

Faith Baptist Church Statement on Marriage and Sexuality

We believe that the term “marriage” has only one meaning and that is: marriage sanctioned by God which joins one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to only occur between a man and a woman who are married to each other. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman (Genesis 2:24-25; 1 Corinthians 7:1-5; Hebrews 13:4).

We believe that any form of sexual immorality such as adultery, fornication, homosexuality, lesbianism, bestiality, incest, pornography or any attempt to change one’s sex, or disagreement with one’s biological sex, is sinful and offensive to God (1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Romans 1:18-32).

We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of the church as the local Body of Christ and provide a biblical role model to the church members and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by the church in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, shall abide by and agree to this statement on Marriage and Sexuality and conduct themselves accordingly (Ephesians 5:22-33).

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. Hateful and harassing behavior, or attitudes directed toward an individual or group, are to be repudiated and are not in accord with scripture nor the doctrines of the church (1 John 1:9; Romans 10:8-10; 1 John 3:11-24).

Faith Baptist Church regards marriage as a good creation of God, and marriage within the Church as a rite and institution tied directly to our foundational belief of God as a Creator who made us in His image both male and female. We also regard marriage as a sacred institution, which images the mysterious and wonderful bond between Christ and His Church. To us, then, marriage is much more than merely a contract between two persons. It is a covenant grounded in promises between a man and a woman, which finds its divinely-intended expression in the “one flesh” union of a husband and wife. We, therefore, will only authorize, recognize, or solemnize marriages between a man and a woman (Genesis 2:24-25; Ephesians 5:22-23; Malachi 2:13-17).