

BIBLICAL FOUNDATION

As recipients of the amazing love of God, the people of God are consistently invited in Scripture to share this love with those in distress - children, orphans, widows, the poor, the oppressed, the hungry, those living in darkness. Of particular importance is helping those who are most vulnerable. Stand by Me is founded on James 1:27 and we have accepted the Biblical invitation to care for the most vulnerable group in society - suffering children and widows.

Children are very dear to the heart of God. Jesus demonstrated this by consistently noticing them, talking with them, caring for their needs, healing and loving them. When those around Him challenged the care that Jesus gave to children, He invited them not only to join Him in caring for the children, but to become like them.

Our ministry to children in crisis is rooted in Biblical hope. Hope that allowed Jesus to see not only people's suffering and sadness, but also their potential, often hidden to others. Hope that we lovingly pass along to the children we serve.

STATEMENT OF FAITH:

1. **We believe** in one infinite God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
2. **We believe** in Jesus Christ, the second person of the Trinity; that as the Son of God He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit, being born of the Virgin Mary; that He truly rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and is now there engaged in intercession for us at the right hand of the Father.
3. **We believe** in the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Godhead, that He is ever present and active in and with every trueborn child of God, and that He is present to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment.
4. **We believe** that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are given by Divine inspiration; that they are the infallible, supreme and final authority in faith and life.
5. **We believe** that man was created in the image of God, that he sinned, and thereby incurred not only physical death, but also spiritual death or separation from God; that all human beings are born with a sinful nature, and when moral responsibility is reached, they become sinners in thought, word, and deed.
6. **We believe** that Jesus Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures; that He, as the representative and substitutionary sacrifice for sin, obtained redemption by the shedding of His blood, for all who believe in Him.
7. **We believe** in "that blessed hope" the personal and imminent return of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
8. **We believe** that all who repent of their sins and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ are freely justified by the Father, born again of the Holy Spirit, and thereby become children of God.
9. **We believe** in the bodily resurrection of both the just and the unjust; the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting, conscious punishment of the lost.