

**Proposed Amendment to [REDACTED] Church Bylaws**

**ARTICLE [REDACTED] CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE**

[REDACTED] Baptist Church follows the living, holy and God inspired Bible as God's instruction manual for all followers of Jesus Christ, including all leaders and church members. The church, its ministers and its properties exist only to serve and be used for biblical principles and shall not be used for unbiblical purposes such as performing non-Christian marriages.

This policy regarding Christian marriage is based on the Bible's clear teaching that homosexuality is a sin. All sexual relationships other than between a man and a woman married to each other are condemned in the Bible. Leviticus 18:22, 26:15-56, Romans 1:24-25 and I Corinthians 5:9-13, 6:9-12, 15-20. 13