

Planning a Wedding?



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Maple City Chapel

We recognize that there are few decisions in life as important as getting married and so, as a group of believers in Jesus, we give the following guidance. Follow these and it'll go a long way toward a successful wedding and marriage.

We will perform wedding ceremonies for those persons committed to the ministries of Maple City Chapel. That commitment is demonstrated through regular attendance, serving and giving. We ask that you and your fiancé make a personal assessment of your commitment. We appreciate your integrity in this matter.

Pastors Mel and Gary typically perform wedding ceremonies although any of the staff pastors could be considered for your wedding.

First things first –

1. Contact Pastor Mel - melshetler@maplecitychapel.org or 574.533.0327
 - To discuss possible wedding dates, availability of pastor(s) and pre-marital counseling options.
2. Contact Lisa Plett - lisaplett@maplecitychapel.org or 574.533.0327
 - To secure the desired date with a deposit, discuss rental costs and provide us with your contact info.
 - To meet with an Event Mgr. regarding wedding linens, facility, décor options etc...

Fees and Policies –

For regular attenders and members, we expect that prior to your wedding date; you will have completed the **Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts** pre-marital sessions with your appointed counselor(s) and be registered for **Financial Peace University**. See below for more information.

On Site Wedding Fees – (regular attenders and members)

- \$50—\$645 for the facility. (cost is dependent upon space used) This covers janitorial, event management and technical support.
- \$160 for the premarital counseling and financial counseling classes
- Fees for a member of the pastoral team to perform the ceremony are not charged. Compensation is at the discretion of the couple getting married.

Off Site Wedding Fees – (regular attenders and members)

- \$160 for the premarital counseling and financial counseling classes
- Fees for a member of the pastoral team to perform the ceremony are not charged. Compensation is at the discretion of the couple getting married. However, for weddings outside of the local Michiana area, additional travel expenses may apply.

Facility Rental Fees – (non-member/attenders)

- \$150—\$2375 for the facility. (cost is dependent upon space used) This covers janitorial, event management and technical support.

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TERMS: A non-refundable deposit of \$175 is required to reserve your requested date with payment in full required one week prior to the event date.

Premarital counseling, Financial counseling and mentoring:

Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts—This multiple session process has proved very beneficial for those preparing for their marriage and family. You will be connected with either a staff counselor or one of several couples that are actively involved in pre-marital counseling. The curriculum will include discussion on facing the myths of marriage, love styles, communication and being spiritual soul mates. Completion of these sessions is required prior to the wedding date.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University—Offered at least annually, this 13 week program teaches you how to make right decisions with your money. You'll be empowered with the practical skills and confidence needed to achieve your financial goals and experience true financial peace! Registration is required for the next session. Completion of the program is not expected prior to your wedding date.

Marriage Mentoring—At the conclusion of your premarital counseling you will be introduced to a mentor couple from MCCh that will meet with you a minimum of four times during your first year of marriage. We have found that the success rate of marriages increases dramatically when couples have a mentors to walk along side them for encouragement and advice.