

CHARIS STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe:

- **THE BIBLE** is the inspired, only infallible, inerrant, authoritative Word of God. Counseling principles and Scripture as drawn from and both are important to bringing health and wholeness.
- **GOD** is eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He created the world and humankind and has revealed Himself through his creation, through the Scriptures, and in Jesus Christ. He is Sovereign, Holy, Good, Infinite, Unchanging, All-Knowing, All-Powerful and Everywhere present.
- **IN THE PERSON AND WORK OF JESUS CHRIST**, including His deity, virgin birth, sinless life, humanity, miracles, substitutionary death, bodily resurrection, ascension to heaven and His coming personal return.
- **IN THE PRESENT MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT** in salvation and by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life and to grow in the knowledge of God, to walk in joy and peace and love and practice of the principles of Scripture.
- **HUMANITY** is created in the image of God, that he rebelled against GOD and is now a sinner by nature and choice. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost – the saved to the resurrection of life eternal with God and the lost to punishment and eternal separation from God.
- **SALVATION** is only by grace through faith in Christ as Savior and King. He is the sole mediator between God and humanity. Good works are a result of and not the means of obtaining God's grace, love and forgiveness.
- **IN THE UNITY OF BELIEVERS** in our Lord Jesus Christ and in the importance of the church community for worship, growth, service and relationships.