

Congratulations!

We, at Radiant Christian Life, congratulate you on your forthcoming wedding! We hope that the use of our facilities and staff will help make your wedding a memorable occasion. God bless you as you begin a wonderful journey together!

God's plan and our goal is that your wedding day would be the greatest day of your life next to the day you gave your life to Christ. We have compiled these guidelines to help ensure that everything on this day goes according to plan and that it is a day to remember.

One very important thing you need to understand is that having a successful wedding does not guarantee a successful marriage. It is what happens over the next fifty years that will determine its success. If you go into your marriage looking forward to what you will get out of it, you will struggle. If, on the other hand, you go into your marriage looking forward to what you can put into it, you will be on your way to a happy lifetime union.

Deep is the river of God's blessings that will be poured into your home if you will do two things: make Christ the head of your home, and put your spouse ahead of yourself. A successful marriage is made up of two givers and no takers. Please know that when you hit rough spots in the road, we at Radiant Christian Life, will be there for you. We are committed to the success of your marriage and we will do whatever it takes to see you through it.

PREMARITAL POLICY

STATEMENT OF INTRODUCTION:

The Radiant Christian Life wedding ministry exists to provide guidance to engaged couples as they prepare to enter marriage and to assist them during their first year of marriage.

The importance of this sacred relationship is compared to Christ's relationship to the church. It is, therefore, critical that couples who are married at Radiant Christian Life understand the challenges and the potential of this relationship, realizing that Jesus Christ must be the foundation upon which this new relationship is built.

Marriage is an institution ordained by God and blessed by the church. It is the permanent union of two people with its highest ideal found in the example of Christ's relationship to the church. Marriage is seen as a celebration of the church, and it is this view of marriage that we wish to present to the people of God and to the world of which we are a vital part.

The pastors participate in some second marriages. This, too, is a celebration, but of a different kind. In this regard, the redemption and healing nature of God and the prospect of a new beginning are celebrated.

STRATEGY/REQUIREMENTS:

1) Initial Steps:

- A) The first step in scheduling a wedding at Radiant is for the couple to call a secretary at the church office (317-867-3880 X10). She will then pencil onto the church calendar the desired date. This date will become official only after it has been cleared at a church staff meeting. The secretary will call you if your date is approved, and she will set up an appointment with you (the couple) and a pastor for an initial meeting. At this time, you will receive a wedding packet on the guidelines of having a wedding at Radiant Christian Life. One of our pastors will be appointed depending upon their availability for the desired wedding date and the couple's personal choice.
- B) Each couple must have an initial meeting with our Radiant pastor. This initial meeting is to establish agreement with the wedding plans and to review the church's premarital program.

2) Waiting Period:

There must be a 4-month waiting period between your initial meeting with a pastor and your actual wedding ceremony. Also, both of you must be regularly attending Radiant for no less than six (6) months. Considerations will be given to those who live out of the area or attend another church.

- 3) Statement of Faith:
Each individual desiring to have their wedding performed at Radiant must personally agree with the following statement of faith: **“I believe that Jesus Christ is the only true God who died and rose again for my salvation. I publicly affirm that He is my personal Savior, to which I joyfully call myself a Christian, and Him Lord”**. The “Statement of Faith” form is included in your packet and needs to be turned into the church secretary thirty (30) days after confirmation of your wedding date.
- 4) Prepare Inventory:
The taking of a Prepare Inventory will normally be required of each couple. This inventory is an excellent tool in helping to discuss important areas of a couple’s marriage. The cost of the inventory is \$35 per couple.
- 5) Personal Sessions with the Pastor and a Mentoring Couple:
Up to five sessions will be scheduled for each couple to meet with the pastor performing the ceremony. Also, a mentoring couple may be assigned to you by the church. These meetings will be for talking and discussing the Prepare Inventory, looking at other marital issues, and planning the wedding ceremony.
- 6) Wedding Coordinator:
Wedding coordinators have been established at Radiant to assist all our couples with the planning of their wedding. A Wedding Coordinator that will be scheduled for your wedding and will be notified of your date after the “Statement of Faith”/Wedding Application forms have been received back at the church office. They will then contact you on how to help make your wedding day run as smoothly as possible.
- 7) Pastors/Musicians
 - A. An honorarium for the officiating Pastor is customary.
 - B. Each couple is responsible for contacting the musical artists they wish to have participate in their wedding. Each artist has their own set fees which is not part of Radiant Christian Life’s wedding package.

WEDDING GUIDELINES

1) WEDDINGS:

- A) Radiant Christian Life's facility is available for weddings of individuals who are currently part of our congregation and have been attending regularly for six (6) months. (See "Waiting Period" on Premarital Policy sheet.)
- B) A Sanctuary rental fee will not be imposed to those of our congregation; however, custodial fees for cleaning services will be charged. (See the "Wedding Fees" sheet.)
- C) Normal Sanctuary preparation includes the establishing of a center aisle, the placing of the steps up to the platform, and the general cleaning of the platform (excluding the removing of the piano and any choir chairs or choir risers).
- D) The Sanctuary will be available to decorate at 12:00 p.m. on Fridays.
- E) Saturday weddings are to be scheduled **no later than 1:30 p.m.** All photographs need to be completed by **3:00 p.m.** (Any exceptions to these time limits must be approved by the church staff at a church staff meeting.)
- F) Confetti and rice may NOT be thrown in the church or on the premises. Only birdseed is permitted to be thrown **outside** the building.
- G) All decorations are to be removed from the church immediately following the ceremony. (You **may not** store any items at the church.)
- H) The church does not staff nurseries for weddings. Do not leave children unattended in the nurseries or children attending children. An adult or someone at least fifteen years of age must be in attendance at all times if the nursery is used.
- I) Any food or drinks for the wedding party **must** be contained and limited to the Foyer or kitchen area only.

2) ADDITIONAL NOTES:

- A) No smoking at anytime – anywhere in the church.
- B) All final balances are due one month prior to the wedding.
- C) Radiant Christian Life is not responsible for loss of personal property. Please caution your wedding party not to leave purses, billfolds, or other articles unattended during wedding rehearsals, ceremonies, or receptions.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

As For Me and My House
By Walter Wangerin, Jr.

Hidden Keys of a Loving, Lasting Marriage
By Gary Smalley

His Needs Her Needs – Building an Affair-Proof Marriage
By Willard F. Harley, Jr.

Intended for Pleasure
By Dr. Ed Wheat

Marriage in the Making – Devotions for Living Happily Ever After
By Richard Exley

Marriage Plus – The Bible and Marriage
By Ray Mossholder

ReKindled – How to Keep the Warmth in Your Marriage
By Pat and Jill Williams

Strike the Original Match
By Charles R. Swindoll

The Complete Financial Guide for Young Couples
By Larry Burkett

The Five Love Languages – How to Express Heartfelt Commitment to Your Mate
By Gary Chapman

The Seven Principles That Marriage Work
By John Gottman

Fit To Be Tied
By Bill and Lynn Hybels



MARRIAGE LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

- 1. One of you must be a resident of Hamilton County.**
- 2. Both of you must be at least 18 years of age or older.**
- 3. Both of you need to have a birth certificate, passport, or driver's license to apply. If you use your driver's license, and your address is not correct, you must provide a recent utility bill or bank statement that has your name and current address on it.**
- 4. "INDIANA STATE REPMARITAL FORM" NO LONGER REQUIRED. Effective 4/19/05**
- 5. Both parties must be present in order to apply.**
- 6. \$20.00 CASH is due for applying.***No personal checks accepted. *****
- 7. The license will be given to you at time of application. There is no waiting period and it is good for 60 days.**
- 8. You may apply Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.**
- 9. If both parties are from out of state, you must apply in the county where the marriage ceremony is performed. The cost is \$62.00 CASH.**

HAMILTON COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE
Governmental Judicial Center
Suite 106
Noblesville, IN 46060
(317) 776-9629

***FROM THIS POINT ON,
THESE PAGES NEED TO BE RETURNED
TO THE CHURCH OFFICE AT:***

**Radiant Christian Life
16162 Carey Road
Westfield, IN 46074**

WEDDING APPLICATION FORM

Bride

Groom

Name _____

Name _____

Street _____

Street _____

City/State/Zip _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ (H) _____

Phone _____ (H) _____

Pastor Officiating Wedding _____

Date of Wedding _____

Time _____

Date of Rehearsal _____

Time _____

Place of Reception _____

A \$100 DEPOSIT MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM. All other fees are due one month prior to the wedding. Make checks payable to Radiant Christian Life.

With receipt of this sheet and the deposit, our wedding coordinator (s) will contact you to see in what ways they might assist with the planning of your wedding.

FUTURE HOME ADDRESS: (after wedding)

Street _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone Number _____ (H) _____ (W)

DUE DATE: 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF THIS PACKET

WEDDING FEE SCHEDULE

CHURCH FACILITIES:

	Cost Each	Total Cost
Custodial Cleaning Services – Wedding	\$150.00	
Custodial Cleaning Services - Reception	200.00	
Rental (Non-attenders)	200.00	
Deviation of currant platform area set-up	300.00	

	Cost Each	Total Cost
Sound Engineer – includes rehearsal, wedding day and sanctuary set-up for worship	\$100.00	
Audio Recording and/or video projection screens	100.00	
Prepare Evaluation (If not collected at time of evaluation)	35.00	
Wedding Coordinator – includes all appointments, rehearsal, and wedding day	100.00	

Less Deposit		(\$100.00)
TOTAL FEES DUE:		

NOTE:

- C) A deposit of \$100 is due within thirty (30) days of receiving your wedding packet, and full payment is due within thirty (30) days of your wedding date. Please make all checks payable to Radiant Christian Life.
- D) The services and fees for a pianist, soloist, and/or computer graphics technician are arranged directly by the couple.

**DUE DATE: DEPOSIT DUE 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF THIS PACKET
CHECKLIST AND FULL PAYMENT DUE 30 DAYS PRIOR TO WEDDING**

STATEMENT OF FAITH

“I BELIEVE THAT Jesus Christ is the Only True Son of God who died and rose again for my salvation. I publicly affirm that He is my personal Savior, to which I joyfully call myself a Christian, and Him Lord.”

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