



Door Creek Church Wedding Guidelines

Door Creek Church has established the following guidelines for couples seeking to be married by or at this church. Your officiating pastor is available to discuss this information in more detail should you desire to do so.

As a Church, we celebrate God's design in marriage and desire each couple married at our church to flourish in their new relationship. We are responsible before God to marry only those people who a) have God's blessing (favor) for the marriage and who b) are prepared for the demands and responsibilities of this relationship. Marriage is work! You don't expect to get other jobs without qualifications - so there are qualifications for marriage.

Standards for Marriage

This means that a Christian minister cannot marry a Christian to a non-Christian (2 Corinthians 6:14). The Bible teaches that, the heart of marriage is deep oneness. If your spouse cannot understand the central motive of your heart and the driving force of your life, how can she/he have deep unity with you?

We believe that marriage is a covenant between a man and a woman who make promises to each other before God to love each other sacrificially and faithfully in the way of Jesus. Our policies regarding weddings emerge from this conviction.

Sexual Integrity

Sexual intimacy is a God-given and essential part of marriage intended to follow rather than precede a wedding ceremony. Couples seeking to be married at Door Creek Church or by a Door Creek Church pastor are encouraged to live celibately, and if possible apart, before the wedding.

Premarital Counseling

Our marriage preparation is designed to provide you with the best foundation, not just for your wedding day, but for a lifetime of marriage. We suggest allowing up six months to complete your preparation for marriage. Our Premarital Class is part of this preparation and is offered twice a year. It is a prerequisite to being married by or at Door Creek Church and must be provided by, or in exceptional cases, approved by the pastoral staff.

In addition to our Premarital Class your officiating pastor will schedule at least two individual sessions with you both in order to follow up on the class and plan the wedding ceremony.

If you agree to the above guidelines, please acknowledge your agreement by signing below. Failure to comply with these guidelines may result in the termination of a contract with Door Creek Church at the discretion of the officiating pastor.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____

Signature of Groom

Signature of Bride