

WEDDING INFORMATION FORM
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BRIDE AND GROOM QUESTIONNAIRES
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PREMARITAL COVENANT

We **welcome** the opportunity to invest in this commitment and your upcoming marriage. Our premarital training is offered to members and non-members of Evangel Temple

All couples desiring to be married at Evangel Temple or by one of our pastors **must** complete a pre-marriage training program. If the wedding is being officiated by one of our pastors then the couple must successfully complete our six-part training program.

If someone other than an Evangel Temple pastor is officiating your wedding you **must** still complete a pre-marriage training program that includes: A Biblical Perspective on Marriage, Couple Communication/Conflict Resolution, Financial Planning and Budgeting; Couple Roles and Responsibilities; and Intimacy. A signed letter from the provider must be submitted to Evangel Temple upon completion of the training.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1) What are the specific requirements to be married at Evangel Temple or by an Evangel Temple pastor?
 - A. All premarital couples must complete our six-week training program.
 - B. **Bride and groom must individually confess a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.** Evangel Temple will not marry unbelievers, or join an unbeliever to a believer in marriage (*2 Corinthians 6:14-18*). God's Word is clear about spiritual compatibility between marriage partners. You will be asked to verify your commitment.
 - C. **Bride and groom must abstain from physical intimacy or living together.** Sex is a gift from God. He is the one who created it! Therefore, we must follow God's directions alone regarding sexuality. The Bible gives us clear instructions for sex within the parameters of the marriage relationship (*2 Corinthians 6:3*). God's

Word also gives us clear warnings and consequences when sex is used outside of marriage.

Couples who are physically intimate or are living together are asked to move apart and covenant with Evangel Temple to abstain from their sexual relationship until married. We encourage you to make this commitment to God, Evangel Temple and each other, understanding that this is God's best for your marriage relationship.

You both will be asked to sign this Premarital Covenant

- 2) What is the cost of Evangel Temple's premarital training?
 - A. The cost for Evangel Temple's premarital training is \$30.00. This fee pays for the administration and scoring of the national standardized PREPARE report.
- 3) Who provides the premarital training?
 - A. Your premarital training is done with a member of the Evangel Temple pastoral staff.
 - B. You will work with the same pastor for the full duration of your premarital training.
- 4) What do we talk about at the training sessions?
 - A. You will discuss many subjects throughout the training sessions. These subjects include marital roles and responsibilities; effective communication skills; setting a realistic budget; intimacy: sexual communication in marriage; and many other topics.
 - B. Your relationship strengths and growth areas.
 - C. Homework assignments are also a part of your training.
- 5) What are some of the goals of the pre-marriage training experience?
 - A. To learn some useful communication skills, including assertiveness and active listening.
 - B. To learn skills to resolve conflicts.
 - C. To explore your couple relationship.

D. To develop a budget and financial plan.

E. To develop your personal, couple and family goals.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Name _____ Age _____

Fiancé(e)'s Name _____ Age _____

Current Occupation _____

Length of Employment at Current Occupation _____

Highest Level of Education:

- High School Graduate
- Some College
- College Graduate
- Graduate School
- Post Graduate

Hobbies and Interests _____

Previously Married Yes No How many times? _____

- Divorced Widowed

How long have your been divorced or widowed? _____

Your Current Relationship Story:

1. Briefly describe how you met:

2. What attracted you to your fiancé(e)?

3. How long have you been dating? _____

4. Are you and your fiancé(e) currently co-habituating? Yes No

5. If you are divorced, what were your reasons for divorcing?

6. NOTE: The General Council of the Assemblies of God discourages any Assembly of God minister from performing a wedding ceremony for anyone who has been divorced and whose former spouse is still living, unless the divorce was for fornication or adultery. We realize many divorces occurred prior to a person's conversion or the believer was divorced by an unbeliever. In such instances an Assembly of God minister could perform the wedding if it does not violate the conscience of the minister. (Evangel Temple does have a ministerial staff member who may be able to perform weddings for those whose divorce was for reasons other than stated above.)

7. Did you seek reconciliation with your former spouse? If so, how? If not, why not?

8. Did you go through some type of post-divorce counseling (i.e. Divorce Care)?

Yes No

9. Have you discussed with your pastor whether he is free to perform your wedding in light of your divorce? Yes No

10. What kind of religious upbringing did you have?

11. What role does God play in your life today?

12. What is your level of involvement in a church?

- None
- Attend church occasionally
- Once a week
- Fully committed

13. Describe your relationship with Jesus Christ:

14. I am a born-again believer in Jesus Christ and He is my Lord and Savior.

Signature and Date

WEDDING INFORMATION

*Date: _____

*Location: _____

Time: _____

Pastor Performing Wedding: _____

Rehearsal Date: _____

Rehearsal Time: _____

**If you are being married at Evangel Temple be sure you have met the requirements for use of the facilities and that you have reserved the church on the date for your wedding and rehearsal.*

PREMARIATAL COVENANT

"I am committed to God's ways in preparing for our marriage. I agree to abstain from sexual intimacy until the day we share our marriage vows together. In obedience to God's command, I promise to protect your sexual purity from this day until our honeymoon. I believe it is God's will for our life and marriage to be sanctified, to be set apart and holy.

"Because I respect and honor you, I commit to building up the inner person of your heart rather than violating you and God's will for sexual purity.

"I pledge to show my love for you in ways that allow both of us to maintain a clear conscience before God and each other. I seek to trust God and honor Him by upholding His parameters of sexual intimacy within the context of our future marriage. I believe that with God's power, I will be able to keep this covenant and be greatly blessed by my being obedient to God and His Word."

Bride's Signature/Date

Groom's Signature/Date

Witness Signature/Date