

美南浸信會發表聲明 反對同性婚姻「合法」

2015年6月26日，美國最高法院以5：4裁定同性婚姻「合法」。美南浸信會現任主席 Dr. Ronnie Floyd和16位前任主席早於6月17日聯合發表聲明反對。聲明的中譯本全文如下：

身為美南浸信會基督徒，我們承諾持守聖經信仰和聖經的道德標準。因此，我們把上帝的真理和聖經的權威作為生命的中心。

聖經對婚姻的描述是清晰的、明確的、不可改變的。我們申明：合乎聖經的、傳統的、天然的婚姻是一男一女在誓約之中一生的相互委身。聖經上如此教導的婚姻觀是沒有改變的餘地的。我們為上帝的話語獻上我們的生命經歷作為耶穌的見證。

為此，我們不接受，也不支持，任何政治或司法機構，包括美國最高法院，所發佈的對婚姻的、在法律上的重新定義。我們不承認同性「婚姻」，我們的會堂裏不舉辦同性婚禮，我們也不為同性婚姻證婚。

在我們申明我們愛所有的人，包括那些在同性戀掙扎之中的人的時候，我們不能、也不會接受同性性行為，和任何有悖於上帝所命定的婚姻的行為。我們也相信，在這至關重大的問題上，信仰自由正面臨危機，所以我們的首要責任是愛上帝和遵從上帝，而不是順服人意。

所以，我們強烈呼籲所有美南浸信會的牧師、領袖、導師和教會會眾公開地反對任何強加的、法律上的婚姻定義；運用他們的影響力去堅立上帝對人生和關係的設計。作為美國最大的、有1,600萬會友的非天主教教派，我們把自己的生命和未來仰望在上帝話語的真理上。

我們也聯合起來，以我們的禱告，我們的影響力和我們的資源，支持那些在公司、商場、教育界、娛樂圈、媒體和任何地方，堅持天然婚姻的人。

Southern Baptist Convention Presidents take Marriage Stance

The current and 16 former Southern Baptist Convention presidents released a statement on biblical marriage and the national implications of same-sex marriage in a June 17 news conference prior to the concluding sessions of the SBC annual meeting in Columbus, Ohio.

The full statement follows:

As Southern Baptist Christians, we are committed to Biblical faith and ethics. As a result, this body of Believers stands on the authority of Scripture and God's Truth as central to our lives.

What the Bible says about marriage is clear, definitive and unchanging. We affirm biblical, traditional, natural marriage as the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. The Scriptures' teaching on marriage is not negotiable. We stake our lives upon the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

Consequently, we will not accept, nor adhere to, any legal redefinition of marriage issued by any political or judicial body including the United States Supreme Court. We will not recognize same-sex "marriages", our churches will not host same-sex ceremonies, and we will not perform such ceremonies.

While we affirm our love for all people, including those struggling with same-sex attraction, we cannot and will not affirm the moral acceptability of homosexual behavior or any behavior that deviates from God's design for marriage. We also believe religious freedom is at stake within this critical issue – that our first duty is to love and obey God, not man.

Therefore, we strongly encourage all Southern Baptist pastors, leaders, educators, and churches to openly reject any mandated legal definition of marriage and to use their influence to affirm God's design for life and relationships. As the nation's largest non-Catholic denomination with over 16 million members, we stake our very lives and future on the Truth of God's Word.

We also join together to support those who stand for natural marriage in the corporate world, the marketplace, education, entertainment, media and elsewhere with our prayers and influence, and resources.

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