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Homosexual behavior is sin

The BGCT position expressed at its 1982 Annual Meeting has never changed: "The homosexual lifestyle is not normal or acceptable in God's sight and is indeed called sin."

In 1996 the Annual Meeting adopted a report stating the "Bible teaches that the ideal for sexual behavior is the marital union between husband and wife and that all other sexual relations—whether premarital, extramarital, or homosexual—are contrary to God's purposes and thus sinful." Homosexual practice, therefore, is in conflict with the Bible.

In January 1998 the BGCT Administrative Committee learned of a church that had ordained a homosexual as deacon and indicated an affiliation with the BGCT on its website. The BGCT Executive Board, at its meeting in February 1998, recommended that the BGCT decline any financial contributions from the church. The board also asked the church to remove the convention's name from its website and other materials.

The biblical basis for Texas Baptists' opposition to the sin of homosexual behavior is found throughout both the Old and New Testaments. (Romans 1:26-32; Leviticus 18:22; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; 1 Timothy 1:10 and Jude 7)

The good news of the Bible affirms the value and worth of every person, offering hope for all in Christ. Forgiveness, restoration, and transformation are available to the person who truly repents.

A recommendation from the former Administrative Committee to the Executive Board contained this statement:

"Churches should seek to minister to all persons, including those who continue in sinful practices. The love and grace of God embraces all persons and instructs all Christians to share God's love with others.

"We commend those churches who seek to minister to those persons who engage in homosexual behavior. We cannot, however, approve of churches endorsing homosexual practice as biblically legitimate." 1

Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable. – Leviticus 18:22 (NIV)

... God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion. Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done. – Romans 1:26-28 (NIV)

1. 1998 Administrative Committee

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