



WEDDING POLICY

“For this cause, a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.” ~ Genesis 2:24

“Let all things be done decently and in order.” ~ 1 Corinthians 14:40

Dear Bride and Groom:

CONGRATULATIONS! You are now engaged and planning your wedding day. We at Glory Center International rejoice with you and are thankful to God that He has brought you together to share the joys and blessings of a Christian marriage. Be assured of our prayers on your behalf, as you eagerly anticipate and make arrangements for your special day.

We are committed to your lifetime success as husband and wife. Experience has taught us that certain principles and guidelines, when followed, will contribute to the success of your wedding and marriage. This pre-marital counseling, based on God’s Word, will prove to be of great benefit to you.

The following policy details the steps necessary to ensure that your wedding ceremony will be conducted in a Christ-like, orderly, and edifying manner.

Thank you for carefully reading these guidelines and complying with them. It is our distinct privilege and joy to serve you during this important time of your life!

Sealed with His love,

Pastor Cedric & Lady Tyra D. Nesbitt

Senior Leaders

THE WEDDING

The Christian marriage ceremony is one of the most sacred and beautiful of all the services offered by the church. More than a social occasion, this ceremony is a worship service where God is glorified and people are edified. Two persons, in the supportive company of their loved ones and friends, enter into a covenant of faith and love with God and each other.

It is our goal to make every wedding a meaningful and memorable event. In order for you to experience a worshipful, spiritually focused, and ordered ceremony, you are encouraged to make thorough preparations. Proper planning is a vital element to the success of one of the most significant moments of your life – your wedding day!

With these goals in mind, the following procedures have been established and will be followed.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT

Weddings will be performed only when either the bride or groom is a member of Glory Center International.

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING REQUIREMENT

- A. All couples desiring to be married by Pastor Nesbitt must successfully complete our Pre-Marital Counseling program before he will conduct the wedding ceremony.
- B. The scheduling and the format of the Pre-Marital Counseling sessions will be determined by Pastor and Lady Nesbitt.
- C. The number of Pre-Marital Counseling sessions may be adjusted at any time by the Senior Leaders.

THE ENGAGEMENT COVENANT

Believing that marriage is a holy and sacred gift from God, it is our desire that couples approach marriage according to biblical standards and in a way that is pleasing to God. In this regard, Pastor and Lady Nesbitt reserve the right to decline officiating a wedding if couples do not agree with the engagement covenant which includes the following:

1. A Covenant of Belief – Believing that God has intended Christians to marry Christians, we require that both the bride and groom individually have come to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and have made a commitment of their lives to Him. (1 Corinthians 6:14-16; Romans 10:9-10)

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2. A Covenant of Purity – Believing that the sexual relationship has been designed and intended only for the marriage relationship, we ask that you agree to abstain from any sexual relationship until you are officially married to one another. Also, believing that living arrangements, which include cohabitation prior to the wedding, are not moral, we ask that you agree to separate living arrangements until you are officially married. (1 Corinthians 6:9-11 and 8:1-13)
3. A Covenant of Faithfulness – Believing that the church is used by God to strengthen your marriage, we ask that you find a place of involvement and pursue a lifestyle of faithfulness. (Hebrews 10:19-25)

SELECTION OF WEDDING DATE AND TIME

- A. You must submit your completed wedding application (last page of the Wedding Policy) to GCI Administration by your first Pre-Marital Counseling session.
- B. All arrangements for the wedding rehearsal, ceremony, and the reception should be scheduled as far in advanced as possible. No date will be considered that conflicts with regularly scheduled services or activities of Glory Center International.
- C. Weddings scheduled during the month of December, Good Friday through Easter, or on national holidays or holiday weekends will not be officiated by Pastor and Lady Nesbitt. These holidays include Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and New Year’s Day.
- D. Weddings and receptions should not be scheduled to begin later than 7:00 p.m. on Friday.
- E. Saturday weddings cannot conflict with the GCI calendar of events. Weddings should not start earlier than 10:00 a.m. or later than 3:00 p.m. No weddings will be conducted on recognized holidays.

WEDDING FEES

These fees may be adjusted by administration as needed

Officiating Minister’s Honorarium	\$150.00
GCI Musician	\$50.00
GCI Soloist	Varies (See Administration for more information.)

*If you have any questions, please contact the GCI Administration.
(217) 355-5008*



WEDDING APPLICATION

Date _____

Bride's Full Name _____

Address _____

Primary Phone (____) ____ - ____ Secondary Phone (____) ____ - ____

E-mail Address _____

Are you a member of The Glory Center? YES NO Birth Date ____/____/____

Groom's Full Name _____

Address _____

Primary Phone (____) ____ - ____ Secondary Phone (____) ____ - ____

E-mail Address _____

Are you a member of The Glory Center? YES NO Birth Date ____/____/____

Primary Wedding Date _____ Time _____

Secondary Wedding Date _____ Time _____

Primary Rehearsal Date _____ Time _____

Secondary Rehearsal Date _____ Time _____

We have read the Wedding Policy and Guidelines of Glory Center International and agree to comply with all that is written there in.

Bride's Signature _____ Date _____

Groom's Signature _____ Date _____

Submit this form to: Glory Center International
P.O. Box 6911
Champaign, IL 61826

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