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Wedding Information Packet

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Dear Couple:

Certainly one of the greatest blessings of God is the gift of marriage. Marriage is a shelter that protects all that is good in the love of a man and woman for each other.

The Bible teaches that a man must cleave to his wife and they will become one flesh (Genesis 2:24). The Hebrew word for cleaving can be illustrated by gluing two pieces of paper; and after the glue has dried, the pieces cannot be separated without irreparable harm to both. In the same way, a marriage broken by divorce devastates spouses and wounds children. With such negative consequences of divorce, Fellowship Christian Church will do everything possible to help you have a marriage that endures.

My wife and I married in 1977, and I can honestly say that I am more in love with her today than I was when we were first married. Love can grow; divorce does not have to happen. However, the decisions that you make during your engagement often determine the success or failure of your marriage.

At Fellowship, we have mentored numerous engaged couples and observed their marriages. Not one couple who came to the church for mentoring before marriage wanted their marriage to end in divorce—but some have. The couples whose marriage did end in divorce often had similar patterns of behavior that I believe laid a foundation for distrust that later caused the divorce.

We want to help you build a lasting marriage – a marriage that grows in love, and in which both of you stay faithful to the Lord and each other, thus the reason for these guidelines. Please sign the Agreement of Marriage Principles form if you agree with the principles outlined. Make a copy for your records and submit the signed form to the church office.

We serve a God of grace, and regardless of your past actions, God can and will forgive and restore. We are willing to work with any couple and to help them find God's grace and forgiveness. If you are considering marriage, you should make an appointment with our Marriage Mentoring Ministry so that we can consider how His love affects your current relationship.

If you have questions, do not hesitate to call. We look forward to helping you prepare for a successful marriage.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Grant Edwards".

Grant Edwards
Senior Pastor

AGREEMENT OF MARRIAGE PRINCIPLES FORM

Because we are interested in being a part of a lasting marriage, and also because we believe several factors will make it more difficult for a marriage to endure, we ask that you abide by the following guidelines. Both the bride and groom should initial each point to indicate that you understand and agree.

- Until your marriage, you must agree to keep from sexual relations. The Bible teaches emphatically that fornication (sex before marriage) is to be avoided (1 Corinthians 6:18, KJV). The wife gives her purity as her gift to marriage and the husband his freedom. On the marriage night, both gifts are to be given. ____/____ (*Both initial here*)
- During the course of your engagement, you must agree not to live together. The Bible states plainly that we are to avoid situations of temptation (Romans 13:14, NAS) and that we are to avoid all appearances of evil (1 Thessalonians 5:22 KJV). ____/____ (*Initial*)
- We recognize that in some cases couples will become Christians who have already violated these scriptural standards. In such cases, we believe that it is best that a couple separate to give time to prepare adequately for the commitment of marriage. If this is not possible for some reason, or if a couple is unwilling to make this commitment, we will participate in the marriage only if they agree to a small private ceremony within a few weeks as a means of avoiding sin and demonstrating their willingness to submit to the Lord's standards. If they desire a public wedding ceremony, we will then help them plan a celebration of marriage in which they can publicly share their vows. ____/____ (*Initial*)
- Because the Bible says that a believer is not to be unequally yoked to an unbeliever, we will not marry a Christian to a non-Christian (1 Corinthians 6:14, NIV). ____/____ (*Initial*)
- In addition, the Bible sets strict parameters for divorce. Divorce is allowed only in cases of adultery and in some cases abandonment (Matthew 19:9, NIV; 1 Corinthians 7:15). Therefore, we will not marry someone who has been un-scripturally divorced. ____/____ (*Initial*)
- Fellowship requires that couples participate in a pre-marriage mentoring process. In 2007 Fellowship Christian Church entered a covenant with other churches in Clark County and the Marriage Resource Center agreeing that we will not take part in a marriage until a couple has completed a pre-marriage profile and taken part in a marriage mentoring program to prepare them for marriage. Our desire for you is to have a happy and healthy marriage relationship, and hard work up-front is necessary to give your marriage the best opportunity to flourish. Please understand that the mentoring is presented from a biblical viewpoint because a marriage reaches its full potential when both participants hold an active faith in Jesus as Savior and Lord. ____/____ (*Initial*)
- I understand the financial obligations to Fellowship Christian Church and individuals outlined in the attached policy. ____/____ (*Initial*)
- I hereby authorize communication between Marriage Resource Center and Fellowship Christian Church for purposes directly related to marriage mentoring and our wedding. All matters will be held in strict confidence by all parties. ____/____ (*Initial*)

These are the general policies of Fellowship Christian Church, and all of our pastors abide by the same guidelines. After reviewing the guidelines, and if they are acceptable to you, please sign below to indicate that you are in full compliance of the requirements.

Bride name (Please print)

Groom name (Please print)

Bride signature

Groom signature

PREMARITAL MENTORING PROCEDURE

Fellowship wants your marriage to succeed, and so do you. However, the trends of marriage failure have made premarital preparation even more significant and necessary.

The bad news

The failure ratio of marriages in Clark County, Ohio, has been notoriously high, peaking above 100% in the late 1990s. That means there were as many or more divorces as weddings in a given year, about twice the national average.

The good news

Couples who engage in a quality marriage preparation process significantly increase their chances of being together after 10 years. Most statistics reveal an 85-95% success rate for couples preparing not only for their wedding (which lasts a day), but also for their marriage (which is to last for a lifetime).

After completing and submitting a signed copy of **Agreement of Marriage Principles** to a Fellowship pastor, please complete the following premarital preparation process.

- ❑ Contact **Barb Dotson**, Director of Mentor Services with Marriage Resource Center of Miami Valley, at 937.324.3604 to request premarital mentoring and initiate the process with a brief intake and getting acquainted meeting.
- ❑ Complete an online **PREPARE premarital inventory** in which each partner separately responds to general demographic questions and about 150 statements. The cost for this inventory is \$20 per couple.
 - The PREPARE inventory is not a “pass” or “fail” test but is designed to highlight the strengths and growth areas in your relationship (such as communication, conflict resolution, roles, finances—about 12-15 typical areas related to marriage).
 - The PREPARE inventory from Life Innovations, Inc. has been used and validated extensively for more than 30 years, and can predict marriage success accurately based upon how couples respond.
- ❑ Upon completion of the PREPARE inventory, you will be linked with a mature, trained and supervised married couple to meet in **six 60-90 minute sessions** *before* your wedding and **four sessions** *after* your wedding (at two months, six months, 10 months and one year following your wedding). These 10 sessions provide you with valuable support and friendship.
 - Mentoring assignments are made with your unique backgrounds, personalities, and preferences in mind.
 - If you prefer a Fellowship marriage mentor couple, *and a suitable one is available*, you may be linked accordingly. If not, you have the options of waiting until a suitable one is available or being linked with a non-Fellowship couple.
- ❑ The mentoring process covers the major areas you respond to in the inventory, especially those in which you respond *differently* from each other. The process invites you to practice marriage-strengthening skills and to complete between session assignments.
- ❑ Additionally, if one or both of you have not completed the discipleship process, your premarital mentors will disciple you according to Fellowship’s vision. Our vision as a church is “Discipling Another to Love Jesus”; the best way for you to grow as a Christian couple is to become established in your relationship with Christ and then to become active in making disciples.

FELLOWSHIP'S WEDDING ASSISTANT

At Fellowship Christian Church, we want your wedding to be everything you hoped and dreamed it would be. Fellowship provides a wedding assistant to help you in the planning stages, the rehearsal, the ceremony, and the clean up afterwards. The service fee is \$75 as shown in the Wedding Related Costs section in this packet. Our wedding assistant can serve you specifically in the ways described below.

The wedding assistant will:

1. Meet with the Bride and Groom to answer any questions and review the wedding and rehearsal plans (e.g. vows, communion during the ceremony, unity candle, music, solos, ceremony reading, timing, special presentations, and seating arrangements).
2. Communicate dates and timing of the wedding and rehearsal to the event support team and the Fellowship facility representative.
3. Meet with appropriate parties at the church to review and discuss arrangements and logistics
4. Serve as liaison with the janitorial staff, audio technician(s), and music/worship director.
5. Help coordinate music arrangements with the music/worship director and have a suitable array of music titles and, if needed, samples for review.
6. Provide and review ceremony program samples for your wedding.
7. Provide, during the week of the wedding, a copy of the program details to the Bride and Groom, pastor, audio technician(s), and musicians.
8. Open and close the church for both the rehearsal and wedding (or make special arrangements for access to the church).
9. Be at the church for the rehearsal, under the direction of the pastor, to help the event run as smoothly as possible.
10. Assist on the day of the wedding:
 - a. Open the church for deliveries and decorating
 - b. Help set up the photographer and familiarize him or her with the church
 - c. Direct the attendants and families before and after the wedding
 - d. Distribute flowers, corsages, and boutonnieres to the appropriate people
 - e. Assist in seating families and special persons; organize the processional; and help with the flower girl and ring bearer, if applicable
 - f. Provide support and help as much as practical and possible for those last-minute forgotten items, glitches, and unforeseen problems
11. Your wedding is personal and very special. The experience of the wedding assistant (provided by the church) is designed to reduce your anxiety and offer inventive solutions to planning and problem solving, enabling you and your families to work together to create a happy and memorable wedding experience at Fellowship.

Fellowship's wedding assistant: Kim Rohrer, (937) 206-8508

FACILITY USAGE AND WEDDING GUIDELINES

We believe that marriage is a God-ordained institution and that the wedding vows are serious and sacred commitments before God. Because it is our desire that Fellowship Christian Church be instrumental in the establishment of truly Christian marriages, and in providing an enjoyable wedding experience, we believe that the following wedding guidelines are important and must be observed by every wedding party using our facilities.

1. Our church facility is available to members and regular attendees on a first come/first served basis. Consult with the church secretary on the availability of space as you plan your wedding date, then complete and return the Event Scheduling Request Form along with required deposit(s) to reserve use of the facilities. First priority for building use is for ongoing and special church-related activities, then for uses requested by members and regular attendees. Remember to consult with the Fellowship pastor you wish to perform your ceremony about his availability before finalizing your wedding date.
2. If you wish to have a pastor from a church other than Fellowship perform or assist in the wedding ceremony you must obtain permission of Fellowship's senior staff pastor. He will issue an invitation to the guest pastor presuming everything is in order regarding that pastor's credentials and that the pastor represents a church whose beliefs, doctrine, and practices do not conflict with those of Fellowship Christian Church. Under most circumstances, the involvement of someone from the Fellowship pastoral staff in the ceremony is important.
3. Smoking and the presence or use of alcoholic beverages on church property is prohibited.
4. Music must be appropriate to the sacredness of the ceremony and must be submitted to and approved by the pastor performing your ceremony (or by the Fellowship senior staff pastor if your ceremony is to be performed by a guest pastor).
5. Florists and decorators must use only smokeless, dripless candles; any church-owned furniture item used in the ceremony must be protected from damage by candles or other decorating paraphernalia.
6. The church is decorated for the Christmas holidays beginning as early as the week following Thanksgiving through the first weekend in January. No decorations may be removed, moved, or altered during this time.
7. The church displays flags and banners in the sanctuary throughout the year. Your decorators may ask permission to remove (on day of the ceremony) and replace (immediately following the ceremony) these items. You assume all risk for the damage to or loss of these items as well as damage to any surface caused by their removal or reattachment.
8. Decorators are cautioned to be sensitive to the care of church property. Decorations are to be installed and secured in a non-damaging fashion without the use of nails or screws.
9. All wedding decorations, personal possessions, and wrapping papers, must be removed no later than two hours after the ceremony ends, so that only routine cleaning is required of the custodians.
10. The throwing of rice or birdseed is prohibited; however, the use of bubbles and balloons is acceptable.
11. All rehearsal dinner or reception decorations, personal possessions, and wrapping papers, must be removed no later than one hour after the event ends, so that only routine cleaning is required of the custodians.
12. Any items left in the church beyond the times noted above may be deemed abandoned and disposed of by the church at its convenience.
13. You must complete all appropriate forms for support services for your wedding.

14. You are completely responsible for communicating all of your needs to the church staff as you and we prepare to facilitate your rehearsal and wedding ceremony.
15. You may request permission to access the building outside normal operating hours if you have decorating or preparation needs. If you have key-access to the building you assume all responsibility for its safety and security and for the total costs of any harm or damage or loss to the facilities, property, and equipment that might result from any negligence on your part.
16. A deposit of \$100 is due to the Fellowship secretary when you book your wedding date. It is refundable provided that all other fees are paid and there is no damage to the building, equipment, or other property of the church. Make your check payable to Fellowship Christian Church. You further agree to pay for any damages to church property and equipment in excess of this \$100 deposit or other fees for services provided.
17. Fellowship Christian Church is not responsible for any loss, theft or damage to any personal property or for any injury to anyone participating in any event in its building or on its grounds. All responsibility is assumed by the person(s) or organization using the facility.

Guidelines for use of kitchen facilities and rehearsal dinner or reception space will be provided upon request and at appropriate additional costs. The church does not have a preparation kitchen and only limited warming, refrigerating, and holding equipment is available.

I have read all of the Fellowship Christian Church policies noted above, reviewed all guidelines for use of the facility, understand and agree to pay all required fees, and in general, I understand and accept all requirements for which I am responsible.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please return this signed document along with other related forms and documents to:

Fellowship Christian Church
2301 Valley Loop Drive
Springfield, OH 45504

GENERAL WEDDING INFORMATION

Facilities:

- A bridal room is available for the women in the bridal party in the Thelma Edwards Lounge. Please note that no toilet facilities or other amenities are in this room.
- Ushers may congregate in the church nursery (a restroom and sink are in the area), a designated classroom, or other space as convenient.
- Restroom facilities are available only in the area of the main church office. There are full-length mirrors in these facilities.

Flowers and Other Decorations:

Arrangements for decorating any part of the church facility will be made by the family with the florist of their choice and in the context of guidelines set forth elsewhere in this wedding packet.

Wedding Programs:

If you plan to provide your guests with a wedding program, you may want to consider a couple of different options. Some couples choose to design their own and have locally printed although others prefer a standard wedding bulletin-style program available from most area Christian bookstores.

Marriage License:

The Clark County Probate Court issues marriage licenses weekdays at the Municipal Court Building (50 West Columbia Street, Springfield, Ohio). Specified fees are due at the time of application. A five-day waiting period exists for issuing the license, and the license is valid for 60 days. To apply, both parties must be present. Bring proof of birth date, address, and social security number. When applying, you need the name of the minister performing your ceremony. For more information or to verify office hours and fees, call the Probate Court at (937) 328-2435.

Officiate Information:

You must inform the officiating pastor of:

Date and time of rehearsal: _____

At what time will everyone be present and ready to start the rehearsal?: _____

Are the Officiate and spouse invited to the rehearsal dinner? Yes___ No ___ Time: _____

Dress attire for rehearsal: _____

Is officiate expected to be present for pictures? Yes___ No ___ Time: _____

Time of wedding ceremony: _____

WEDDING RELATED FEES AND DEPOSITS (Using Fellowship Christian Church Services and Staff)

Fellowship Christian Church is glad to be a part of your wedding plans. While it is our privilege to minister to you, there are a number of costs associated with your wedding that go beyond the normal ministry of the church. There is no charge for the use of the building; however, all users must pay for the costs of providing direct services for your wedding, and compensate the counselor, pastor, wedding assistant, and others as required for their time and work in helping you prepare for and conduct your marriage ceremony and related activities.

Unless otherwise noted below, fees due Fellowship Christian Church must be paid no later than two weeks before your wedding. These costs include:

___ Facility Use / Damage Deposit	\$100
Payable when wedding is scheduled. Refundable if no damage or excessive cleaning is required.	
___ Custodial Services	\$50 - 100
Fee is approximate. Final cost will be higher if extensive set-up or cleaning is required, and/or your reception is held in the church building.	
___ Sound technician	\$25 per hour
One (1) sound technician for the rehearsal and wedding, and tear-down and set up of platform. There is a <u>minimum of three hours charged</u> , additional charges if services are needed longer and additional charges if reception is held in our church building. (\$25 per hour at a minimum of \$75)	
___ Musician	\$50 each
One (1) church-supplied musician if needed. You may use your own musicians and pay them directly. (\$50 for each musician)	
___ Wedding Coordinator	\$75
Church provided coordinator. See Section 3 for services provided.	
___ Nursery Use and Workers (\$10/hr/each)	\$TBD
Only Fellowship approved and supplied workers can be used and a minimum of two (2) are required in each room used at all times. A minimum two (2) hour usage charge will be assessed.	

Total fees to be paid directly to the church: \$ _____
Checks payable to: Fellowship Christian Church

Other fees and payment:

Premarital Inventory Scoring Fee <i>Paid at the intake session</i>	\$30 to \$35
Gift to the officiating pastor This is a suggested range for compensating the pastor who officiates at your wedding; in light of the amount of time he will spend planning and participating in the rehearsal and the ceremony. Your gift must be paid directly to the pastor.	\$100 - \$300

REQUEST TO SCHEDULE AN EVENT

One Time Event:

Month/Date/Year: _____

Day of week: _____

*Start Time: _____

*Stop Time: _____

Set-up to begin at: _____

Clean-up/tear-down can begin at: _____

Multiple Week Event:

Day(s) of Week: _____

Starting Month and Date: _____

Ending Month and Date: _____

*Start Time: _____

*Stop Time: _____

Type or Title of Event: _____

Contact or responsible party: _____

Contact Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Space(s) you wish to reserve:

_____ Sanctuary	_____ Foyer	_____ Nursery(s)
_____ Café	_____ Classroom(s)	_____ Kitchen
_____ Thelma Edwards Lounge	_____ Worship Warehouse	_____ Other

Details: Describe in detail your set-up needs; include diagrams if necessary. You may be required to participate in or handle entirely the set-up needs the event requires. You may be required to return the space back to its original state for use.

(Use back of this form or attach additional sheets if necessary)

Special Needs: (e.g. sound system, TV display, DVD player, tables, chairs, and lectern). Certain needs may require fees. Only Fellowship personnel may operate audio visual, lighting, and camera equipment. Nursery use may require Fellowship provided and approved care workers at additional expense.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

SAMPLE ORDER OF SERVICE

The service order and vows are shown below as samples only; in consultation with the pastor performing your ceremony, you may choose to use one of these, something from another source, or create your own. All vows must be submitted to the officiating pastor for his review and approval at least two weeks before your wedding date. The order of service will be developed and agreed upon during the course of your pre-marriage counseling.

- Pre-Service:
 - Meditation/Music
- Processional
- Welcome
- Giving of Bride
- Scripture Reading
- Message
- Communion
- Marriage Rite:
 - The Vows
 - Exchange of Rings
- Unity Candle
- The Pronouncement
- Kiss
- Presentation
- Recessional

SAMPLE VOWS

Ring Vows

1. We fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen; for what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. Wedding rings serve as the symbol of the covenant you have just spoken. They are the outward sign of an inward and invisible love which binds your hearts together.

Repeat after me (man first)

This ring symbolizes my unending love for you. May this pledge show a union that cannot be broken. I pledge as your husband/wife to follow God's design for me in this role (place the ring). I love you.

2. This ring I give, as a symbol of our covenant love.
3. With this ring I do thee Wed
4. We fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen; for what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. Wedding rings serve as the symbol of the covenant you have just spoken. They are the outward sign of an inward and invisible love which binds your hearts together.

Repeat after me (man first)

This ring symbolizes my unending love for you. May this pledge show a union that cannot be broken. I pledge as your husband to follow God's design for me in this role. I do this in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. I love you.

Pledge

_____, do you take _____, as your wife, to love her as Jesus loves the Church, to be faithful to her for the rest of your life? If so, answer, "I do."

_____, do you take _____, as your husband, to love him as Jesus loves the Church, to be faithful to him for the rest of your life? If so, answer, "I do."

Marriage Vows

1. I, _____ with all my heart, take you _____, to be my wife. I promise to humbly serve you and to love you completely. I will always cherish you and respect you, for you are a blessing from God. I give to you my life, by joining my spirit with yours. I promise to encourage and gently guide our family in Christ so that our union will draw us closer to God, for the Glory of our Father in heaven. It is by God's Grace, Power and Love that I can promise you these things. I pledge to you my faithfulness.

I, _____, take you _____, to be my husband. I agree with Jesus Christ my Savior and my Lord, and you, to faithfully love you, trust you, and support your leadership. I will allow the Holy Spirit, to change me into the best wife I can be for you. It is my desire for our love to grow with Christ as our focus: through all the trials and joys, allowing him to strengthen us to love each other as he so desires. I will cherish these days, and long for life with you and our God in the everlasting. I pledge to you my faithfulness.

2. I, _____, take you _____, to be my wife. I agree with Jesus Christ and you, to faithfully love you, as Christ loves the Church. I will allow the Holy Spirit to change me, into the best husband I can be for you. In good times and in bad; in sickness and in health; in plenty or in want; for as long as we live on is earth, or until Jesus comes again. Amen.

I, _____, take you _____, to be my husband. I agree with Jesus Christ and you, to faithfully love you, and support your leadership. I will allow the Holy Spirit to change me, into the best wife I can be for you. In good times and in bad; in sickness and in health; in plenty or in want; for as long as we live on is earth, or until Jesus comes again. Amen.

3. I _____, want you, _____ to be my wife. I promise to love you as myself, and to use all the experiences of life to grow in this love. I will be a husband who lives according to the scripture, loving you as Christ loved the church, and guiding our family in the will of the Lord. It is my desire for our love to grow through good times and bad. I will cherish these days and long for life with you and our God in the everlasting. I pledge to you my faithfulness.

I _____, want you, _____, to be my husband. I promise to love you as myself, and to use all the experiences of life to grow in this love. I will be a wife who lives according to the scripture, loving you as Christ loved the church, and guiding our family in the will of the Lord. It is my desire for our love to grow through good times and bad. I will cherish these days and long for life with you and our God in the everlasting. I pledge to you my faithfulness.

4. From this day, where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and mine will become yours. Where you die I will die and there will I be buried. And with the strength, wisdom and understanding that only the Lord can provide I will love, support, encourage you and work for the furtherment of His Kingdom by your side.

5. I _____ want you _____ to be my wife. I promise to love you as myself, and to use all the experiences of life to grow in this love. I will be a husband who lives according to the scripture, loving you as Christ loved the church, and guiding our family in the will of the Lord. To be faithful to you and honest, not domineering but kind, is my earnest desire. I want our marriage to be for the glory of God and for His service.

I _____ want you _____ to be my husband. I promise to love you and be faithful. I submit to your authority as head of our family; and promise to support, encourage and help your leadership. For our love to grow through good times and bad, is my desire. I will strive to make our marriage, not for ourselves only, but for the glory of God.

6. I _____ want you _____ to be my wife. I promise to love you and to use all the experiences of life to grow in this love. As our days pass together we will encounter disappointments and trials, blessings and joyous achievements. I will cherish these days and long for life with you and our God in the everlasting. I pledge to you my faithfulness.

I _____ want you _____ to be my husband, I promise to love you and be faithful, and to support, encourage and help your leadership. It is my desire for our love to grow through good times and bad. I will strive to make our marriage, not for ourselves only, but for the glory of God.

7. I _____, take thee _____, to be my wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and I pledge to you my faithfulness.

I _____, take thee _____, to be my wedded husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and I pledge to you my faithfulness.

8. I _____ take thee _____ to my wedded (Wife/Husband), and plight thee my troth, till death us do part.

9. (Man & Woman say in turn to the other) Receive this ring as a token of wedded love and troth. Minister- Join your right hands. Forasmuch as _____ and _____ have consented together in holy wedlock, and have declared the same before God and in the presence of this company, I pronounce them Husband and Wife: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

The Lord God, who created our first parents and sanctified their union in Marriage sanctify and bless you, that you may please Him both in body and soul, and live together in holy love until life's end. Amen.

Let Us Pray. Almighty and most merciful God, who hast now united this Man and this Woman in the holy estate of Matrimony: Grant them grace to live therein according to the holy Word; strengthen them in constant fidelity and true affection toward each other; sustain and defend them amidst all trials and temptations; and help them so to pass through this world in faith.

10. I _____, take you _____, to be my husband and pledge from this day forward, to go where you go, and to stay where you stay. Your people will be my people and mine will become yours. Where you die I will die and there will I be buried. And, with the strength, wisdom and understanding that only the Lord can provide, I will love, support, and encourage you and together we will work to make the world a better place.

11. I _____, want you _____, to be my wife. I promise to love you as myself, and to use all the experiences of life, to grow in this love. I will be a husband who lives according to the scripture, loving you as Christ loved the Church, and guiding our family in the will of the Lord. It is my desire for our love to grow through good times and bad. I will cherish these days, longing for life with you and our God in the everlasting. I pledge to you my faithfulness.

I _____, want you _____, to be my husband. I promise to love you as myself, and to use all the experiences of life, to grow in this love. I will be a wife who lives according to the scripture, loving you with respect and faithfulness, and praying for our family, to be in the will of the Lord. It is my desire for our love to grow through good times and bad. I will cherish these days, longing for life with you and our God in the everlasting. I pledge to you my faithfulness.

12. I _____, want you _____, to be my wife. I promise to love you as myself, and to use all the experiences of life, to grow in this love. I will be a husband who lives according to the scripture, loving you as Christ loved the Church, and guiding our family in the will of the Lord. It is my desire for our love to grow through good times and bad. I will cherish these days, longing for life with you and our God in the everlasting. I pledge to you my faithfulness.

I _____, want you _____, to be my husband. I promise to love you as myself, and to use all the experiences of life, to grow in this love. I will be a wife who lives according to the scripture, loving you with respect and faithfulness, and praying for our family, to be in the will of the Lord. It is my desire for our love to grow through good times and bad. I will cherish these days, longing for life with you and our God in the everlasting. I pledge to you my faithfulness.

13. I _____, want you _____, to be my _____. I promise to love you as myself. As our days pass together we will encounter disappointments and trials, blessings and joyous achievements. I promise to use these experiences of life to allow our love to grow stronger day by day. It is my desire for our love to grow through good times and bad. I will cherish these days, longing for life with you and our God in the everlasting. I pledge to you my faithfulness.

14. I _____, take you _____, to be my wife. I agree with Jesus Christ and you, to faithfully love you, as Christ loves the Church. I will allow the Holy Spirit to change me, into the best husband I can be for you. In good times and in bad; in sickness and in health; for richer and poorer, for as long as we both shall live, I pledge to you my faithfulness in Christ's love. Amen

I _____, want you _____, to be my husband. I promise to love you as myself. As our days pass together we will encounter disappointments and trials, blessings and joyous achievements. I promise to use these experiences of life to allow our love to grow stronger day by day. It is my desire for our love to grow through good times and bad. I will cherish these days, longing for life with you and our God in the everlasting. I pledge to you my faithfulness.

15. I _____, take thee _____, to my wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance. I will be a wife who lives according to the scripture, loving you as Christ loved the church, and guiding our family in the will of the Lord. I pledge to you my faithfulness.

I _____, take thee _____, to be my wedded husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance. I will be a husband who lives according to the scripture, loving you as Christ loved the church, and guiding our family in the will of the Lord. I pledge to you my faithfulness.

16. I _____, want you _____, to be my wife. I promise to love you as myself. As our days pass together we will encounter disappointments and trials, blessings and joyous achievements. I promise to use these experiences of life to allow our love to grow stronger day by day. It is my desire for our love to grow through good times and bad. I will cherish these days, longing for life with you and our God in the everlasting. I pledge to you my faithfulness.

I, _____ want you _____, to be my husband. I promise to love you as myself. As our days pass together we will encounter disappointments and trials, blessings and joyous achievements. I promise to use these experiences of life to allow our love to grow stronger day by day. It is my desire for our love to grow through good times and bad. I will cherish these days, longing for life with you and our God in the everlasting. I pledge to you my faithfulness.

DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE POLICY

Fellowship Christian Church has definite guidelines for divorce and remarriage that coincide with the Word of God. The guidelines define the appropriate steps to reconcile and to rebuild marriages. The policy covers the authority of God and His Word in our lives. Additionally, marriage between a believer and an unbeliever is outlined and includes how to pray for that unbelieving spouse. Children and how they react to divorce and how divorce affects all family members are explained. As a direct influence to many divorces, adultery is addressed in the Divorce and Remarriage guidelines. Scripture is enter-twined throughout the overview to bring us to the truth.

Divorce and remarriage at Fellowship would make a wonderful Bible study in itself that brings to light just how God views divorce and remarriage. In this day and age of “everything goes” this teaching is refreshing and inspiring. If you would like a copy of the full Divorce and Remarriage guidelines, please call the Fellowship church office at 937.322.5381.