

## Weddings at Living Water Community Church - FAQ's

- 1. I am not a Covenant Member/Regular Attendee of Living Water. Am I still able to use the church facility to hold my wedding ceremony and/or reception?**

The use of Living Water's facilities for a wedding ceremony and/or reception is reserved for those who are Covenant Members or those who have been regularly attending Living Water for the last six months.

Additionally, immediate family members of Living Water Covenant Members and regular attendees may use Living Water's facilities for a wedding ceremony and/or reception.

Any use of Living Water facilities requires the user to sign Living Water's Facility Use Policy.

- 2. I am not a Covenant Member/Regular Attendee of Living Water. Is one of your pastors able to officiate my wedding ceremony?**

Living Water pastors have the freedom to determine what weddings they will and will not officiate based on Living Water's Marriage policy. Please contact the pastor directly or his assistant for more information.

- 3. I am a Covenant Member/ Regular Attendee of Living Water. My fiancé is a great person but is still figuring out what he or she believes about Jesus. Can one of the pastors on staff marry us?**

Because God's Word prohibits a Christian from being "unequally yoked" to a non-Christian (2 Corinthians 6:14), our pastors are not able to officiate the wedding of a Christian to a non-Christian.

- 4. I am a Covenant Member/Regular Attendee of Living Water and my fiancé is a Christian also. He or she attends a different church, but we want to be married at Living Water. Is that possible?**

Assuming your fiancé has repented of his/her sin, has received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior in faith, and can clearly articulate such, we would be honored to have you use our facilities for your wedding.

- 5. My fiancé and I cohabitate and want to take the next step in our relationship. Can one of the pastors marry us?**

We applaud your desire to get married and would encourage you to do so. Your first step is to begin the Pre-Marital Counseling process. Part of the process requires that you cease living with your fiancé from the point the Pre-Marital Counseling begins until your wedding day. We realize that this is difficult for many people, however, we believe that God will honor your desire to submit to His Holy Word and you will be very glad you did in the end.

We realize that in some extenuating circumstances (e.g. children between the couple, disabilities, etc.) it is not feasible for the cohabitating couple to live separately during the Pre-Marital Counseling. In those cases, a member of our pastoral staff would be willing to pray during a civil marriage ceremony performed by an elected official. After which, the Pre-Marital Counseling would begin. After the Pre-Marital Counseling, a Christian wedding would be held.

**6. Do you require premarital counseling before one of the pastors will marry my fiancé and me? How long does the whole thing take? What's the big deal?**

Yes, premarital counseling is required before any of our pastors can marry you. The entire process involves between six (6) and eight (8) sessions throughout a six (6) month period. We require premarital counseling because it is one of the most effective ways to help ensure a strong, vibrant, long marriage.

**7. My fiancé and I are Christians and have been engaged for a while. We just found out that she is pregnant. Can one of the pastors marry us before the baby arrives?**

The answer is maybe. We realize that couples make mistakes (also called sin) and we are grateful for the grace of Jesus that covers those sins. As such, we would want to talk with you to understand where you and your fiancé are in your relationship with Jesus and with each other.

**8. My fiancé and I are getting married in three weeks. Is there any way one of the pastors could officiate?**

We are sorry, but unfortunately, we are not able to do that. All marriages by Living Water pastors require the couple to complete Pre-Marital Counseling.

**9. My last marriage ended in divorce a while ago, but now I have found the love of my life and we want to get married. Can one of the pastors officiate our wedding ceremony?**

The answer is maybe. Divorce and remarriage within the Christian context are difficult topics and before we make any decision we want to fully understand the circumstances regarding the divorce, opportunities for reconciliation or lack thereof, etc.

**10. We don't attend Living Water and we would like to simply rent your facility for our wedding/reception, is that possible?**

We are sorry but we do only rent our church facility for weddings/receptions to those who are Covenant Members or Regular Attendees of Living Water Community Church or the immediate family members of such.