2:10).

Genuine faith is always accompanied by works of faith. James said, “Faith without works is dead” (James 2:17). The Holy Spirit is present in the life of every believer. Although there is controversy over the nature and expressions of the Spirit's work within the church, this controversy has no place in the pregnancy care center ministry. A believer's position on charismatic worship and practices should not be a determining factor on whether he or she may volunteer. However, those who engage in divisive dialogue should be admonished to refrain from such activity.

6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost: They that are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

Commentary: Heaven and hell are both realities taught by our Lord (Matthew 25:31-46). Understanding the eternal consequences of unbelief is especially important in the pregnancy care center ministry because of our commitment to evangelism. We are concerned not only with the life and death of unborn children, but with the eternal destiny of our clients.

TPRC rejects universalism (that everyone ends up in heaven) and annihilation (that some souls are destroyed and do not spend eternity in hell). Because of this belief, evangelism has a very high priority in our ministry.

7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Commentary: While there are many local expressions of the body of Christ, the Church is one (Ephesians 4:1-7). Because of this spiritual unity of believers, TPRC is inclusive in allowing Bible believing Christians from different denominations and Church traditions to serve. Working together with believers from many different backgrounds is an especially gratifying aspect of the pregnancy care center ministry.

8. We believe that human life, beginning at conception, is a gift from God, created in His image for His purposes. As such, we believe unborn children should be treated with the dignity and respect that is due to any human person.

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