

## **Story Family Medicine Corporate Mission Statement**

Story Family Medicine is a Christian medical practice. As an independent clinic, we endeavor to faithfully apply Biblical principles as we care for patients and their families in Moscow, Idaho.

### **Accountable**

Medicine is a faithful study of the human body, which is made in the Image of God by a loving Creator who makes His character known through His works (Gen 5:1-2; Ps 8:4-5; Rom 1:20). Therefore, we pursue excellence and seek to please God through our work (Gal 1:10; 2 Tim 2:15). We will give an account for the care we give. (2 Cor 5:10; Matt 25:23,40)

### **Compassionate**

God is “full of compassion,” and we seek to follow Christ’s example (Phil 2) by serving our patients through excellent, cost-effective, attentive, and merciful care (Luke 10:25-29, Micah 6:8, 1 Pet 1:3).

Sin has broken creation, including the bodies, minds, and souls of all people (Rom 5:12). While we aim to improve health, treat illness and to promote good stewardship of our bodies, we also acknowledge that only through faith in Christ Jesus is the power of sin and death removed (1 Cor 15:56-57). We look forward to the end of sickness and death (Rev 21:4).

Ultimately, we seek to glorify God and to love our neighbor (Mark 12:30-31). We willingly provide care for all people, as we obey Christ’s command to love our neighbor (Luke 10:25-37).

### **Distinctive**

The practice of medicine utilizes a number of tools (medication, testing, surgery and procedures) for the treatment of illness and alleviation of suffering. Unfortunately, these tools that can be used for good are also being actively abused by physicians for grievous wrongs. We affirm the distinct realities of God’s world while denying their perversions.

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We affirm:

- The central role & responsibility of parents is to care for their children. (Prov 22:6)
- The central calling to fruitfulness for married couples. (Gen 1:28)
- God's creation of Male and Female as distinct and inviolable. (Matt 19:4)
- The value of every individual human life, regardless of perceptions of "quality." (Eph 6:2)
- The need to speak the truth in love to our patients. (Eph 4:15)
- Autonomy for medical providers and patients in medical decision-making.

We oppose:

- Efforts to evaluate and treat children independently of their parents.
- Chemical and surgical transgendering of patients.
- Abortion, and any medical treatments that would purposefully end the life of an unborn child, including many vaccines and contraceptives. We do not prescribe hormonal birth control nor place IUDs. (Psalm 139:13-16)
- Medical therapies aimed at removing the consequences of sin without addressing the need for repentance. (John 8:11)
- Physician-assisted suicide. (Ex 20:13)