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pre-marital counseling request

“For this cause, a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.”

Genesis 2:24

“Let all things be done properly and in an orderly manner.”

1 Corinthians 14:40

Dear Bride and Groom:

CONGRATULATIONS! You are now engaged and preparing for marriage. We at Church on the Move are rejoicing with you and thankful to God that He has brought you together to share the joys and blessings of Christian marriage. Be assured of our prayers on your behalf as you take the steps toward the marriage covenant.

Pastor George and the congregation of Church on the Move are committed to your lifetime success as husband and wife. Experience has taught us that Biblical principles, when followed, will contribute to the success of your marriage. Our excellent pre-marital counseling program based on God's Word will be of great benefit to you.

The “Pre-marital Counseling Request” you have received details the steps necessary to begin your journey together.

Thank you for carefully reading these guidelines and complying with them. It is our distinct privilege and joy to assist you in building your marriage on the foundation of the Word of God.

God bless you abundantly and prosper you in all things!

Sincerely in Christ,

Greg Scott
Associate Pastor

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING POLICY

- A.** A completed "Request for Pre-marital counseling" form must be received no later than 12 weeks prior to wedding date.

- B.** Everyone who has met the membership requirement and who is officially engaged will first meet with a member of our Pastoral Ministries staff for an initial Pre-Marital Counseling Interview. The purpose of this interview is to become acquainted, discuss personal background, family history, life experience, discern motivation for the marriage, share the biblical basis for Christian marriage, and to lay out the expectations and requirements for our five week counseling program.

- C.** At the conclusion of the interview, the pastor will either approve or disapprove the couple's request for premarital counseling at Church On The Move. Approval or disapproval of the marriage will be determined by the counseling pastor and will not necessarily occur after the interview.

- D.** The scheduling and format of the Pre-Marital Counseling sessions will be determined by the counseling pastor.

- E.** All couples desiring to be married by a member of the Church On The Move Pastoral Staff must successfully complete our Pre-Marital counseling program before the officiating minister can conduct the wedding ceremony.

- F.** In order to receive pre-marital counseling at Church On The Move, either the counseling pastor will be officiating your wedding (at COTM or off-site) or an out of state friend or out of state family member may officiate your wedding off-site. This is subject to the approval of the counseling pastor. Any other arrangements must be approved by the counseling pastor.

THE ENGAGEMENT COVENANT

Believing that marriage is a holy and sacred gift from God, it is our desire that couples approach marriage according to biblical standards and in a way that is pleasing to God. In this regard, COTM Pastors reserve the right to decline officiating a wedding if couples do not agree with the "engagement covenant" which includes the following:

- 1.** A Covenant Of Belief—Believing that God has intended Christians to marry Christians, we require that both the bride and groom individually have come to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and have made a commitment of their lives to Him. (1 Corinthians 6:14-16; Romans 10:9-10)

- 2.** A Covenant Of Purity—Believing that the sexual relationship has been designed and intended only for the marriage relationship, we ask that you agree to abstain from any sexual relationship until you are officially married to one another. Also, believing that living arrangements which include cohabitation prior to the wedding is not moral, we ask that you agree to separate living arrangements until you are officially married. (1 Corinthians 6:9-11 and 8:1-13)

- 3.** A Covenant Of Faithfulness—Believing that the church is used by God to strengthen your marriage, we ask that you find a place of involvement in church and pursue a lifestyle of faithfulness. (Hebrews 10:19-25)

fees should be paid directly to these individuals at rehearsal unless other arrangements have been made.



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BRIDE'S INFORMATION			
Bride's Full Name			
Address			
City		State	Zip
Date of Birth		E-mail Address	
Home Phone	Work Phone		Cell Phone
Church On The Move Member <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no		Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	

GROOM'S INFORMATION			
Groom's Full Name			
Address			
City		State	Zip
Date of Birth		E-mail Address	
Home Phone	Work Phone		Cell Phone
Church On The Move Member <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no		Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	

We have read the Pre-Marital Counseling Policy and Guidelines of Church On The Move and agree to comply with all that is written therein.

Bride's Signature _____ Date: _____

Groom's Signature _____ Date: _____