

Orange Friends Church

Healthy Marriage Policy

This policy expresses the common concerns of our church family regarding the need to better prepare, strengthen and restore marriages and to support step-families in our community.

We Believe:

God has established marriage in Scripture.

God intends the marriage bond to be between one man and one woman and to last for a lifetime.

As a church we have a responsibility before God to raise the standard for marriage.

As a church we believe we have a responsibility before God to strengthen and nourish step-families.

Therefore, we will:

Encourage a courtship of at least one year.

Affirm fidelity in marital relationships.

Educate ourselves and others about the negative effects of premarital sexual activities and co-habitation.

Provide a premarital preparation process of four to six months.

Provide annual enrichment opportunities in the church and community.

Identify, inspire and train couples with strong marriages to serve as marriage mentors.

Provide mentoring for all stages of marriage.

Cooperate with other congregations in sharing resources and information.

Adopted and affirmed by the church on this date: _____

Signed by:

_____ Pastor	_____ Date	_____ Elder	_____ Date
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