

# HERITAGE BAPTIST CHURCH

## STATEMENT OF BELIEFS

### APPENDIX I

#### Marriage, Family and Sexuality

We believe that God created mankind in His image, as male or female; that God ordained marriage as a covenant commitment between one man and one woman and that union a covenant with God for their joint lifetime; that this union is the foundation of the family and the essential structure for society; that the husband is commanded to love his wife as Christ loves the Church and the wife to submit to her husband as the Church submits to Christ; that God hates the dissolution of marriage (divorce); that sexuality is designed by God to be expressed exclusively between one man and one woman within the context of marriage; that all other expressions of sexuality (including but not limited to fornication, adultery, homosexuality, polygamy, incest, bisexuality) are sinful and offensive to God.

(Genesis 1:26-27; Matthew 19:4-6; Mark 10:6-9; Ephesians 5:22-33; Malachi 2:16;  
Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11)

