

On Marriage

1. Marriage is defined as between one man and one woman. Nothing else shall be considered marriage. Weddings between one man and one woman shall only be conducted on Fellowship Baptist Church property or by Fellowship Baptist Church staff.
2. Only weddings of church members – in which at least one of the engaged couple are members - may be conducted in our facility, beginning May 2016.
3. Church members must uphold our church covenant (see church constitution), and this phrase

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness, and comfort;

shall include, but is not limited to, a prohibition of those practicing homosexuality or any other fornication, as defined as any sexual activity outside the bonds of holy matrimony between husband and wife. Such behavior is not striving for the advancement of the church in holiness. Those engaging in such practices cannot be members of the church body, and church policies on discipline shall be followed accordingly.

4. Any staff member officiating or attending a wedding that is not between one man and one woman will be terminated under this bylaw, to be dutifully carried out by remaining elder body.
5. Anyone ordained in this church body, officiating or attending a “wedding” between any others besides one man and one woman will have their ordination revoked, and a letter stating such, sent to them and the church they serve, along with any relevant ecclesiastical body. This is to be dutifully carried out by the elder body.
6. No staff member of this church will act as a representative of the State of Montana (or any other state) in the signing of marriage licenses for the purpose of courthouse filings.
7. Officiating or attending a wedding between any others besides one man and one woman, and that staff person or church member shall be subject to discipline according to our policies already set forth in church bylaws.