

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CALVARY CHAPEL SOUTH BAY

WHEREAS, this board is aware of the need to define the conditions whereby this body performs marriage ceremonies in light of the U.S. Supreme Court ruling on Friday, June 24, 2015 in a 5 to 4 decision that "same-sex marriage" is a constitutional right on the basis of the Court majority's interpretation of the Fourteenth Amendment, and the potential that decision has to ultimately force churches to perform weddings contrary to our Constitutional First Amendment freedoms of religion, assembly and association, as well as the Biblical definition to which we hold, be it

RESOLVED, that Calvary Chapel South Bay does hereby act by a unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees on, June 29, 2015, that Calvary Chapel South Bay (CCSB) shall not perform marriages between parties other than those who meet the Biblical criteria for marriage as defined by Scripture as we understand it. The words "Biblical and Scripture" are hereby defined and understood to mean the entire Old and New Testament, New King James Bible 2nd edition, Thomas Nelson Publishers. Be it further

RESOLVED, that all weddings performed here at Calvary Chapel South Bay are considered a worship service and are to be conducted as such with attention to the Biblical definition of marriage at the center of said services. Be it further

RESOLVED, that all church facilities, furniture and equipment are to be considered implements for worship services and are not to be rented, loaned or otherwise used for any purpose that does not meet the published mission statement of the church—W.I.S.E., to Win, Instruct, Send and Encourage, and the expressed Biblical basis for such a statement. Be it further

RESOLVED, that couples seeking to be married at CCSB must complete six weeks of Biblical premarital counseling, using "God's Design for Marriage," written by Pastor Jeff Gill, and be in fellowship at CCSB. Both parties must be believers in Jesus Christ as defined by Scripture, so as to not be unequally yoked together, as well as believe all the basic tenants of the Christian faith according to our published "Statement of Faith" which is on our CCSB Information Booklet and our web site. They must meet the criteria for God's definition of a married couple as defined in Genesis Chapter 2, which is clearly only between one man and one woman, for life. Be it further

RESOLVED, that Calvary Chapel South Bay reserves the right to exercise its discretion, to perform marriages based solely on our understanding of Biblical knowledge, and thereby the limitations and definitions that the Scriptures place upon the marriage relationship, and thereby shall not for any reason be forced to perform marriage ceremonies that fall outside of that understanding, included in, but not limited to, excluding, performing marriages between couples that are deemed, to be living in open sin as defined by the Holy Scriptures, at a minimum, specifically referring to the following passages of Scripture:1 Corinthians 6:7–11, Romans 1:18–32 and Galatians 5:19–21. Be it further

RESOLVED, that the Senior Pastor shall be granted full and final authority, at his discretion, to approve or disapprove of all inquiries as to the suitability of any and all couples seeking marriage ceremonies to be performed by all pastors within this ministry. Be it further

RESOLVED, that couples failing to meet the above criteria shall not be considered for marriage by any pastoral staff of Calvary Chapel South Bay effective the date of this resolution. Additionally, be it understood that this written resolution has been our unwritten practice and principle since the founding of this ministry.

THEREFORE, this Resolution stands in full force and effect until revoked by and action according to the bylaws of Calvary Chapel South Bay.

Date: June 29, 2015

