



FMBC STATEMENT ON MARRIAGE

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. (Gen 1:26-27.)

We believe that the term “marriage” has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union. (Genesis 2:18-25.)

We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between one man and one woman who are married to each other. (1 Corinthians 6:18; 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4.)

We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, premarital sex, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, incest, abnormal sex behavior, bestiality and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God. (Matthew 15:18-20; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10.)

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. (Acts 3:19-21; Romans 10:9-10; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11.)

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31.) Hateful and harassing behavior or negatives attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accordance with Scripture nor the doctrines of First Missionary Baptist Church.

We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of First Missionary Baptist Church, the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to our members and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by First Missionary Baptist Church in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage. (Matthew 5:16; Philippians 2:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 5:22)

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and am in agreement with the above Statement of Marriage.

Signature

Date

Adopted December 9, 2015