Issues Facing The United Methodist Church regarding Same Sex Relationships & Biblical Authority Saturday March 10th

9:00AM in the Social Hall

(depending on the level of discussion I except this to last 1-2 hours)

Hello Church!

Like many other denominations, the United Methodist Church is dealing with diverging views on what the Bible says about the nature of human sexuality in regards to same sex marriage and the ordination of pastors engaged in same sex relationships. While the church has always been and always will be open to all people, this discussion in about what the church recognizes as pleasing to God or not.

The worldwide United Methodist Church is set to make a decision regarding our future direction and connection as churches in February of 2019. They have proposed 3 options for our life together as a denomination, as well as a "gracious exit" available for those churches and pastors who cannot abide by the option decided upon. Whatever decision is made, it will have a direct impact on our Church as a United Methodist Church.

On Saturday March 10th I will be sharing what those options consist of, as well as offering teaching and explanation on both sides of this issue. Even if you are certain of what you believe I think it is important to have a deeper understanding of why you believe what you believe. I have shared some of this with a group of your leaders and they have found it tremendously helpful, so I strongly encourage you to make time to join us on the 10th, I really believe it will be worthwhile for you!

Please be in prayer for our church and the United Methodist Church and join with me on the 10th and take a deep breath and know that God is God and He will lead His people through all things!

In Christ, Pastor Dave