

Getting Married at The Chapel

Your Decision to Marry Is a Commitment

We're excited to have the opportunity to invest in this commitment and your upcoming marriage. If you would like to be married at The Chapel or desire a Chapel minister to officiate your wedding ceremony, you must complete our premarital counseling program.

Our premarital counseling is offered to members and non-members of The Chapel. The premarital process is about building a solid relational foundation. Our program is designed to help you discover how to build a Christ-centered marriage that will last a lifetime.

To begin the process, please complete the Wedding Information Form, and the Relationship questionnaire. Then please contact us to schedule a premarital interview.

What happens at the premarital interview?

The bride and groom will meet with a member of the pastoral staff to discuss wedding plans and details of the questionnaire. An overview of the counseling program is discussed. The couple will receive information on the premarital assessment they will take. This assessment is used in the premarital counseling with the couple. Your premarital interview must be scheduled at least six months prior to your wedding date.

Your premarital counseling will be led by a combination of Chapel Staff members

What is the cost?

The standard fee for a non-Sunday wedding at The Chapel's Main Campus, or at Sunset Ministry Center, is **\$1,565.00**. This includes:

- Pastor's Honorarium for counseling / ceremony
- PREPARE Inventory and Processing
- Custodian (set up/clean up)
- Audio/Visual Director
- Wedding Coordinator
- Preparing for Marriage Workbooks for each person
- Use of Worship Center

Special Circumstances:

*If the wedding takes place on a Sunday, the fee is increased to: **\$1,765.00**.*

*If the wedding takes place at a non-Chapel location (without a Wedding Coordinator), the fee is reduced to **\$800.00**.*

If the wedding takes place more than 5 miles from the Chapel, the Wedding Coordinator's fee will be adjusted upward accordingly.

A 50% deposit is due after the Initial Interview. Balance of fee is due one month before the rehearsal date. Checks should be made out to "The Chapel."

The Chapel - Relationship Questionnaire

We would like to get to know you better. Please fill this form out together as a couple and return it to the Chapel office completed with your wedding application. This form will only be seen by you and the pastor who meets with you.

Bride's Name: _____

Groom's Name: _____

Today's Date: _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

BRIDE

GROOM

Age _____

Education _____

Occupation _____

How long have you known each other?

Where are you planning on living after you're married?

What is your anticipated wedding date?

Have you been married before?

What is your present living arrangement? (Circle one) Separate Together

Are you willing to study God's design for marriage and meet with a pastor for counseling?

SPIRITUAL LIFE What does it mean to be a Christian?

Bride:

Groom:

Do you believe that you are a Christian? Why?

Bride:

Groom:

If you consider yourself a Christian, please answer the following questions:

What is your church background and current involvement?

Bride:

Groom:

How do you know it is God's will for you to get married?

COURTSHIP

How did you decide to get married? Why now?

List 3 qualities you see in the other person which make you want to marry him/her.

a. _____

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b. _____

b. _____

c. _____

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FAMILY, FRIENDS, and YOUR FUTURE

Do your parents approve of the marriage? If not what do you think of their reason(s)?

What do those who know you best think of your relationship?

Are you heading in the same direction in life? What are your goals?

Bride:

Groom:

How are you alike and different in your lifestyle?

Bride:

Groom:

Do you want to have children? If so how many children do you want?

Have you decided on how you will handle the finances?

Are there any "red flags" that indicate that some important issues have not been resolved in your relationship or in either of your lives?

What are the plans for safeguarding or "divorce proofing" your marriage?

What fears do you have about marriage or being married?

Why do you think your marriage will work?

What have you done so far to prepare for marriage?

In your opinion what makes a marriage work?

In your opinion what is the purpose of marriage?

For Those Who Were Previously Married

How did the marriage end? (Select One) Death of Spouse Divorce

How long were you married?

If you are divorced, what was the reason?