

NorthCreek  Weddings

Application Packet



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WEDDING INFORMATION

Thank you for your inquiry regarding planning a wedding at NorthCreek Church (NCC). Our church holds a high view of marriage because it is God's design for human relationships and provides the framework for society itself. Because of this, our decision to be involved with you in your marriage ceremony is not something that we take lightly. Our desire is to provide tools for a successful, godly marriage, not merely to assist you with a wedding ceremony. The ceremony passes quickly, but we want your marriage to last.

Because of our commitment to the counseling and planning process, we normally will not commit to a date for a wedding ceremony that is not **at least six months** from the date of application. Our policy is to book only one wedding per day on campus. Weddings cannot be held on the NCC campus on New Years, Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, or Christmas Day.

If it is your intent to have a Christian wedding through our church, please read, complete and return the forms to the NorthCreek Church office.

Couple's Name:

Forms Due:

- Marriage Policy For Churches Form (2 pages)
- Pre-Marital Counseling & Wedding Standards Form (1 page)
- Wedding Information, Wedding and Reception Policies, and Fee Documents Form (1 page)
- Wedding Application (2 pages)
- Bride's Personal Profile Form (1 page)
- Groom's Personal Profile Form (1 page)
- Wedding and Reception Sample Order Form (1 page)
- Wedding Deposit Check (If using NorthCreek Church facilities)

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MARRIAGE POLICY FOR CHURCHES

Marriage was a God-ordained union between a man and a woman. It was first instituted by God in the early chapters of Genesis; it codified in the Levitical law; the Old Testament prophets compared it to a relationship between God and His people; examples of it are in the historical narratives, and; the wisdom literature discusses the unique unity of this union. In the New Testament, Jesus explained the original intention and core elements of marriage, and several New Testament Epistles give explicit instructions on this union. Marriage is a typology of Christ and the Church. As such, the church views marriage as a profound spiritual institution established by God. Due to the importance of marriage in the biblical witness, this church adopts the following policy:

Clergy:

1. Only approved clergy shall officiate at marriage ceremonies conducted on church property.
2. Clergy employed by the church shall be subject to dismissal and/or loss of ordination for officiating a same-gender marriage ceremony.

Applicants:

1. Applicants wishing to have a ceremony performed by a member of the clergy employed by the church, or to use the church facilities, shall affirm their agreement with the Articles of Faith and shall conduct themselves in a manner that is consistent therewith. If there is a disagreement with the Articles of Faith, please explain _____
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2. Applicants shall receive nine scheduled meetings of premarital counseling by clergy or counselors employed by the church or persons who, in the sole opinion of the pastoral staff of the church, have appropriate training, experience, and spiritual understanding to provide such counseling.

Premises:

1. Any marriage performed on church premises shall be officiated by a member of the clergy.
 2. Clergy officiating marriage ceremonies on church premises, whether or not employed by the church, shall affirm their agreement with the Articles of Faith and shall conduct themselves in a manner that is consistent therewith. If there is a disagreement with the Articles of Faith, please explain _____
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3. The clergy assigned by the church to implement the procedures contained in this Marriage Policy may, in our discretion, decline to make church facilities available for, and/or decline to officiate at, a ceremony when, in our judgment, there are significant concerns that one or both of the applicants may not be qualified to enter into the sacred bond of marriage for theological, doctrinal, moral, or legal reasons.

Bride and Groom Signature:

Date:

Articles of Faith

NorthCreek: Our Beliefs

God

We believe in one God, Creator of all things, holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Having limitless knowledge and sovereign power, God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself and to make all things new for His own glory. *Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14*

The Bible

We believe that God has spoken in the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, through the words of human authors. As the verbally inspired Word of God, the Bible is without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for salvation, and the ultimate authority by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged. Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches, obeyed in all that it requires, and trusted in all that it promises. *2 Timothy 3:14-17; Hebrews 4:12*

The Human Condition

We believe that God created Adam and Eve in His image, but they sinned when tempted by Satan. In union with Adam, human beings are sinners by nature and by choice, alienated from God, and under His wrath. Only through God's saving work in Jesus Christ can we be rescued, reconciled and renewed. *Romans 3:23, 6:23; 1 John 1:8-10*

Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, fully God and fully man, one Person in two natures. Jesus—Israel's promised Messiah—was conceived through the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father as our High Priest and Advocate. *John 3:16, 14:6; Romans 5:9-11*

The Work of Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ, as our representative and substitute, shed His blood on the cross as the perfect, all-sufficient sacrifice for our sins. His atoning death and victorious resurrection constitute the only ground for salvation. *John 1:12; Romans 10:9; Ephesians 2:8-9*

The Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit, in all that He does, glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ. He convicts the world of its guilt. He regenerates sinners, and in Him they are baptized into union with Christ and adopted as heirs in the family of God. He also indwells, illuminates, guides, equips and empowers believers for Christ-like living and service. *John 3:5-8; 1 Corinthians 2:10-12*

The Church

We believe that the true church comprises all who have been justified by God's grace through faith alone in Christ alone. They are united by the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ, of which He is the Head. The true church is manifest in local churches, whose membership should be composed only of believers. The Lord Jesus mandated two ordinances, baptism and the Lord's Supper, which visibly and tangibly express the gospel. Though they are not the means of salvation, when celebrated by the church in genuine faith, these ordinances confirm and nourish the believer. *Ephesians 1:22-23; 1 Timothy 3:15; Ephesians 2:19; 1 Peter 5:1-3*

Christian Living

We believe that God's justifying grace must not be separated from His sanctifying power and purpose. God commands us to love Him supremely and others sacrificially, and to live out our faith with care for one another, compassion toward the poor and justice for the oppressed. With God's Word, the Spirit's power, and fervent prayer in Christ's name, we are to combat the spiritual forces of evil. In obedience to Christ's commission, we are to make disciples among all people, always bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed. *Ephesians 2:10; Romans 12:10; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5; Matthew 5:13-16*

Christ's Return

We believe in the personal, bodily and premillennial return of our Lord Jesus Christ. The coming of Christ, at a time known only to God, demands constant expectancy and, as our blessed hope, motivates the believer to godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission. *Matthew 24:27; John 14:1-3; 1 Thessalonians 4:16*

Response and Eternal Destiny

We believe that God commands everyone everywhere to believe the gospel by turning to Him in repentance and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that God will raise the dead bodily and judge the world, assigning the unbeliever to condemnation and eternal conscious punishment and the believer to eternal blessedness and joy with the Lord in the new heaven and the new earth, to the praise of His glorious grace. Amen. *Matthew 24:1-31; 2 Peter 3:10-13; Revelation 21:22*

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PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING & WEDDING STANDARDS

Only regular attendees of NorthCreek Church, including collegiate who may be at school, can receive pre-marital counseling and wedding services.

According to biblical guidelines, the pastors of this church will not knowingly perform a wedding ceremony on our church campus, nor offer pre-marital counseling when:

- * The two individuals desiring to be married have not made a public statement of their Christian conversion (a belief in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ and acceptance of Him as their personal Savior) (Ecclesiastes 5:2-4; John 3:36).
- * The couple comprises of one being a Christian and the other a non-Christian (2 Corinthians 6:14; 1 Corinthians 7:39).
- * Two individuals are living together, and/or are not committed to sexual purity until they are married (1 Corinthians 6:18-20; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8; Hebrews 13:4).
- * The couple is a homosexual couple.
- * Individuals have been divorced on un-biblical grounds. Biblical grounds for divorce include infidelity (Matthew 19:9), abandonment by an unbelieving spouse (1 Corinthians 7:15), and a divorce obtained when both individuals were unbelievers (2 Corinthians 5:17). These situations do not mandate divorce, they simply acknowledge the freedom to re-marry.
- * The couple does not appear to be ready for marriage, as determined by the requested Pastor. Issues considered here would be age, lack of parental support, immaturity, resistance to counseling, excessive debt, etc.

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We understand the standards listed above.

Signatures:

Groom _____ Bride _____ Date _____

Received by: _____ Date: _____

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WEDDING INFORMATION PACKET

We have read, understood and agree to the policies listed in the *Wedding Information, Wedding and Reception Policies, and fee* documents.

Signatures:

Groom _____ Bride _____ Date _____

Received by: _____ Date: _____

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Wedding Application

TODAY'S DATE: _____

BRIDE'S NAME _____ HOME PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

WORK PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

GROOM'S NAME _____ HOME PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

WORK PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

ARE YOU REQUESTING PREMARITAL COUNSELING ONLY? Yes No

WEDDING LOCATION AND DATES REQUESTED: (NO DATE IS CONFIRMED ON OUR CALENDAR UNTIL THE OFFICIATING PASTOR HAS SIGNED THE WEDDING APPLICATION.)

WEDDING LOCATION: _____

WEDDING DATE: _____ TIME: _____

RECEPTION: _____ TIME: _____ LOCATION: _____

REHEARSAL DATE: _____ TIME: _____

DECORATING DATE AND TIME: _____

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF GUESTS (INCLUDING BRIDAL PARTY) : _____

MEMBER OR REGULAR ATTENDER OF NORTHCREEK CHURCH?

BRIDE: Yes No

PARENTS OF BRIDE: Yes No

GROOM: Yes No

PARENTS OF GROOM: Yes No

NAME OF PASTOR YOU REQUEST TO PERFORM YOUR CEREMONY:

1ST CHOICE _____ 1ST ALTERNATE _____

TO UPHOLD OUR VALUES, ANY NON-NORTHCREEK OFFICIATING PASTOR MUST SPEAK TO A NORTHCREEK PASTOR BEFORE APPROVED.

FACILITIES REQUESTED:

CEREMONY:

- SANCTUARY (SEATS 1,230) CHAPEL (SEATS 350) OTHER (SEATS _____)

RECEPTION:

- CHAPEL (SEATS 150) FELLOWSHIP HALL (RECEPTION - 150) OFF CAMPUS

OFFICE USE ONLY: THIS SHEET MUST BE GIVEN TO THE OFFICIATING PASTOR BEFORE
APPOINTMENT WITH COUPLE.

PASTOR'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

WEDDING COORDINATOR: _____ DATE: _____

WEDDING DATE CONFIRMED: _____ TIME: _____

REHEARSAL DATE CONFIRMED: _____ TIME: _____

RECEPTION DATE CONFIRMED: _____ TIME: _____

- SANCTUARY CHAPEL FELLOWSHIP HALL

PRE-MARITAL COURSE DATES: _____

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BRIDE'S PERSONAL PROFILE - Confidential

Name _____

Education _____ Occupation _____

Describe your **understanding of the gospel** _____

Describe your **relationship with the Lord** _____

Describe how you became **acquainted** with your fiancé _____

Describe your **dating relationship** before your engagement _____

Describe your **engagement**, including the date of your proposal _____

Describe your **family's response** to your engagement _____

Have you been **sexually pure** in your relationship? _____ Are you committed to sexual purity during your engagement? _____

Are there **issues that could adversely effect this marriage** and need to be resolved in some way?

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|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Debt | <input type="checkbox"/> Drug or Alcohol Abuse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> Police Record |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Previously Married | <input type="checkbox"/> Adverse Family Situation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Adultery |

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GROOM'S PERSONAL PROFILE - Confidential

Name _____

Education _____ Occupation _____

Describe your **understanding of the gospel** _____

Describe your **relationship with the Lord** _____

Describe how you became **acquainted** with your fiancé _____

Describe your **dating relationship** before your engagement _____

Describe your **engagement**, including the date of your proposal _____

Describe your **family's response** to your engagement _____

Have you been **sexually pure** in your relationship? _____ Are you committed to sexual purity during your engagement? _____

Are there **issues that could adversely effect this marriage** and need to be resolved in some way?

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