

GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF WICHITA FALLS FAITH MISSION, INC.

Wichita Falls Faith Mission, Inc., and its affiliates is a non-profit, charitable ministry which exists to serve the churches and community of Wichita Falls, Texas and its surrounding area. Every decision, policy and procedure originating from the leadership and board of directors will be guided by the following principles:

Our Vision: To eliminate homelessness.

Our Mission: To provide Christ-centered programs and services that lead the homeless toward self-sufficiency.

Our Values Proposition Statement:

“Every Story Matters”

In the North Texas region, on any given night, there will be over 200 men, women and children living in shelters, cars or on the streets. Homelessness is a reality in our communities.

In many ways, homelessness isn't a problem to be fixed. More programs and housing aren't the silver bullets to solving this crisis in our communities. Unless we get to the actual causes of homelessness, we will always be treating symptoms.

At Wichita Falls Faith Mission, we are passionate about the stories of our clients. We believe that we must listen to their stories, find out what caused them to be homeless in the first place and lead them to work to remedy those causes. Every person has a story and every story matters to God.

Our Core Values: (With support Bible verses)

1. We celebrate **LIFE CHANGE** and believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the ultimate answer to restoration and transformation.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.” 2 Corinthians 5:17

“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.” Romans 12:2

“for this son of mine was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.’ And they began to celebrate.” Luke 15:24

2. We absolutely affirm that God is our provider and place our **FAITH IN GOD** to complete the work He has started.

“Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.” 1 Thessalonians 5:24

“For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.” Philippians 1:6

Psalm 34

3. We treasure the **HOLY BIBLE** and believe it is the inspired Word of God, can make us wise for salvation and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.

*“and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;”
2 Timothy 3:15-16*

“Your word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against You.” Psalm 119:11

4. We affirm the God-given **WORTH OF EVERY PERSON** and are committed to providing for their spiritual, physical and emotional needs in a compassionate, safe and healthy environment.

*“For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother’s womb. I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, and my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth; Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; and in Your book were all written the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was not one of them.”
Psalm 139:13-16*

*“He who oppresses the poor taunts his Maker, but he who is gracious to the needy honors Him.”
Proverbs 14:31*

Matthew 25:34-40

5. We advocate for wise and discerning **COLLABORATION** with Christian, evangelical churches and other like-minded individuals and organizations for the purpose of working in partnership to accomplish our mission.

“Leave the presence of a fool, or you will not discern words of knowledge.” Proverbs 14:7

“Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor.” Ecclesiastes 4:9

6. We are committed to **INTEGRITY** in our relationships, governance, business dealings, fundraising and financial responsibilities.

*“He who walks in integrity walks securely, but he who perverts his ways will be found out.”
Proverbs 10:9*

“Like a trampled spring and a polluted well is a righteous man who gives way before the wicked.” Proverbs 25:26

7. We uphold **PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY** and believe that every person is free to choose their own course but must also face the consequences of their choices.

“There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.” Proverbs 14:12

*“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.”
Galatians 6:7*

8. We champion **SELF-SUFFICIENCY** and we promote, encourage and help every person to provide for themselves and their family.

“Now when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very corners of your field, nor shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest. ¹⁰ Nor shall you glean your vineyard, nor shall you gather the fallen fruit of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the needy and for the stranger. I am the Lord your God.” Leviticus 19:9-10

“For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either. ¹¹ For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, doing no work at all, but acting like busybodies. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to work in quiet fashion and eat their own bread. ¹³ But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary of doing good.” 1 Thessalonians 3:10-13

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