# CENTERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

The Centers of the University were established to promote the ideals of different academic departments to deal Christianly with issues. Each Center is headed by a Director, who also serves the University as a faculty member or in other capacities.

Below is a list of the Centers along with their purpose statements and directors.

### Center for Excellence in Health

#### Care Practice

Executive Director: Tim Smith Director of Healthcare Educational Development: Joy Thomason Director of Business Development and Marketing: Rita Croom

The purpose of the Center of Excellence in Health Care Practice is to demonstrate the Christian worldview of humanity in enhancing the skills and knowledge of students and existing health care practitioners. The Center seeks to demonstrate the Christian worldview of humanity through simulation education, continuing education, information services to the community, and excellence in clinical research.

## Center for Just and Caring

#### Communities

Director: Mary Anne Poe

The Center is based upon the premise that just and caring communities are created and sustained by transformational relationships. Reciprocal and interactive connections between individuals, families, groups, communities, and society at large exist to either strengthen or violate health relationships within these systems. The Center exists to conduct research and to