



Dear Bride & Groom,

First, we'd like to congratulate you on your engagement! What an exciting and important time in your life! It is no small commitment when two people make the decision to vow their fidelity and trust in the most intimate of human relationships. We feel honored that you would invite the leadership of Christian Assembly to have a role in your special day.

As part of your invitation to be involved in the wedding, we feel an inherent responsibility to do all that we can to ensure that you are adequately prepared not just for the wedding day, but also for the marriage that follows it. To help expedite the process, we have enclosed a **wedding questionnaire** that will help us know how to best serve you. Please return the completed questionnaire as soon as possible to ensure plenty of time for planning. In addition to the wedding questionnaire, we have included a **frequently asked questions sheet** that should prove helpful in your planning and thinking.

One last note, if you have not yet taken the CA pre-engaged and pre-married class, we would encourage you to do so. We have found the basic information in that class is pivotal for any couple that is considering or has already made the decision to get married. In addition to that, we also offer private pre-marriage counseling through the CA Relationship Center (TRC) which offers an even more tailored input on how to ensure that your marriage is set on the best foundation possible.

Again, congratulations on your engagement!

Mark Pickerill & Tom Hughes  
Christian Assembly Church

## Frequently Asked Questions for Weddings

- **What does CA suggest as preparation for marriage?**

We believe the strongest foundation for marriage is between two people who have individually made a commitment to follow Jesus Christ and place him and his teachings at the center of their life. Apart from that, we would encourage you to do two things: a) take the pre-engaged/pre-married class that we offer and b) schedule a set of private pre-married counseling sessions with a Christian marriage and family therapist. We have found the material in the class to be pivotal for couples that are serious about giving their marriage the best chance to not only survive, but also thrive. In addition to that, the private sessions that are between the couple and the therapist allow for a more direct and tailored exploration of expectations, priorities, and roles specific to each couple. Private pre-married counseling sessions can be scheduled through the CA Relationship Center (TRC) by calling: (323) 315-0963.

- **May I use the CA facilities for our ceremony?**

Please know that while we would love to be able to host your wedding in our facilities; due to our multiple services on the weekend our facilities are completely booked. There are some rare occasions depending on timing when we can host a wedding ceremony. If you are interested in seeing if anything is available, please call the church office: (323) 255-1421. Any fees for cleaning and set up for the facilities will be explained to you on the rare instances where we are able to host a wedding.

- **I'd like a specific staff person to officiate at my wedding. How do I go about booking them for the wedding?**

Certainly, feel free to call our church office at (323) 255-1421 and ask if they are available. If they are, then great! If they are not and you would like us to see if another pastor on staff is available to officiate, then we will do that for you.

- **Are there any fees associated with booking a CA staff member to officiate at our wedding?**

Traditionally, CA has not done a set fee for weddings. However, it is customary for the bride and groom to provide an honorarium to the person presiding at the wedding ceremony in recognition of their time, energy, and effort spent in preparing and presiding at the ceremony. Since it is an honorarium, you have discretion in choosing the specific amount. If you are looking for a guideline, an honorarium for a local wedding tends to start at \$300.00. Any ceremony that is not local - - and involves significant travel or overnight stays it is expected that the bride and groom will cover the expenses for the travel and lodging in addition to the honorarium.

- **Are the CA worship leaders available for my wedding?**

In general, our worship leaders do not do weddings. The reason is simply that they are usually working on the weekends with the demands of the four services and our other various ministries. On very rare instances, they might be available. To determine if they are, you need to call the church office at: (323) 255-1421.

- **What is a wedding coordinator, and do I need one?**

A wedding coordinator is a person whose entire purpose for being present is to ensure all the logistics of the day run smoothly. The officiating staff person will not be able to play that role.

- **How do we set up our counseling sessions?**

The pre-engaged pre-married class is offered 2 times each year in the April and October. The cost is \$35 per couple, which includes the Prepare/Enrich assessment instrument. Couples counseling can be scheduled at the Relationship Center through e-mail at [trc@cachurch.com](mailto:trc@cachurch.com) or phone (323) 315-0963. The first appointment is free of charge. After the initial session, if you attend Christian Assembly, there is a cost of \$50 per session. If referred from outside the cost is \$75 per session. Averages of 6 sessions are scheduled covering key topics such as, communication, dealing with conflict, finances, sexuality, and family relations.

## CA Wedding Questionnaire

Bride's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Groom's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Wedding: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Time of Wedding \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_ AM PM

Location / Address of Wedding: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Rehearsal: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Time of Rehearsal \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_ AM PM

Location / Address of Rehearsal: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- **Who should we contact with wedding planning questions?**

\_\_\_\_\_ Bride \_\_\_\_\_ Groom \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- **Bride, please check the option that most accurately describes your relationship with Jesus Christ.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Don't have one \_\_\_\_\_ Grew up in church, but I am unconvinced

\_\_\_\_\_ New relationship with Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_ Mature relationship moving towards complete commitment

- **Groom, please circle the option that most accurately describes your relationship with Jesus Christ.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Don't have one \_\_\_\_\_ Grew up in church, but I am unconvinced

\_\_\_\_\_ New relationship with Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_ Mature relationship moving towards complete commitment

- **Have you previously been married?**      \_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No

- **Which of the following have you done to prepare for your marriage?**

\_\_\_\_\_ Pre-Engaged, Pre-Married Couples Class at Christian Assembly

\_\_\_\_\_ Counseling at the CA Relationship Center

\_\_\_\_\_ We have done no formal pre-marriage preparation but are willing to do so.

\_\_\_\_\_ Other Pre-marriage preparation

If you indicated 'other' please describe what you've done:

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- **What best describes your connection to Christian Assembly?**

\_\_\_\_\_ Do not attend

\_\_\_\_\_ Occasionally attend

\_\_\_\_\_ Regularly attend

\_\_\_\_\_ Involved in a ministry and/or a Life Group

\_\_\_\_\_ Each attend different churches

\_\_\_\_\_ Attend a different church together

- **What service do you normally attend at Christian Assembly?**

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday 6pm

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday 9am

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday 11:15am (South)

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday 11:15am (North)

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday 6pm – Fusion

- **Have you spoken with a staff member who has committed to marry you?**

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- **If not, would you like for us to find another qualified CA pastor to perform the service?**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No

\*(Some staff members are unavailable for weddings during certain seasons or under certain circumstances)

**Please return form to Sandra Delgado at: [sandrad@cachurch.com](mailto:sandrad@cachurch.com)**