

Clifford Baptist Church
Policies and Procedures Manual

Marriage Policy

Biblical basis for marriage: “And the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.” Genesis 2:18 NKJV

CBC leadership believes strongly that marriage is one of the most important commitments that a person will make in their earthly years. Second to their commitment to God, the marriage bond is one that is to be life-long. CBC believes that marriage is a gift from God and should not be entered into lightly.

Belief:

God has intended that Christians marry those who are Christian. (2 Corinthians 6:14) Both the bride and groom will confirm their belief in Jesus Christ as Savior before a marriage can take place.

Purity:

The sexual relationship has been designed for couples who are married; therefore, couples are asked to abstain from any sexual relationship until after their wedding. Cohabiting living arrangements are against God’s Word; therefore, you as a couple must live separately for a minimum of one month prior to their wedding.

Service:

God’s Word is adamant about believers serving Him. The church is given as an avenue to serve the Lord, but also to strengthen a couple’s walk with Him. It is CBC’s desire that you find a church to serve in and pursue faithfulness to God, each other, and His church.

Divorce:

In a fallen world divorce has impacted many family situations. The Bible permits divorce under certain circumstances which include adultery and abandonment by an unbelieving partner. If a divorce has occurred for other reasons, then forgiveness in that situation must be sought from the Lord. Pastors will lead the parties through this process.

Counseling:

All couples getting married must go through counseling with the pastor who is performing the wedding. The pastor will determine the number of sessions that will take place. All couples must complete the attached questionnaire prior to counseling sessions.

Bride's Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Country _____

Primary Phone Number: _____

Date of Birth : _____(MM/DD/YYYY)

Occupation:

Parent's Name: _____

Are you a member of Clifford Baptist Church? Yes _____ No _____

Do you attend Sunday school? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, who is your teacher?

Have you been married before? Yes, Divorced Yes, Widowed No (Circle one)

If divorced, when was divorce final? (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

Do you have children from a previous marriage? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, how many? _____

Are you and the groom currently living together? Yes _____ No _____

Are you and the groom willing to live separately until the wedding? Yes _____ No _____

Are you a believer in Jesus Christ as your Savior? Yes _____ No _____

Groom's Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Country _____

Primary Phone Number: _____

Date of Birth : _____ (MM/DD/YYYY)

Occupation: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Are you a member of Clifford Baptist Church? Yes _____ No _____

Do you attend Sunday school? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, who is your teacher?

Have you been married before? Yes, Divorced Yes, Widowed No (Circle one)

If divorced, when was divorce final? (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

Do you have children from a previous marriage? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, how many? _____

Are you and the bride currently living together? Yes _____ No _____

Are you and the bride willing to live separately until the wedding? Yes _____ No _____

Are you a believer in Jesus Christ as your Savior? Yes _____ No _____