



Due to the large amount of requests for GLC Pastors to preform wedding ceremonies, and the busy schedules of Great Lakes Church, the following procedures have been set up for performing wedding ceremonies (we know, it sounds really formal):

1. Pastors are available to preform wedding ceremonies for both attenders and non-attenders of GLC. However, active volunteers will receive priority if there are multiple requests made for the same day.
2. Couples are encouraged, but not required, to attend premarital counseling. GLC can recommend therapist from the local area. Another option is that GLC Pastors are available to provide Pastoral guidance to a couple in four 45 minute sessions. The total cost for this is \$150.
3. GLC believes the following are vital to the success of marriage:
 - a. The bride and groom should have similar faith in God. If one person is a follower of Christ and the other is not, the marriage is set up to fail. Why? Because what we believe about God is in every area of our life (how we handle finances, how we manage our time, how we make decisions, how we raise our kids, etc.) To enter a marriage commitment without having similar faith is foolish. Pastors at GLC will marry couples who both profess faith in God or who neither profess faith in God. However, we will not preform a wedding ceremony for couples that are not likeminded in their faith (i.e.- one is a follower of Christ, but the other is not. 2 Corinthians 6: 14-18)
 - b. We urge the bride and groom to abstain from sexual intimacy prior to marriage. We know... We know... this isn't easy! However, we really believe this is the best way to establish a foundation for love and trust in your marriage is to avoid premarital sex. Not only does the Bible teach this, but it will give you time to grow closer together as a couple in a non-sexual way (1 Corinthians 6:18-20). If you want to determine whether or not you're sexually compatible, trust us... you are!
 - c. Couples who have been sexual active prior to pursuing marriage are asked to enter into a commitment with God and Great Lakes Church to abstain from sexual relationship until their wedding day.
4. GLC Pastors will only be able to participate in wedding ceremonies held locally (within 30 miles of your main campus).
5. The fee for a GLC Pastor to preform your wedding is \$300. The fee includes an hour-long meeting with the Pastor who is marrying you (see #7) to go over special wedding requests and assisting you in planning the order of your wedding. This payment is due in full at the time the application is submitted.
6. GLC Pastors do not attend wedding rehearsals. They have preformed 50+ weddings and are able to preform ceremonies with very little instructions on the day of the wedding.
7. The couple and the Pastor will need to meet two weeks before the wedding. At this meeting, your Pastor will confirm any special requests, readings, etc. Also, this is a chance for the Pastor to get to know you both and hear your story! You will leave feeling confident about the ceremony.

Wedding Application:

Brides Information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone: (_____) _____ - _____ Home Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Does the Bride attend GLC? _____ Since When? _____

Grooms Information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone: (_____) _____ - _____ Home Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Does the Groom attend GLC? _____ Since When? _____

Pre-Marital Options:

- We would like to schedule 4 sessions with a GLC Pastor for **\$150**.
- Other _____

Pastor Request:

1st choice Pastor: _____

2nd choice Pastor: _____

Wedding Details:

Wedding Ceremony Location: _____

Wedding Ceremony Address: _____

Date of Wedding Ceremony: _____

Time the Wedding Ceremony Starts: _____

Please review the information, fill out the wedding application and return it with your payment to the following address:

Great Lakes Church
ATTN: GLC Weddings
PO Box 580425
Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158