

GOD'S BEST FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

At Cornerstone Friends Church we are not in the wedding business... we are in the MARRIAGE business. We place a strong emphasis on healthy, Christ-centered marriages throughout the teaching at Cornerstone. Considering our commitment to existing marriages it should come as no surprise that we care very deeply about preparation for future marriages.

We hold a Biblical view of marriage. Our understanding of Scripture is that marriage is sacred and should be entered into with adequate preparation. The high divorce rate in our country indicates that many people don't place as high a value on this commitment as God does. It is our desire to help you prepare both emotionally and spiritually as this next chapter of your life is written.

Building a strong, faithful and Christ-centered home may be difficult, but by adequately preparing for the days ahead, you can be counted among the faithful couples who live a long and fulfilled life together within the will of God. We would like to partner with you to help make this happen.

MARRIAGE AFFIRMATION

Because the participants in a wedding ceremony make vows before God a certain level of accountability is necessary. If, over the course of the pre-marriage class or pastoral counseling the couple exhibits the inability or unwillingness to achieve the spiritual expectations, the pastor and elder body may choose not to participate in the wedding ceremony as planned.

DETAILS

COSTS:

The following fees help to ensure a flawless wedding day at Cornerstone.

Building use fee - \$150
Waived for Cornerstone Members

Custodial fee - \$50

Sound, media and light technician - \$50
Pay Directly to technician

Pastor's Services

The pastors at Cornerstone consider it a privilege to perform your wedding ceremony. You may give an honorarium at your discretion.

"Saving Your Marriage Before it Starts"
book and workbooks - \$35
(Order from Debbie Andrews prior to the start class)

Marriage Insights Profile - \$39.95
(Order from Pastor during initial consultation)

The following additional services may be available:

Pianist | Pre-recorded music | Soloist
A \$50 Honorarium is customary for each musician

PLANNING

Following your initial consultation with the pastor and your wedding plans have been approved please schedule the following:

YOUR WEDDING

Contact Marcy Clark in the church office to schedule both your wedding day and time as well as a rehearsal day and time.

PASTORAL COUNSELING

Contact the pastor to plan for your first counseling session. Additional sessions will be scheduled following each appointment.

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PRE-MARRIAGE CLASS

All couples who would like to be married by a Cornerstone Pastor are asked to take this wonderful class to help prepare you for marriage. The 8 week class is facilitated by Joe and Debbie Andrews on Sunday mornings in their home (about 1 minute from the church).

The class is titled "Saving Your Marriage Before it Starts" and features the book and video with the same title by Les and Leslie Parrot.

In this class you will identify and overcome stumbling blocks to a healthy marriage. You will deal with such issues as spiritual and physical intimacy, Biblical roles, finances, goals for marriage and more!

For further details about the class or to register, please contact:
Debbie Andrews | agirlsthree@gmail.com | (440)428-4086

SPIRITUAL EXPECTATIONS

Because of our desire to build the foundations for a strong, Christ-centered marriage we will only marry those who express a specific desire to build a Christian home.

By this, we mean the following:

A PERSONAL FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST

This means that both of you believe that Christ died for your sins and have repented and believed in Him. If you aren't sure, please take the time during pastoral counseling to ask the questions you may have about your faith. The pastor would love to share the good news of Christ with you and lead you to a place of salvation in Him.

MORAL PURITY

God's word forbids sex outside of marriage (1 Corinthians 6:18 & 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8). This includes premarital sex. We will ask you to commit to abstaining from sexual activity before you are married. If you are living together we would ask you to separate until the day of your wedding.

CHURCH PARTICIPATION

As a couple we expect you to be a part of Cornerstone Friends Church. If you are already involved in another local church, your pastor should be the one to perform the ceremony, as he or she has continually opportunities to speak into your lives. If you live or plan to live outside the local area we expect your participation at another Bible believing church.

Participation suggests that, at a minimum, you attend services regularly. Our hope is that church participation is a desire of yours and not simply the fulfillment of a requirement. You won't regret bringing God into your marriage by continually being involved in an active church community for years to come!

PASTORAL COUNSELING

An initial pastoral counseling session will take place prior to the pastor agreeing to perform the ceremony. Additional sessions will take place at various intervals throughout the planning process. During these sessions you will take a personality survey, discuss a prepared budget and discuss your individual faith journeys. Please be prepared to be as open as possible to ensure a wonderful experience and, more importantly, a wonderful marriage.

Both of you should attend all sessions. If one of you can't make a scheduled appointment, plan to reschedule for a time when you can both be there.

"... at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. 'So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."

~ Mark 10:6-8

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

It would be an honor to be a part of this important commitment you are about to make. If you are as serious about marriage as we are, we will do everything we can to support and uphold your wedding day and your marriage. We will help in every way possible to make this a wonderful experience and a testimony to the work of God in your lives! Please don't hesitate to ask for help with anything as you prepare.