



Resource Center

Wedding Guidelines and Procedures

Procedure for signing up for premarital counseling:

- ♥ To sign up for Premarital Counseling, contact the church office at (215) 877-1530 ext. 1159.
- ♥ A couple must be seriously dating for 12 months.
- ♥ Premarital Counseling Training can be during the day or evening hours, Monday-Thursday. In special cases, premarital counseling will be offered on Saturday or Sunday.
- ♥ Each counseling session is one day a week for one hour. Average counseling sessions are 14-16 weeks (4 months).
- ♥ Couple will be responsible for purchasing books and materials needed for counseling training.
- ♥ Cost of counseling? A free will offering will be taken at the end of each counseling session.

The Benefits of Premarital Counseling (Marriage Training):

- ♥ Success, Success, Success!
- ♥ Pastor Willie Richardson has designed Premarital Counseling Training to teach a couple how to be married and have a successful marriage.
- ♥ An experienced counselor will aide the couple in taking an in depth look at God's blueprint for marriage.
- ♥ Couples will learn their role as husband and wife.
- ♥ Receive extensive training in the areas of communication, finances and intimacy.
- ♥ Obtain wisdom on parenting and raising godly children.
- ♥ Blended families will receive special instructions on how to blend as a family and handle difficult situations.
- ♥ Couples who have been married before and are divorced, will receive information on how to apply biblical principles to their new marriage.

Here's two ways to qualify for a wedding:

1. One or both must be a member of Christian Stronghold Church in good standing (attending church regularly and financially supporting the ministry).
2. Completion of Premarital Counseling Training (Marriage Training) See back of brochure for more information on premarital counseling.

Five types of weddings you can select from:

1. Pastor's Office: Private Marriage - Wedding party consists of bride and groom, and two people witnessing wedding vows.
2. Private House: Private Marriage consists of family and close friends (very few guest). Wedding party consists of bride, groom, best man and maid (or matron) of honor. Wedding vows, refreshments or dinner served.
3. Private Church: Same as the above but at the church.
4. Church Wedding: Regular afternoon ceremony consists of full bridal party, i.e. ushers, bridesmaids, flower girl, ring bearer, etc. Reception at church or hall (catered by professionals)
5. Church Wedding Candlelight: Evening Wedding consists of full bridal party and reception.

At no additional cost, the church will provide the following free optional wedding services to you:

- ♥ Typing your wedding program (couple will provide the blank wedding programs).
- ♥ Photocopying and folding wedding programs.
- ♥ Provide wedding candle for candle lighting during wedding ceremony.
- ♥ Provide a Pastor to perform wedding ceremony.
- ♥ Assist you with any questions or concerns you may have regarding your wedding.
- ♥ Provide a list of wedding referral services.
- ♥ Provide a private room on the day of your wedding for the bride and the bridal party.
- ♥ Use of the fellowship Hall for your rehearsal dinner.

Important Note: When premarital counseling is completed, the minister of weddings will meet with the couple to discuss a wedding date and the above wedding fees. PLEASE, do not set a wedding date or make any wedding plans until you have met with the minister of weddings.

If you would like, we can provide the following information and wedding referrals:

- ♥ How to apply for a marriage license
- ♥ Wedding Caterer
- ♥ Wedding Coordinator
- ♥ Wedding Decorator
- ♥ Wedding Florist
- ♥ Wedding Photographer
- ♥ Wedding Videographer

For your wedding, the following services require a minimum fee:

- Multimedia Service
- Doormen's Service (Security)
- Musician Service
- Rental of the Fellowship Hall
- Usher's Service
- Cleaning Service

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