



## Crestview Community Church Marriage and Wedding Policy

*Due to the continued growth of Crestview Community Church (C3) and the time requirement for wedding preparation, C3 Pastors and Staff will not perform weddings for non-members in their official C3 capacity.*

There are few things more joyous than celebrating a wedding! Here is what you need to know about hosting your wedding at the Church.

God established marriage as a sacred covenant between one man and one woman, to reflect Christ's relationship with His Church (Ephesians 5:21-23). In keeping with biblical teaching, the Church requires the following for any couple seeking to celebrate marriage in the Church:

*Faith* – Both bride and groom **must have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ** (2 Cor. 6:14).

*Man/Woman* – Marriage is a sacred union between one man and one woman. Crestview Community Church does not recognize, nor will it take part in, any ceremony that does not meet this essential criterion (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:4-5).

*Premarital Counseling* - The engaged **couple must participate in premarital counseling** by the Lead Pastor, or approved Pastors of Crestview Community Church. Counseling requires a **minimum of an eight-week commitment**. The couple must agree to biblical recommendations provided by the counselor. Anyone wishing to be married at Crestview Community Church must agree to counsel and inform the Church of their wedding plans at least 90 days in advance of the wedding date.

*Outside Pastors*- If an engaged couple wishes to use a licensed Pastor from another church, that Pastor must sign a written statement supporting the Church Marriage and Wedding policies of Crestview Community Church.

*Church Membership/Attendance*- Either the **bride or the groom must be a member or regular attender of Crestview Community Church**. A member is defined as someone who has taken the membership course, is in agreement with the beliefs and values written in the membership covenant, and attends at least two times per month. A regular attendee is someone not yet a member but considers Crestview their home church by attending three times per month for at least the last year (365 days).

*Weddings outside the Church*- C3 Pastors and staff shall only officiate weddings and solemnize marriages outside the Church that are between one man and one woman.



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*Remarriages*- Crestview Community Church recognizes that marriage is designed as a life long union but acknowledges the right to re-marry with the following conditions:

*Death*- The former spouse is deceased. Romans 7:2

*Marital Unfaithfulness*- The former spouse committed adultery against the spouse seeking remarriage. (Matt 5:32, 19:3-9)

*Desertion*- Their former unbelieving spouse deserted the spouse seeking remarriage. (1 Corinthians 7:15)

*Other circumstances*- Must be approved explicitly by C3's Board of Elders.

The Board of Elders is the final approval authority for weddings at C3.

If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Underwood (Board of Elders Chairman) at 765-404-6404 or Pastor Thom Redmond @ 765-413-2548.



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## C3 Marriage Application

Bride's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Groom's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Wedding: \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Officiant: \_\_\_\_\_

Bride's Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Groom's Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of Crestview Community Church? \_\_\_\_\_

How often have you attended Crestview Community Church over the last year? \_\_\_\_\_

We agree to 8 weeks of premarital counseling: Yes / No (Circle one)

The bride has a personal relationship with Jesus Christ: Yes / No (Circle One)

Groom has a personal relationship with Jesus Christ: Yes / No (Circle One)

Premarital Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Counseling Completion Date (Or date completed if already done): \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a remarriage of either party? Yes / No (Circle One)

Brides Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Groom's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit this form to [info@c3lafayette.org](mailto:info@c3lafayette.org) or deliver in person to the church office.