

Pastor's Wedding Policy

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Intention:

I understand my role in performing weddings to be as a worship leader. My intention is to lead a couple in a celebration of the love they have for each other and for their Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, there are certain conditions I have set before I will perform a wedding. These are not judgments I make on anyone personally but conditions I see as necessary to have a worshipful wedding ceremony and Godly marriage.

Conditions:

- 1.** *I will perform weddings **only** for members of this church family! Exceptions would be for children and grandchildren of members providing the other conditions are met!*
- 2.** *I will perform weddings for new members after they have been a part of the church family for **one** year. Exceptions could be made if there is evidence of faithful attendance and service before that time.*
- 3.** *In the case of those living together before marriage I will perform the wedding if...*
 - *there is evidence of repentant hearts and a real desire to do the right and Godly thing;*
 - *the couple will marry as soon as possible (not a year later or even a few months later);*
 - *the couple will go through the prescribed marital counseling after the ceremony!*
- 4.** *In agreement with 2 Corinthians 6:14 I will not conduct a wedding for a Christian marrying a non-Christian.*
- 5.** *All couples getting married will agree to counseling – a minimum of 3 sessions. It is expected that couples setting dates for weddings will take the time needed for this into consideration. If I feel there is not enough time I will not do the wedding.*
- 6.** *All couples will meet with me before turning in the Wedding Agreement and putting the date on the calendar.*

*If you have questions about my policy you can call me at **(972) 494-3422** or email me at **larry.fhbc@verizon.net**.*