

WESTON PARK

BAPTIST CHURCH

March 31, 2026

Dear WPBC Members and Friends,

Our church will be hosting a speaker series on the topic of 2SLGBTQ+ inclusion at Weston Park Baptist Church, and we hope you will join us! Here is the schedule:

- **April 12** 12:45 - 1:15 PM
 - Introduction
 - Prayer for Discernment
 - Community Agreements
 - Definition of Terms: 2SLGBTQ
- **April 19** 1:00 - 2:30 PM Fireside Chat: Speaker 1
- **May 3** 1:00 - 2:30 PM Fireside Chat: Speaker 2

Questions about sexuality, gender identity, and belonging in the church are deeply meaningful for many of us. These questions and their answers are embedded in our understanding of scripture, our relationships with each other, and our faith.

Because these questions are integral to who we are as Christians, and sometimes challenging to address, especially in community, we want to approach them with humility, curiosity, and care for each other and for all God's people.

We are framing these conversations as a "fireside chat" series intended to help our congregation learn from a variety of voices. Our hope is simply to help us grow together in our knowledge and understanding of church-based approaches to addressing 2SLGBTQ inclusion as connected to our mission: Receiving Grace. Giving Grace.

One of Weston Park's stated values is "Celebrating diversity in Christ," which calls us to acknowledge the "variety of economic, cultural and generational perspectives in our community" and foster a "climate where all are included and encouraged to participate," so this series is educational in nature, building on our already established church values.

We understand that this topic may be unfamiliar or uncomfortable for some, but we encourage all church members and friends to attend these sessions, ask questions, and participate at their comfort level. Whether you come with strong convictions or curiosity, you are welcome. If you

would like to learn more about these topics in advance of the series, please choose a book from [THIS LIST](#) of resources.

We look forward to learning alongside you.

Grace. Peace. Love.

WPBC Sexuality and Gender Diversity Subcommittee

***In an early month of 2004, a large group of church leaders—deacons and other leaders in the church such as committee chairs and pastoral staff—met at a retreat centre under the leadership of Bob Gernon who was the Deacons Chair at that time. They spent a day both in smaller groups and the large group hammering out our [Core Values](#) which are on the first page of each year's Annual Report. Out of those values we came up with a Vision statement. From there, we condensed the Vision statement to our mission: Receiving Grace. Giving Grace.