

Bridgeway Church of the Nazarene

Beaufort, NC

Please note: We have implemented a **Policy** and **Procedure Manual** that highlights and identifies our beliefs and mandates for Ministerial/Pastoral Wedding Ceremony Services. Please contact us for more details or information on this as it will require an Agreement prior to approval.

Ministerial/Pastoral Services for Wedding Ceremonies and Services (Revised 8/2024)

We strive and purpose to do everything possible to honor and preserve the union and institution of marriage according to both Biblical and Manual 2023 Guidelines and Regulations. We do this by honoring what God created and planned marriage to be. The Word of God directs us in all phases of marriage preparation, the ceremony, and in the aftermath of it. This Form is a binding agreement by the Ministerial/Pastoral Staff here at Bridgeway Church of the Nazarene and the bride and groom who are seeking marriage; whether or not the actual ceremony is conducted here or in an alternate location.

Ministerial/Pastoral Staff captures an *Ordained* or *Licensed* Minister by the Church who meets all the requirements within our denomination and in the State of North Carolina. Both are needed to conduct/officiate marriage ceremonies.

The Requirements are as follows:

- That the couple (bride and groom) who desire/seek to be married are required to have three (3) separate *premarital* counseling sessions of 1-hour each. The last session must occur 7 days *prior to* the ceremony.
- That the couple (bride and groom) realize that the Ministerial/Pastoral Staff member may, with proper notification, *remove* himself/herself from any participation if at any point if it is determined that any illegal, indecent, or manipulative behaviors or intentions are determined or found. Namely, ones that stand against the Bible or our Manual 2023.
- That the Ministerial/Pastoral Staff member fee is **\$350.00**. Please note: This is *separate* from the Facility Rental/Usage Fee if the Worship Center, Gym, or any other area(s) of the church that are rented or used.

This fee includes: The three (3) counseling sessions, travel and expenses, a rehearsal if requested, and the ceremony itself.

- That the couple will deliver the Marriage License to the Ministerial/Pastoral Staff member no later than 3 days before the ceremony occurs. This is a binding and legal document that is required, and there are specific details and instructions for it to be submitted. The couple can request this at the Register of Deeds Office, at the Courthouse, 2 weeks prior to the event.
- That the couple will honor and respect all the requests/requirements of the church that we serve as Ministers/Pastors. That we will stay above reproach with the church and honor our beliefs and values.

Please be sure to familiarize yourself with each part of this document and ask any questions if you need further clarification. A marriage ceremony is one of life's most holy and special events; ensuring God's purpose and will is essential before, during, and in the aftermath. *We are glad and thankful that you have considered us to be a part of this major marking point in your life.*

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read this thoroughly and I agree to this Ministerial/Pastoral Form and the Guidelines that are outlined.

Printed Name (Bride)

Printed Name (Groom)

Signature (Bride)

Signature (Groom)

Today's Date

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Received by: _____ Date: _____