

## **OUR STATEMENT ON MARRIAGE & SEXUALITY**

"We believe that the term 'Marriage' has only one meaning. Marriage is a covenant relationship 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 occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. We believe that any form of sexual immorality, such as but not limited to adultery, fornication, homosexuality, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, pornography, or any attempt to change one's sex or disagreement with one's biological sex, is sinful and offensive to God."

"We believe that it is important to preserve the function and integrity of CrossPoint as a local Body of Christ and to provide a biblical role model to church members and the community. Therefore, we affirm this statement on Marriage and Sexuality and will conduct ourselves accordingly."

"We believe that correct biblical teaching defines marriage as the God sanctioned covenant relationship between one man and one woman. Therefore, so-called 'marriages' outside those parameters will not be performed by church ministers or on church property."

"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. CrossPoint stands ready to provide loving ministry to anyone who struggles with sexual sin. We believe that hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture or the doctrines of CrossPoint."

<sup>1</sup>Statement provided by the Baptist Association of Greater Baton Rouge via FBC Mandeville, and has been reviewed by Greg Irwin, Attorney for BAGBR

