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As Baptists, we affirm the sacred worth and God-given dignity of every person. During Pride 2026, the Association of Welcoming & Affirming Baptists proudly celebrates LGBTQ+ people, families, clergy, and communities whose lives and witness continue to strengthen the church and transform the world.

At a time when LGBTQ+ people – especially transgender and nonbinary siblings – continue to face exclusion, hostility, and political attack, AWAB remains steadfast in proclaiming a Gospel rooted in love, justice, and belonging. We believe LGBTQ+ people are beloved by God and fully belong in the life and leadership of the church.

Pride season is both celebration and protest: a celebration of authenticity, community, and joy, and a protest against the injustice, discrimination, and harm that continue to threaten LGBTQ+ lives and dignity. It is a testimony to churches choosing welcome over judgment, to leaders speaking with courage, and to LGBTQ+ Baptists who continue to live faithfully and authentically.

Throughout Pride season, AWAB congregations and ministry partners will worship, march, advocate, celebrate, and bear witness in communities across the country. From Pride parades to Pride services, our members are proclaiming love without limits and helping create communities marked by compassion, courage, and hope.

We give thanks for every congregation, ministry, education partner, advocate, and individual strengthening the witness of affirming Baptist life. Together, we continue building a more just, welcoming, and faithful future.

Happy Pride Month from AWAB.

Yours in Pride,

AWAB Staff

