

GBCH&FM Statement of Faith

Georgia Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries is guided by the principles of the Southern Baptist Christian faith. We believe these principles provide the best foundation for meeting the needs of the children and families we serve.

1. The Holy Bible is divinely inspired, true, and trustworthy.
2. There is one living and true God, revealed to us as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who is owed the highest love, reverence, and obedience.
3. Jesus Christ, the eternal son of God, was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary; died to redeem mankind from sin; was raised from the dead; and ascended into Heaven to be exalted at the right hand of God.
4. The Holy Spirit, fully divine, enables mankind to understand truth; exalts Christ; convicts mankind of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; baptizes believers into the Body of Christ; cultivates character; comforts, enlightens and empowers believers.
5. Mankind was created male and female in God's own image.
6. Salvation involves the redemption of the whole person and is offered freely to all who repent and accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
7. The church is the Body of Christ which includes all of the redeemed of all the ages, believers from every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation.
8. Christians should oppose racism, every form of greed, selfishness, and vice, and all forms of sexual immorality, including adultery, homosexuality, and pornography.
9. Christians should provide for the orphaned, the needy, the abused, the aged, the helpless, the sick, and speak on behalf of the unborn and the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death.
10. Family is the foundational institution of human society.
11. Marriage is a covenant commitment to the exclusive, permanent, monogamous union of one man and one woman.
12. Parents are responsible for modeling biblical behavior, teaching moral values, and leading their children to love and serve the Lord.

These beliefs can be explored in The Baptist Faith and Message, a statement that was adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention on June 14, 2000. A copy is available at <https://bfm.sbc.net>.