

# Hopewell Marriage Ceremony Policy

Thank you for your interest in pre-marital counseling. Pre-marital counseling is required for all couples to be married at Hopewell or by the Pastoral Staff. We believe marriage is ordained by God and is one of the most important commitments a person can make. This is a covenant not to be entered into lightly; therefore the counseling you will receive from Hopewell is Christian based. Our prayer is during this time in your lives you will continue to seek God for guidance, clarity, and understanding.

The following is the policy and pre-requisites of Hopewell for marriage ceremonies performed at and by the Pastoral Staff of Hopewell.

- One person must be a member of Hopewell Church.
- All couples are required to attend at least 4 premarital counseling sessions offered by the Hopewell Pastoral Staff or family counselor prior to the marriage ceremony.
- The date for the marriage ceremony must be at least one month from the last counseling session.
- Persons living together prior to marriage will NOT be married in the sanctuary. The marriage ceremony may be performed in the chapel, boardroom, or minister's office.
- Pastors will NOT knowingly marry "unequally yoked" (one person saved, the other unsaved) couples.
- Pastors will NOT marry same sex unions.
- There are additional personnel fees associated with the ceremony cost. Detailed will be provided at the signing of the contract, after counseling has ended and date has been approved.

Performance of marriage ceremonies is an accommodation to our members, NOT an obligation. It is understood that entering into pre-marital counseling is NOT a guarantee of approval to be married at Hopewell or by one of its pastors. Hopewell is NOT obligated to meet any wedding date set prior to the completion of counseling. Our counsel is based solely on God's Word, the Holy Bible.

By signing below you acknowledge you will comply with **ALL** of the above statements.

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**Groom/Date**

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**Bride/Date**

Upon completion return this form submit all pages to the  
Hopewell Executive Secretary  
fax 904-268-5321 or 3990 Loretto Road Jacksonville, FL 32223

## GROOM'S INFORMATION

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Number \_\_\_\_\_ Work Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_

Hopewell Member?  Yes  No If yes, for how long? \_\_\_\_\_ Deacon's Name \_\_\_\_\_

If no, where do you attend church? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you and your fiancée of the same religious belief?  Yes  No

Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior?  Yes  No

Have you been married before?  Yes  No If yes, how many times? \_\_\_\_\_ For how long? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you: Divorced?  Yes  No If yes, how long? \_\_\_\_\_ Is your divorce final?  Yes  No

Separated?  Yes  No If yes, how long? \_\_\_\_\_

Widowed?  Yes  No If yes, how long? \_\_\_\_\_

Still Married?  Yes  No

If divorced or separated, what were/are the grounds for the divorce or separation?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any children?  Yes  No If yes, how many. \_\_\_\_\_

Is your fiancée your child's or children's biological mother?  Yes  No

If no, how is the relationship with your child's or children's biological mother(s)?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please explain why you want to get married? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently living together?  Yes  No Have you lived together in the past?  Yes  No

How long have you dated your fiancée? \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you been engaged? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there sufficient income from the upcoming marriage to provide for the family?  Yes  No

Who would you like to perform your pre-marital counseling?

- Pastor Steve Newbill, Executive Pastor
- Pastor Kevin Smith, Pastor of Operations
- Robbin Jackson, Family Counselor

Who would you like to perform your wedding ceremony?

- Pastor Gary L. Williams, Sr., Senior Pastor
  - Pastor Steve Newbill
  - Pastor Kevin Smith
- (Pastor Williams does not perform weddings after 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays)

Have you selected at tentative date for your wedding?  Yes  No If yes when? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will your wedding ceremony take place?  Hopewell  Other \_\_\_\_\_

The above information I have given is true and I understand any false information will affect the counseling.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Groom's Signature / Date**

# BRIDE'S INFORMATION

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Number \_\_\_\_\_ Work Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_

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Still Married?  Yes  No

If divorced or separated, what are the grounds for the divorce or separation?

Do you have any children?  Yes  No If yes, how many. \_\_\_\_\_

Is your fiancé yours child's or children's biological father?  Yes  No

If no, how is the relationship with your child's or children's biological father(s)?

Please explain why you want to get married? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently living together?  Yes  No Have you lived together in the past?  Yes  No

How long have you dated your fiancé? \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you been engaged? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there sufficient income from the upcoming marriage to provide for the family?  Yes  No

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**Bride's Signature / Date**