

## Statements of Faith

We believe the Bible is the inspired, authoritative Word of God. We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ, in his virgin birth, in his sinless life, in his death on the cross, in his bodily resurrection, in his ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in his personal return. We believe people receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life through a relationship with Jesus.

### We Believe

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God's word and prayer is foundational.

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Every homeless youth is valued and loved by God and we are called to love and value them all.

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Spiritual nurture and growth are critical factors for permanent, positive change.

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Every homeless youth needs/deserves the opportunity to hear the gospel and see it lived out before them.

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Every young person should have the opportunity to discover and grow in God's purpose.

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The local church is central to God's plan of redemption and, therefore, is the wellspring from which all ministry flows. Homeless youth will be encouraged to participate in a healthy, loving, local family of believers.

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Ministry is relational. We will provide opportunities for youth to hear, obey and grow in God's call to help them discover and grow in a deeper walk with Christ.

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**Ministry is giving.** Homeless youth have a need to serve as well as to be served, to give as well as to take. **We will**

continually seek opportunities for youth to work and to contribute to the church and to society as a whole.

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Ministry is Love. As we model unconditional love, homeless youth discover God, see a true picture of themselves and learn effective life and leadership skills.

Further, we believe that homeless youth are at a critical juncture for change, for better or worse. Therefore, it is our task to present Christ, who can permanently and positively change the lives of young men and women.