



Wedding Guidelines

Congratulations on your upcoming wedding!

If you are planning on having a Revive Church pastor officiate your wedding, please carefully read the following guidelines.

Here are the requirements for your wedding ceremony to be officiated by a Revive Church pastor:

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1. Be a member (one or both) of Revive Church. You can inquire about the Membership Class with one of the pastors.

2. Complete the Pre-Marriage Questionnaire.

A. Review of your questionnaire: A pastor will receive your completed questionnaire for review and we will contact you with any questions and next steps. Before a pastor can confirm that he can perform the wedding he may request an initial meeting with the couple. In this session, you can expect the pastor to ask you about information supplied in your questionnaire including:

i. Your Christian faith: When did you become a Christian? What does it mean to be a Christian? What is the place that Christian faith has in your life? Are you both actively involved as members in a local church?

ii. The nature of your relationship: What is the history of your relationship? How do your friends and family feel about it? What do you perceive to be the greatest strengths and weaknesses of the relationship? Are you living together? Have you maintained sexual purity? Have there been relationships in the past that are unreconciled (i.e. if you've been married before)?

3. Attend the Marriage Class offered in the REVIVE Adult School.

A. If the couple is unable to attend the REVIVE Marriage Class, then contact a pastor for individual pre-marital counseling sessions (the pastor is counseling only the 1 couple):

i. Since this will be individualized counseling, there is an honorarium of \$1,000 given directly to the pastor who provides this counseling. 5 x 2-hour sessions; 10 hours x \$100 /hour = total \$1,000

1. There may be costs for books and resources that the couple is responsible for.

4. Contacting a Pastor for Officiating the Ceremony

a. You should directly contact the pastor as early as possible to ensure availability for your wedding date. He will be able to confirm whether he will perform your wedding after he has had an initial meeting with you as a couple. You can expect him to ask you about when you became a Christian, what it means to be a Christian, and the place that your faith has in your life.



5. Honorariums

a. Wedding Ceremony - The honorarium for the pastor performing the wedding ceremony is \$800 and is given directly to the pastor before the wedding ceremony and is separate from any pre-marital counseling costs. If travel is involved, travel and accommodations expenses for the pastor (and his wife if she is invited and attending) should also be covered, in addition to the honorarium.

b. Pre-marital Counseling - As mentioned above, if the couple is receiving individualized premarital counseling from the pastor, the honorarium for the individual premarital counseling is \$1,000 total for 5 two-hour sessions and given directly to the pastor before the 1st counseling session, or half before the 1st counseling session and the remaining half before the 3rd session. (For details see point #3ai. above)

6. Wedding Rehearsal and Reception

a. The pastor will attend your wedding rehearsal.

b. The pastor will help guide you in planning the wedding ceremony.

c. You are encouraged to find your own wedding coordinator.

d. The pastor also may or may not be able to attend the wedding reception. If he cannot attend the reception, please do not take personal offense.

7. The Wedding

a. Often a final meeting with the pastor is helpful to discuss the details of the wedding ceremony. All arrangements should be finalized, and the details should be emailed to the pastor.

b. You are responsible for the processing of the wedding license and for ensuring the proper processing of any necessary wedding documents.

8. Out of town weddings

a. Some pastors will be able to perform out-of-town ceremonies and others will not. You must contact the pastor to see if he is available for such a wedding. You should plan to pay for any necessary travel expenses and accommodations, and provide clear directions and the precise address to the wedding facility. (Please understand that an out-of-town wedding is a significant commitment on the part of the pastor)