



## WEDDING APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in having your wedding at Calvary Chapel St. Petersburg and/or by one of our pastors.

Some questions may seem personal, but your answers will be handled with discretion. This information will help us better serve you during the start of your Christ-centered marriage.

Calvary Chapel St. Petersburg, though not a wedding venue, is a site offered to those who are actively involved in the church.

Should you have any questions during the application process, please contact us at 727-577-7705 or [weddings@calvarystp.org](mailto:weddings@calvarystp.org)

**Step 1 – Wedding Application:** Complete this application in full and submit it to the church office at least **four (4) months prior to the intended wedding date and the approval of a pastor.** We will do everything possible to accommodate your wishes.

**Step 2 – Initial Interview:** After receiving your completed application, one of our staff members will contact you. This interview may or may not be with the pastor who will perform the actual ceremony.

**Step 3 – Pre-marital Counseling:** At least two additional pre-marital counseling sessions **must** be completed with the pastor performing your ceremony. During this time, the wedding date will be finalized on the church calendar.

## Helpful Things to Know

- No weddings are held on our campus on Sundays.
- Saturday weddings begin no later than 1:00 pm, with the understanding that all decorations and personal effects must be cleaned up by 3:00 pm.
- You are responsible for arranging the set-up and clean-up of all wedding ceremony decorations.
- You are responsible for coordinating all wedding vendors (photographer, florist, etc.).
- All ceremony music must be provided at least two weeks prior to the wedding date.
- There is no smoking or consumption of alcoholic beverages on the church campus.
- Any updates or changes to your plans should be brought to the attention of your wedding coordinator as soon as possible.

## Cost & Fees

Wedding fees begin at **\$500.00**. This includes the use of our chapel, a wedding coordinator, a sound technician, a maintenance team, and the wedding equipment listed below (if desired). In addition, it is customary to pay the pastor who performs your ceremony an honorarium (we suggest \$125-\$150).

Other fees may be added depending on the specific needs of your wedding.

Available Wedding Equipment:

- Bridal Registry Stand
- Display Stand for Communion
- Unity Candle with 2 candles (center candle must be provided by you)

Calvary Chapel St. Petersburg, pending approval, can be used for a reception. However, there's an additional cost to host your reception on-site.

## Rules & Guidelines for Reception & Rehearsal

Set Up 2-3 hours not to exceed 3 hours

When bringing in decorations remember that nothing can be attached to the walls or the ceiling. All decorations must be freestanding.

If the reception is to be catered, there is an additional cleaning cost as well as a set up and breakdown fee.

To ensure a smooth Saturday wedding, all the rehearsal and decorating work should be completed the Friday before the big day.

## Fellowship Hall Wedding Reception Information & Agreement

Maximum Capacity for Fellowship Hall is 96. 12 tables and 8 chairs per table are provided. Any additional tables (cake table etc.) will decrease capacity.

No sound equipment is available in the hall. It must be provided by the renter.

The renter will provide all food, drinks, plates, cups, flatware, linens, decorations, etc.

No kitchen access will be available.

No alcohol is permitted on church property

No smoking is permitted on church property

Rental will be granted only when staff availability and scheduling availability allow.

The hall must be left in the same condition it was found upon arrival and completely cleared of everything brought in for the event.

Only the bride & groom, father & bride, mother & groom dances will be allowed due to the tile floor.

The charges are as follows: \$\_\_\_ with a maximum 3-hour event time. There is also a 2-hour setup time before event included. Payment is due 1 week before event.

Event\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

Set Up Time:\_\_\_\_\_Event Time:\_\_\_\_\_Until:\_\_\_\_\_

Renter\_\_\_\_\_

Pastoral Overseer\_\_\_\_\_

## Obtaining a Marriage License

### Florida Residents:

- The state will issue an *immediate* marriage license only to couples who have completed a minimum of 4 hours of pre-marital counseling. The fee is also reduced when a couple submits the required proof of counseling (explained below).
- Couples who do not complete the pre-marital counseling requirements must wait 3 days after applying for the marriage license before the ceremony can be performed. The standard fee will be higher without the pre-marital counseling.

### Pinellas County Residents:

The criteria below is for obtaining credit for pre-marital counseling in Pinellas County. Each county has a different set of requirements. To facilitate the application process, we recommend applying for your license in Pinellas County.

- When applying for the marriage license, the couple must submit a letter to the courthouse on church letterhead.
- The letter must state the couple's name.
- The letter must state that the couple has completed a minimum of 4 hours of pre-marital counseling.
- The minister who oversees the pre-marital counseling must sign the letter.
- The minister's title must be on the letter.

More information about obtaining a marriage license in Pinellas County can be found at:

[www.pinellasclerk.org](http://www.pinellasclerk.org)

**Please keep the first two pages of this application for your reference.**



## Wedding Information

1. Do you have a *tentative* date for your wedding?

Date & Time: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you have a *tentative* date for the wedding rehearsal?

Date & Time: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Would you like your wedding ceremony held at Calvary Chapel St. Petersburg?

**Yes** or **No** (Circle). If no, where? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Approximate number of guests: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Is there a particular pastor from Calvary Chapel St. Petersburg you wish to perform the

ceremony? **Yes** or **No**. If yes, Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

If this pastor is unavailable, what other pastor would you like to perform the ceremony?

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

6. If you desire to have any part of the ceremony performed by someone other than a

Calvary Chapel St. Petersburg pastor, please provide the following information:

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Church Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Engagement Period

The Bible provides a godly perspective on marriage, addresses the importance of sexual purity, and restricts cohabitation prior to marriage. We feel it is our duty, as servants of Jesus Christ, to give guidance on these topics during your pre-marital counseling. Please read the following scriptures before answering the questions below.

### 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8

*"It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God; and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister. The Lord will punish all those who commit such sins, as we told you and warned you before. For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. Therefore, anyone who rejects this instruction does not reject a human being but God, the very God who gives you his Holy Spirit."*

### Ephesians 5:3

*"But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people."*

### Ephesians 5:22-33

*"Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior."*

How long have you known each other? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you dated? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you officially been engaged? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently living together? **Yes** or **No**

Have you had sexual relations with one another? **Yes** or **No**

If so, are you currently having sexual relations with one another? **Yes** or **No**

**Groom Only**

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

What is your average monthly income? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your average monthly payments (mortgage or rent, car, utilities, etc.)?

\_\_\_\_\_

Total credit card debt? \_\_\_\_\_

Other debts (loans, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously been married? **Yes** or **No**.

If yes, how many times? \_\_\_\_\_

Did marriage(s) end in divorce? **Yes** or **No**.

If yes, give date divorce was finalized. \_\_\_\_\_

If divorced, please explain.

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Do you have any children? **Yes** or **No**.

If yes, how old are they? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain custody and visitation.

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Are you a Christian? **Yes** or **No**.

If yes, when and how did you become a Christian?

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State your views on the authority of the Bible and its place in your life.

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Do you regularly attend Calvary Chapel St. Petersburg? **Yes** or **No**.

How many times per month do you attend church? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, which service and for how long have you been attending? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you involved in a Life Group and/or other ministries at Calvary Chapel St. Petersburg? **Yes** or **No**.

If yes, which ones? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list a pastor or leader at Calvary Chapel St. Petersburg who is able to give a reference.

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## **Bride Only**

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

What is your average monthly income? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Acknowledgement

I understand that the performance of marriage ceremonies is an accommodation for the members of the congregation, not an obligation. It is understood that entering into pre-marital counseling does not constitute an agreement or approval to be married at Calvary Chapel St. Petersburg or by one of our pastors. The pastor performing the ceremony must operate in good conscience before the Lord; therefore, he reserves the right to postpone or deny services if it is in the best interest of the couple or the church. Postponement or denial by one member of the pastoral staff will preclude a request to any other pastoral staff member. Only after completion of pre-marital counseling can permission be given by a pastor to perform a wedding here. Calvary Chapel St. Petersburg is not obligated to meet any wedding date request set prior to counseling.

I acknowledge that I have read and understood this application in its entirety, and all information surrendered is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

**Groom's Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Bride's Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return completed form to [weddings@calvarystp.org](mailto:weddings@calvarystp.org)**