

A process for theologically and administratively considering how welcoming our church is to people in the LGBTQ community.

August 15th - A special committee is formed by the Moderator to discern the congregation's opinions and potentially recommend policy and resolutions that reflect how our church will function in regard to welcoming people in the LGBTQ community. The specific questions being considered are: 1) Would one of Faith's ministers get in trouble if they performed a same-sex marriage? Will our facility be available to rent for same-sex marriage ceremonies? Will we welcome people in the LGBTQ community as full members, including a potential to serve in leadership?

During the month of September - we will spend intentional time in prayer and study to help discern what God desires of ourselves and our church. There are resources available at <https://familyoffaith.net/further-study/> to assist in studying this issue.

September 8th - Bryan Langlands will share his story of how he has processed his understanding and what has been impactful for how he interprets what he believes as part of our regularly scheduled Wednesday Night Programming.

September 19th - at 6 PM the special committee will host a listening session to hear what congregants think.

September 20th - a digital survey will be made available so that people might express their questions, opinions, and desires in regards to these questions. These survey results will only be made available to the Special Committee.

September 29th - Terry and Jan Lester will share their story of how they have processed their understanding and what has been impactful for how they interpret what they believe as part of our regularly scheduled Wednesday Night Programming.

During the first week of October the special committee will release their recommendations.

October 17 through November 7 - William will host a class during the Sunday School hour that explores what the bible, tradition, and different perspectives in the conversation say and how people have approached the topic. We'll also discuss how to process whether issues are core to our faith or can have disagreement. Finally, we'll consider how our uniquely Baptist perspectives affect the conversation.

October 20th - Bob Baker will share his story of how he has processed his understanding and what has been impactful for how he interprets what he believes as part of our regularly scheduled Wednesday Night Programming.

November 7th - at 6 PM the special committee will host a listening session to hear from congregants and answer questions about their recommendations.

November 14th - We will vote on whether or not to adopt the recommendations presented by the special committee during our regularly scheduled business meeting.