

"Growing Together" Class Application

Tentative wedding date: _____

GROOM

Name: _____

Birthdate: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Home church: _____

Pastor: _____

BRIDE

Name: _____

Birthdate: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Home church: _____

Pastor: _____

PLEASE CIRCLE

Has the groom been married before? Yes No

Has the bride been married before? Yes No

Does the bride or groom have children? Yes No

Class is held Sundays (9 a.m.) or Wednesdays (7 p.m.)

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How much does it cost to be married at Bethesda?

There is a fee of \$35 for the Prepare Survey used in the Growing Together class, \$45 fee for Catechism and \$250 to reserve your tentative wedding date.

2. Are there any other fees associated with my wedding ceremony?

Fees for soloists and musicians should be discussed directly with them. Honoraria for the officiating clergymen will be discussed with your wedding coordinator.

3. What does a Bethesda wedding coordinator do?

Bethesda provides a Rehearsal and Ceremony Coordinator. This person will meet with you one month prior to the wedding and will assist in organizing your rehearsal/ceremony. The coordinator will then oversee the rehearsal and ceremony according to plan.

4. Can I have a minister from another church marry me?

Another minister (approved by the Pastor) may participate in your wedding ceremony, but a Bethesda clergyman must administer the vows.

5. May we write our own vows?

Only the traditional wedding vows are performed by Bethesda ministers.

Pre-Marital Requirements at Bethesda

1. Complete the Growing Together application in this brochure as well as the marriage forms in the Wedding Planner book and return them to the church office.

2. Upon receiving your completed marriage forms you will be contacted by Tim Helland, the Director of Care & Family Ministries. During this interview, the three of you will have the opportunity to discuss your marriage and "tentatively" set dates, times, and particulars for your wedding day. Scheduling the marriage ceremony must be done well in advance of the interested date.

3. Attend the Growing Together pre-marital class (12 weeks), 3 counseling sessions with a Mentor Couple and Catechism .

4. After the above requirements are completed your tentative date will be officially scheduled.