(POL-SEXGENDER) Sex / Gender Policy

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The 1st Free Will Baptist Church welcomes everyone of all walks of life. We fully intend to welcome and love everyone, but we will not affirm anything outside of God's design for human sexuality (See Constitution, Article III, Item 16).

In Genesis 1:26-27, God said, "Let us make man in our image." Creation of male (XY) and female (XX) is God's biological design of procreation and pleasure through marriage that only He knows best. The social deconstruction of God's design does not and should not trump God's perfect plan of who He has created us to be.

1. Bathrooms

a. Since God has created them male and female, we stand on the biblical principles of biological males (XY) using the restroom specified for men, and biological females (XX), using the restrooms specified for women. We do have single occupancy bathroom(s) in our facility if anyone would feel more comfortable in using.

2. Pronouns

a. Biological men (XY) will be referred to using male pronouns. Biological females (XX) will be referred to using female pronouns. Our intention is never to hurt or belittle anyone. Leadership and/or members of the church may use pronouns that seem obvious to them.

3. Sex/Gender Specific Groups

a. Biological men (XY) should participate in the group intended for men. Biological women (XX) should participate in the group intended for women.

Stage of transition, and comfort of the church at large may play a factor in certain circumstances. This policy is from the leadership of the 1st Free Will Baptist Church based on biblical standards.

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