



KING STREET CHURCH

Wedding & Policies

Congratulations on your engagement! We welcome the opportunity to invest in the significant commitment you are making in the covenant of marriage. At King Street Church, we consider weddings to be worship services, and as such, it is very important to us that they honor the Lord in all respects. Please read the following information describing our policies and procedures for weddings at King Street Church.

1. The prospective bride and/or groom must be a regular attendee or member of King Street. The size of our congregation and available resources limit our ability to accommodate couples from outside the church.
2. The bride and groom must individually confess a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as Savior. King Street Church Pastors will not join an unbeliever to a believer in marriage (2 Corinthians 6:14-18). God's Word is clear about spiritual compatibility between marriage partners. Your personal walk with Christ will be discussed during your initial interview with the pastor. We also adhere to the Family Standards of the UB Discipline (ub.org) and to the Biblical mandate of Matthew 19:4-6 in that we only perform a covenant wedding ceremony between one man and one woman (Genesis 1:27).
3. The bride and groom must abstain from inappropriate sexual intimacy. Sex is a gift from the God who created it. Despite what society finds acceptable, those who claim to follow Jesus must obey God's directions regarding our sexuality (1 Thessalonians 4:3-5). The Bible gives us clear instruction for sex within the parameters of the marriage relationship (1 Corinthians 7:1-5). God's Word also gives us clear warnings and consequences when sex is used outside of the marriage (Hebrews 13:4). For further teaching, the series "Sex from God's Point of View" by Dr. John Beukema is available through our CD ministry.
4. Couples who are physically intimate or living together, are asked to move apart and covenant to abstain from their sexual relationship until their wedding day. We encourage you to make this commitment, understanding this is God's best for your marriage relationship. We have included a copy of the covenant. Please bring it with you when you come for your pastoral appointment.
5. Premarital classes are required for those who seek to be married at King Street.
6. For those who have been previously married, we strongly encourage you to attend Divorce Care prior to entering into marriage.

Here is how to begin the wedding process at King Street.

Schedule a premarital interview with the officiating Pastor. Interviews are scheduled Monday through Thursday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. through the church office with Jeanne Amick (717-264-4651, Ext. 210). At the interview, the Pastor will go over the King Street policies for weddings and become more acquainted with you, the couple. This would be the time when the Premarital Covenant is discussed and signed.

(Following the interview, the couple will receive a KSC Wedding Arrangement Form. Fill out this form as directed and submit to the church office for approval and reservation of the date and conditions.)

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PREMARITAL COVENANT

In preparing for marriage, we are committed to honor God and follow His commands. We believe it is God's will for our life and marriage to be set apart for pure and holy living (1 Thessalonians 4:3-8). Therefore, we agree to abstain from sexual intimacy until we share our marriage vows together.

We also understand that God does not look at our past failures. Instead, He looks at us as broken people, who He can make new. With His forgiveness, we can start all over again. As we ask God to forgive us through Jesus, we believe He sees us as a completely new couple (1 John 1:9).

We seek to trust and honor God by upholding His boundaries of sexual intimacy within the context of our future marriage. We believe that with God's power, we will be able to keep this covenant and be greatly blessed by our obedience to Him.

By our signatures, we enter into this covenant, and ask for the power of the Holy Spirit to keep this commitment with integrity.

_____ (groom)
_____ (bride)

"It is God's will that you be sanctified; that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable...For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. Therefore, he who rejects this instruction does not reject man, but God, who gives you His Holy Spirit."
1 Thessalonians 4:3-8

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."
1 John 1:9