

## **STATEMENT OF FAITH**

The professional staff at the Center for Human Development subscribes to the doctrinal statement of the American Association of Christian Counselors. The following statements express their beliefs, as well as our beliefs.

"In one God, creator and sustainer of all things, infinitely perfect, and eternally coexisting in three persons--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, are the inspired and trustworthy Word of God, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of human beings, and the final authority for all matters about which it speaks.

That human nature derives from two historical persons, male and female, created in God's image. They were created perfect, but they sinned, plunging themselves and all human beings into sin, guilt, suffering, and death.

That the substitutionary death of Jesus Christ and His bodily resurrection provide the only ground for justification, forgiveness, and salvation for all who believe, and only those who trust in Him alone are born of the Holy Spirit, true members of the Church, and will spend eternity with Christ.

That the Holy Spirit is the agent of regeneration and renewal for believers in Jesus Christ, that He makes the presence of Jesus Christ real in believers, and that He comforts, guides, convicts and enables believers to live in ways that honor Him.

That ministry to persons acknowledges the complexity of humans as physical, psychological, social, and spiritual beings. The ultimate goal of Christian counseling is to help others move toward personal wholeness, interpersonal competence, mental stability, and spiritual maturity."