



## Foundation of Mission and Faith

### Statement of Mission

Consistent with the Informed Choices Statement of Corporate Faith, the Mission of Informed Choices is as follows:

Our Mission is to empower people to make informed choices about pregnancy and parenting by showing the love of Jesus and providing life-affirming education and support.

### Core Values

**Hope** – We offer each client the highest value found in the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and encourage them to grow in discipleship through participation in a local church family.

**Truth** - We value absolute truth as properly defined by the inerrant and infallible Bible and commit ourselves as an organization to speak and act in accordance with that truth.

**Prayer** - We value prayer and openly acknowledge the role it plays in accomplishing our mission since we are completely dependent on God's provision and wisdom.

**Integrity** - We value integrity and demonstrate it through authentic relationships, by ensuring privacy and confidentiality, and honest communication with our clients, donors, employees, and volunteers.

**Life** - We value all human life, both born and unborn, because we affirm that God created it in His image which makes it worthy of respect and protection starting at conception and ending at the moment of natural death.

**Stewardship** – We value God's resources and wisely steward all generous donations entrusted to us so that we may offer all services free of charge to meet the needs of our clients.

**Family** - We value the nuclear family and believe God's ideal for raising children is a monogamous heterosexual marriage and coach our clients toward that end whenever its possible and appropriate.

# Statement of Principle

Informed Choices Parenting Services is an outreach ministry of Jesus Christ through His Church. Therefore, the Center, embodied in its Board of Directors, staff and volunteers, is committed to presenting the gospel of our Lord to women with crisis pregnancies – both in word and deed. Commensurate with this purpose, those who labor as Center Board Members, Directors, staff and volunteers are expected to know Christ as their Savior and Lord.

1. Informed Choices is committed to providing its clients with accurate and complete information about both prenatal development and abortion.
2. Informed Choices is committed to assisting women to carry to term by providing emotional support and practical assistance. Through the provision of God's people and the community at large, women may face the future with hope and plan constructively for themselves and their babies.
3. Informed Choices never discriminates in providing services because of race, creed, color, national origin, age, sexual orientation, or marital status of its clients.
4. Informed Choices never advises, provides, or refers for abortion or abortifacients.
5. Informed Choices offers assistance free of charge at all times.
6. Informed Choices is committed to creating awareness within the local community of the needs of pregnant women and of the fact that abortion only compounds human need rather than resolving it.
7. Informed Choices does not engage in contraceptive counseling or in referring for contraceptives or contraceptive services. (Married women seeking contraceptive information should be urged to seek counsel, along with their husbands, from their pastor and/or physician.)
8. Informed Choices recognizes the validity of adoption as one alternative to abortion, but is not biased towards adoption when compared to other life-saving alternatives. Centers are independent of adoption agencies, relating to them in the same manner as to other helpful referral sources. Centers receive no payment of any kind from these agencies, do not enter into contractual relationship with these agencies, and do not share combined office spaces. Adoption agencies are not established under the auspices of Centers. Centers neither initiate nor facilitate independent adoptions.

# Statement of Corporate Faith

## Religious Beliefs

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.
2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, 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.
4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential, and that this salvation is received through faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and not as a result of good works.
5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life and to perform good works.
6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; that they are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of the damnation.
7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality

1. We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31). Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of Informed Choices.
2. We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Gen 2:18-25). We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are united with each other in marriage (1 Cor 6:18; 7:2-5; Hebr 13:4). We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.
3. We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Gen 1:26-27). Rejection of one's biological sex (gender) is a rejection of the image of God within that person.
4. We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God (Matt 15:18-20; 1 Cor 6:9-10).

5. We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ (Acts 3:19-21; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor 6:9-11).
6. We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of Informed Choices as the local Body of Christ and to provide a biblical role model to Informed Choices' members and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by Informed Choices in any capacity, or who serve at Informed Choices as volunteer, agree to abide by this Statement (Mtt 5:16; Phil 2:14-16; 1 Thess 5:22).

### **Final Authority for Matters of Belief and Conduct**

This Statement of Corporate Faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible 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 Informed Choices' faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our Board of Directors is Informed Choices' final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.

### **Sanctity of Human Life**

We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception to natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life (Ps 139).

**I have read, and fully agree with the Statement of Mission, Core Values, Statement of Principle and Statement of Corporate Faith.**

**I affirm my commitment to uphold and support these foundational beliefs in my role with Informed Choices.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_