



Gender Identity

We believe, in accordance with God's Word, that in His good and perfect creation, He made humanity "male and female" and blessed their union for the purposes of fruitfulness, flourishing, and reflecting His image in the world. The Scriptures consistently affirm this male–female distinction, and this embodied reality is not the result of the Fall but part of God's original design.

As fallen and broken people, we recognize that the effects of sin extend into every aspect of human experience—including identity, self-perception, and relationships. A small percentage of the population today experiences what is called gender dysphoria.

Gender dysphoria refers to the distress associated with incongruence between one's biological sex and gender identity; transgender is a broader umbrella term for many experiences of gender identity that do not align with a person's biological sex.

This is not a struggle that Scripture ignores, nor is it one that we minimize. We acknowledge the deep pain and confusion that can accompany such experiences, and we see the inherent dignity and worth of every person as made in the image of God and love them.

At the same time, we believe that true wholeness is found not in redefining the body, but in redemption through Jesus Christ. A biblical theology of the body acknowledges that our bodies matter—they are temples of the Holy Spirit, they will be raised in the resurrection, and they remain central to our identity as male or female image-bearers. Therefore, practices that seek to deny or alter one's biological sex, such as cross-dressing or surgical reassignment, do not align with God's intention for humanity.

As a church, our response is the same as it is to every person: to invite them into the transforming grace of Jesus Christ. Our mission is not to single out one group as if their struggles are greater than others, but to proclaim that "if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come." For those wrestling with gender identity, discipleship involves learning to honor the body God has given while finding hope, healing, and identity in Christ.

Therefore, North Metro Church will continue to be a community of grace and truth—welcoming all people, including those who identify as transgender, with dignity and compassion. We commit to walking patiently with them in discipleship, offering friendship, accountability, and the good news that in Christ, brokenness is met with redemption.

