



APPLICATION / REQUIREMENTS FOR MARRIAGE BY LCC STAFF

Before talking to any other LCC Staff members about specifics or dates, please read and fill out the following application. For questions, please contact the church office at (843) 836-1101.

One of the most important decisions we make in this life is the decision to marry. Preparation for marriage is essential to its success and involves much more than planning a beautiful wedding.

The pastors of LowCountry Community Church will only officiate at the wedding of couples that fulfill and agree to all the requirements below. They must also complete premarital mentoring through *Two to One*, LCC's Premarital Mentoring Program, or through a Christian counselor or pastor approved through the church staff. Couples who do not use one of the LCC pastors to officiate their wedding are still eligible to apply for the *Two to One* Premarital Mentoring Program (\$145 per couple).

Note: Because of Pastor Jeff's busy schedule, he is no longer able to conduct weddings. A number of our other pastors may be available, so please feel free to ask about them.

Requirements:

1. Applicants for marriage or the *Two to One* Premarital Mentoring Program must agree with, and be committed to the Biblical model of marriage, which is defined as the permanent union between a man and a woman.
2. You each must have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
3. At least one of you regularly attends LowCountry Community Church, or both parties are involved in a Bible-believing church with a connection to LCC.
4. There are at least six months from the time you apply until your wedding date.
5. Couples agree to abstain from a sexual relationship and maintain separate residences during the counseling/mentoring and until after the wedding.
6. There should be no Biblical or legal reason why you should not marry. We believe the Bible gives only two reasons for divorce—abandonment of a Christian by an unbelieving spouse (1 Corinthians 7:15), or if one partner is involved in a lifestyle of unrepentant infidelity (Matthew 5:32). Although we believe in God's grace and forgiveness, LCC believes that the only biblically valid reason for remarriage after a divorce is unrepentant infidelity by the ex-spouse. Any other reasons for divorce eliminates the option of an LCC staff member officiating your wedding. Although this may appear inflexible, we believe it is the only course LCC can take to maintain Jesus' teaching on divorce and remarriage. If a former spouse has died, the Bible makes it clear that remarriage to another Believer is permitted.
7. Since finances are such an important part of married life and good financial management is key to the success of a marriage, we require all participants to complete Financial Peace University. The cost of attending, which includes all necessary materials and a lifetime membership, is \$110 and must be paid in full within 30 days of the approval of this application. If FPU is not completed prior to your wedding days, you will need to meet once with an appointed financial counselor.

If you agree to these requirements, please complete the questions that follow and submit the form. If there are wedding date conflicts, preference will be given to LCC members.

Again, if you do not agree to meet all the requirements for an LCC pastor to officiate your ceremony, we still welcome your application to the *Two to One* Premarital Mentoring Program, or can recommend another Christian counselor who will be able to help you prepare for married life. LCC wants to do whatever possible to help you have a great marriage, whether we perform the ceremony or not.

If an LCC pastor is officiating the ceremony, an honorarium of \$150 is recommended and should be given prior to the ceremony. In the event an LCC pastor is officiating an out-of-town wedding, all expenses should be covered for them. Any issues that surface during the preparation time must be resolved before wedding invitations are mailed. Although unlikely, if issues surface that are not resolved, the pastor reserves the right to advise a postponement or disengagement.

Are either of you a regular attender/member of LCC? Yes No, I attend another church.

If you attend another church, please tell us its name and location.

Where will the ceremony take place? _____

We want an LCC pastor to officiate our wedding.

We have a non-LCC officiant, but would like to apply to the *Two to One* Premarital Mentoring Ministry.

If you have spoken to an LCC pastor about officiating your wedding, or would like to request a specific LCC pastor, please list his name.

Have you read and discussed the requirements outlined above? Yes No

Groom's Name: _____

Birthday: _____ Is this your first marriage? Yes No

If no... I was widowed. I was divorced.

If applicable, please share the reason for the divorce: _____

Do you have any children? Yes No

Email: _____

Best Phone: Home _____ Cell _____

Address _____

Bride's Name: _____

Birthday: _____ Is this your first marriage? Yes No

If no... I was widowed. I was divorced.

If applicable, please share the reason for the divorce: _____

Do you have any children? Yes No

Email: _____

Best Phone: Home _____ Cell _____

Address _____

