



For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

Genesis 2:24

You will be notified of its return, and a date set when you both can meet with the pastor or someone of his choosing who is qualified to interpret the inventory.

It may be necessary for additional feedback sessions depending on the outcome of the inventory.

Step Five: THE DATE CONFIRMED

Normally your wedding date will be confirmed after the First Feedback Session if both you and the pastor are comfortable that the plans should proceed.

You will be asked to contact the church office and confirm your wedding date.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY

Step One: Call six months before your desired date.

Step Two: Respond to the information packet.

Step Three: Sign up for the inventory/classes.

Step Four: Attend the feedback session together.

Step Five: Confirm your date with the church office.

Be sure and obtain a copy of the board policy titled, *Basic Standards for Church Weddings*.

It is a more detailed explanation, and has more information not covered in this brochure.

Place your church name, address, email, web site and phone number here.

We're
Excited
About
Your
Wedding
Plans,
But...



We're Even More Excited About Your Marriage!



In fact, we're so excited about your marriage that we've made elaborate plans to help yours last a lifetime!

Here's how:

First, the pastor performing your ceremony will want to make sure you understand the value of addressing the spirituality of your lives together.

Second, you will be encouraged to have at least a one-year dating relationship. This is a minimum amount of time when you consider the permanent nature of Christian marriage.

Third, we hope you select our pastor to perform your ceremony. But if you choose to have other clergy, be sure and inform our pastor. He's very much interested in

the person who performs weddings for his couples.

Fourth, even if you have outside clergy, we want you involved in taking the marriage preparation inventory and attending our classes. You will discover more about each other than you've known to this point. It's exciting, informative, fun, and extremely helpful. And it's also required.

Fifth, if you do not regularly attend worship services, we encourage you to do so at our church. There is tremendous spiritual value in the worship experience leading up to your ceremony, and beyond.

Sixth, we want to get in on your marriage preparation early. Therefore, it's important for you to call the church office at least six months in advance of your desired wedding date. With the details of the ceremony plus equipping yourselves for marriage, it will take at least six months. We ask that you honor this six-month requirement.

Seventh, if this is your first marriage, you will be assigned a Mentor Couple. Count on meeting with them at least twice before your ceremony and once afterward.

Eighth, we completely trust the judgment of our pastor. He has the option to be flexible in these matters, and has the full support of the Church Board.

Here Are the Administrative Details

Step One: THE PHONE CALL

All inquiries about the use of our church for your wedding ceremony will be directed to the pastor's secretary.

Please honor the required six-month notification in advance of your wedding.

Step Two: THE INFORMATION PACKET

You will be sent a Marriage Preparation Information Packet. It contains a variety of important items, two of which are confidential questionnaires, and the Board policy statement on weddings.

One of the most crucial items on the questionnaire asks you to give your first, second, and third choice of wedding and rehearsal dates.

It is vitally important that you discuss this with your future spouse and agree on the three possible wedding dates. The dates will be penciled onto the Master Calendar, but none of them will be viewed as firm until after the marriage preparation inventory is administered. Be sure and read Steps Four and Five of this section.

The two questionnaires are to be completely filled out and returned in the envelope labeled "Confidential."

Step Three: THE INVENTORY AND CLASS

Upon return of the questionnaires, you will be notified when the next required Inventory/Class will be administered. The first class session is taken up by the administration of the inventory. The subsequent five sessions cover a variety of subjects dealing with the marriage relationship. There will be work assignments between sessions. They are based on the results of the inventory.

Step Four: THE FEEDBACK SESSION

The computer generated inventory will be returned to the Church Office within 7 to 10 days.

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