

Grace Fellowship Church

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Believing that God has established the institution of marriage for His glory and man's good we make the following affirmations:

- We affirm that marriage is a holy union of one man and one woman in which they commit, with God's help, to build a loving, life-giving, faithful relationship that will last for a lifetime. ([Gen. 2:18-25](#), [Matt. 19:4-6](#), [Heb. 13:4](#))
- We affirm that God has established the married state, in the order of creation, for spouses to grow in love of one another and for the procreation, nurture, formation and education of children. ([Gen. 1:26-28](#); [Deut. 6:4-9](#); [Eph. 5:22-33](#), [6:1-4](#))
- We affirm that when a marriage is true to God's loving design it will bring spiritual, physical, emotional, economic, and social benefits to a couple, their family, the Church, and to society as a whole. ([Josh. 1:8](#); [Eccl. 9:7-9](#))
- We affirm our responsibility as a church to assist couples in building and sustaining, and, if necessary, restoring marriages. This assistance includes the ministries of prayer, encouragement, education, mentoring and counseling. ([Eph. 4:11-16](#); [1 Tim. 4:11-16](#); [1 Pet. 5:1-3](#))