

MARRIAGE POLICY FOR COUNTY LINE CHURCH OF GOD

The leaders at County Line Church of God believe the institution of marriage is a life-long covenant between a man and a woman, ordained by God. We as a church follow the principles and truths outlined in the Bible regarding marriage. We love the marriage ceremony and what it represents and would be more than happy to participate in your special day. And because we want you to have the fulfilled marriage God intends for you, we have established statements of conviction that must be adhered to before one of our pastors will consider marrying any couple. Please understand the statements below are meant to be communicated in love and are in the best interest of you and your future spouse.

STATEMENTS OF CONVICTION...

1. Your wedding date may be no less than 4 months away from the time of your request to the presiding pastor. Special exceptions may be made (i.e., military service). (Proverbs 21:5)
2. You and your fiancé will be required to meet with the presiding pastor for 2 sessions and 6 premarital sessions with a mentor couple from our church. Each session will last approximately one hour. (Titus 2:1-6)
3. We will require each couple to sign a pre-marital purity covenant. (See attached)
4. If you and your fiancé are of the same gender, our pastors will not marry you. (Genesis 2:18-24, Lev. 18:22, Matthew 19:4-6, Romans 1:18-32, 1 Cor. 6:9-11, 1 Tim. 1:8-10, Jude 7)
5. If only one of you is a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ, our pastors will not marry you. (2 Cor. 6:14)
6. If you and/or your fiancé have been divorced, our pastors will not marry you if the divorce occurred less than 2 years ago. (1 Cor. 7:10-11)
7. If you and/or your fiancé have been divorced, we ask that you meet one time with a Christian counselor, assigned by County Line, who will assess this remarriage. (Matthew 5:32)
8. If at any time during the premarital counseling sessions the presiding pastor determines this union should not happen, he/she will respectfully decline to continue involvement. (James 1:5 and Proverbs 3:13)

We, the undersigned, have read the above statements of conviction and are willing to adhere to each statement.

Signature of Groom

Date

Signature of Bride

Date