

## ***Partner School Funding and Homosexuality***

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, as a matter of policy, does not allow for the expenditure of funds for organizations or causes that condone, advocate or affirm homosexual practice. Neither does CBF, as a matter of policy, allow for the purposeful hiring of a staff person or the sending of a missionary who is a practicing homosexual.

Historically, Baptists have provided scholarship monies to students preparing for ministry and have provided financial support for Baptist Student Unions and other Baptist-represented ministries at secular universities. This financial support has not implied tacit policy approval of these secular institutions but has ensured a historic Baptist presence.

In keeping with these long practiced Baptist traditions, CBF awards student scholarships and provides financial assistance for Baptist houses to four of its partner schools that do not discriminate within admissions policies on the basis of sexual orientation. These schools are The Baptist Studies Program at Brite Divinity School of Texas Christian University, the Divinity School of Wake Forest University, Baptist House of Studies at Duke Divinity School of Duke University and the Baptist Studies Program of the Candler School of Theology of Emory University.

CBF is a fellowship of Baptist Christians and churches who share a passion for the Great Commission and a commitment to Baptist principles of faith and practice. The Fellowship's mission is to serve Christians and churches as they discover and fulfill their God-given mission.