

Number	Name	Adoption/Revision Date
F114	Statement of Faith	May 12, 2016

Purpose:

To set forth our foundational Christian beliefs which guide and influence every aspect of our ministry.

Policy/Procedure:

- We believe in one God, existing eternally in three persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.¹
- We believe that the Bible is the only authoritative Word of God and that Christians must submit to the Bible’s divine authority in all matters of belief and conduct.²
- We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, 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.³
- We believe that apart from Jesus Christ, all people are lost and face the judgment of God and that Jesus Christ is the one and only way of salvation. In order to be saved, a person must repent of sin and place his/her faith in Jesus Christ to atone for and deliver them from sin which results in the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, Who enables Christians to live a more godly life.⁴
- We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ and that all true believers are members of the body of Christ, the Church.⁵
- We believe that we must dedicate ourselves to prayer, to the service of our Lord, to His authority over our lives, and to the ministry of evangelism and discipleship.⁶
- We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female, and that these two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. Furthermore, we believe that God created marriage to be exclusively the union of one man and one woman, and sexuality is to be expressed only within this context of marriage.⁷
- We believe that all human life is sacred and that we must have concern for the spiritual, physical, emotional, and mental needs of all people from conception to life’s natural end.⁸

This statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For the purpose of Black Mountain Home’s faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors is Black Mountain Home’s final interpretive authority on the Bible’s meaning and application.

¹ Matthew 28:19; John 10: 30; Ephesians 4:4-6

² 2 Timothy 3:16-17

³ Matthew 1:23-25; John 1:1-4, 29; Acts 1:11; Acts 2:22-24; Romans 8:34; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Philippians 2:5-11; Hebrews 1:1-4; Hebrews 4:15

⁴ Luke 24:46-47; John 3:5-8; John 14:6; Acts 1:8; Acts 4:12, 31; Romans 3:23; Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 2:14; 2 Corinthians 5:10-11; Galatians 5:16-18; Ephesians 1:7; Ephesians 2:8-9; Ephesians 6:12; Colossians 2:6-10; Titus 3:4-7

⁵ 1 Corinthians 12:12, 27; Ephesians 1:22-23

⁶ Matthew 9:35-38; Matthew 22:37-39; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Romans 10:9-15; Romans 12:20-21; Galatians 6:10; Colossians 2:6-10; 1 Peter 3:15

⁷ Genesis 1:27; Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:4-6; Mark 10:6-9; Romans 1:26-27

⁸ Genesis 1:27; Psalm 139:13-16; Matthew 22:37-39; Romans 12:20-21; Galatians 6:10