

# A Potential Marriage Statement For Churches

## Bylaws

We believe that marriage is a union between one man and one woman, following biblical principles (Gen. 2:19-24, Lev. 18:22, Matt. 19:4-6, Rom. 1:18-27, Eph. 5:22-33, Heb. 13-4). We believe that God sanctions only the union in marriage of a man to a woman. We do not believe in a union replicating marriage, commonly referred to as a civil union, for anyone. Therefore, this church recognizes only a wedding compatible with those standards.

## Policies

1. Due to our belief in the biblical teachings about marriage, same sex couples will not be married or joined in any union in any facilities or on any properties owned by the church.
2. Ministers of \_\_\_\_\_ Church will not perform any same sex marriages or unions whether on or off church owned properties. Doing so would be grounds for termination.
3. No civil unions will be performed under any circumstances.

(This suggested by-law and policy has been provided by the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions, but can be used by churches in other denominations. Permission to use it is not required.)