



The following statement represents Community Church's position on several important topics. These words have been composed in the context of prayer, honesty, and a genuine effort to reflect God's Word to the best of our understanding and ability. We understand that such positions often will not align with the many differing opinions that exist in our culture, and that is not our intention. However, it is our hope that we convey these positions with a heart of respect and love to all. If anyone has further questions, we would welcome the opportunity for open dialogue at any time. Please feel free to contact our church leadership. Thank you.

- Alan Cullen
Lead Pastor

Marriage

Marriage is a covenant relationship designed and ordained by God from the very beginning of creation as a union between one man and one woman. God instituted monogamous marriage between male and female as the foundation of the family and the basic structure of human society. A civil government's sanction of a union will be recognized as a legitimate marriage by this church only to the extent that it is consistent with the definition of "marriage" provided.

Genesis 2:24-25; Matthew 19:4-6; Ephesians 5:22-33

God intends the marriage covenant should never be broken. However, it is broken by the death of either partner, in the case of adultery, or such willful desertion or abuse that cannot be remedied. Such marital unfaithfulness is grounds for Biblical divorce. God's call is to love and forgive. Divorce is not necessitated in any event and Community Church encourages couples considering such a step to actively pursue reconciliation. Remarriage should be considered with great care and Godly counsel.

Human Sexuality

Human sexuality is part of God's plan and a gift to be expressed only within the context of marriage. God has commanded abstinence from any form of sexual activity outside of a marriage between one man and one woman and that any other expression is a departure from God's created order. God created human beings male and female; therefore we hold the distinction between the two sexes to be sacred. We believe that our creator's desire is that every person would maintain their God given appearance and/or sexual identity from birth.

Matthew 19:5-6; Mark 10:6-9; Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 6:9-19

The Sanctity of Life

We believe in the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. The church cherishes the truth that all people have value because they are made in the image of God. Expressions of Community Church's care for the most vulnerable include our strong stand for the unborn, the disabled, the widowed, the elderly, and the orphaned. There is no Biblical distinction between prenatal and postnatal life. Rather, God's Word attributes human personhood to the unborn child.

Jeremiah 1:5; Psalm 139:15; Isaiah 49:1; Luke 1:15; Luke 1:41