

Hebron Baptist Church
Pre-Marriage Survey

Thank you for asking us to be a part of this very important day in your lives. It will be a delight to share with you our beliefs about marriage. We would also like to ask you to share with us a little about yourselves and your views on marriage. The following is what we believe to be true:

1. The Bible teaches that a Christian should marry another Christian. (II Corinthians 6:14).
2. Marriage is a commitment. A wedding is a very happy and joyful time. It is a time of celebration, but it is also a very serious time. You will be exchanging vows of promise and commitment. Ecclesiastes 5:5 says it is better not to make a vow to God than to make a vow and then break it. A couple should consider very carefully their willingness to keep the marriage vows in the marriage. Marriage is not based on emotions, but on commitment. The Bible states, until death do you part.
3. A wedding is a celebration of worship. Not only is a marriage a Christian institution, the wedding ceremony should be a Christian celebration. The wedding vows are a very personal and Christ-centered portion of the wedding ceremony. Because a wedding is to be a Christian celebration, the music selected for the ceremony is also important. For this reason, it is required that the music you choose must edify Christ. Remember your wedding is a testimony to others.
4. Counseling prior to marriage is important and required. The Bible says, in the book of Proverbs, "in a multitude of counselors there is wisdom." Each of you has your own unique personality, backgrounds, and views. Therefore the purpose of counseling is to assist you in a better understanding of yourself and your marriage partner. Our counseling is done by Christian counselors. You will be given a contact number to schedule your appointments which usually consist of 3 to 5, 1-hour sessions. Upon completing your counseling sessions you will be asked to sign a release, which is required, allowing the counselor to share the results of your sessions with the officiating pastor.

Completion of the following is also important to better understand you as a couple, as you move towards this important day in your lives.

1. As a couple listen to the sermon, *Before You Say I Do*, which can be found on our website at www.hebronchurch.org. Afterwards discuss it and complete the following questions individually:
 - a. What are the major questions a person should ask before being married?
 - b. What is the difference in a marriage of commitment and a marriage of emotion or feeling?

c. How important is sexual abstinence until marriage?

Why is this important?

2. Tell me a little about yourself (age, family, background, interests, career, future plans, etc...).

3. Tell me a little about your relationship with Christ.

a. Have you come to a place in your life that you know for certain that you have eternal life and when you die you will go to heaven?

b. Suppose you were standing before God right now and He asked you, why should I let you into my heaven, what would you say?

c. What is Christ doing in your life today?

d. Share with me your level of church activity.

1. How often do you attend Bible study?

2. How often do you attend worship?

3. Are you currently serving in your church?

4. Tell me a little about the person you are marrying.

a. How and where did you first meet?

b. What attracted you to this person?

- c. Have you or the person you are marrying been married previously?

If so share with me the reasons for the termination of the marriage. How many times have you been married?

- d. How long have you dated at this point?

How long will you have dated by the date of your marriage?

5. Tell me a little about your understanding of marriage.

- a. Are you willing to make a lifetime commitment to this marriage?

With the understanding that no relationship is ideal, there will be times your feelings may lead you to question this willingness.

- b. If marital problems develop are you willing to seek Christian counsel immediately with the determination to work through the problem?

- c. Are you willing to sign the following marriage commitment?

“I understand my decision to be married is a very exciting but serious decision. Marriage is a life long commitment. I commit to giving 100% of myself to the marriage and to seeking Christian counsel if problems occur we cannot handle. I commit to remaining sexually pure until the time of our marriage and commit to faithfulness to my mate within the marriage relationship.”

Bride/Groom Signature _____ Date _____

Officiating Pastor Signature _____ Date _____

It is our desire that the time you spend together listening to the sermon and answering the survey questions will assist you in your preparation for marriage. The bride and groom should each complete individual surveys and return them as soon as possible.

Please note: All weddings are considered “pending”, and will not be added to the church calendar until the officiating pastor has signed the pre-marriage surveys, thus agreeing to officiate your wedding ceremony.

May God bless you as you move forward with your wedding plans.

The Hebron Staff