



*Victory World Church*

*Wedding*

*Information and Guidelines*  
*(Off-Site)*

## INTRODUCTION

Congratulations! We are excited about your wedding plans! This is a very important event and we want to do everything we can to help make it both spiritually meaningful and naturally beautiful.

With this in mind, Victory has established some guidelines and checklists to help you as a couple throughout the process of planning your wedding.

We are looking forward to sharing in the experience of your very special day!

God Bless You,  
*The Pastoral Team*



## CHECKLIST

- Be a member of Victory World Church
- Complete Pre Married Life class.
- Complete up to 4 premarital guidance sessions with a pastor.
- Receive the Executive Pastor of Ministries' approval for offsite wedding. officiant.

## PASTOR'S GUIDELINES

The procedures indicated below are to be adhered to by all couples.

- Marriage is a covenant made between two people – one man and one woman – with God. The Christian marriage covenant requires the married parties to be faithful, loving and helpful to each other as long as they both shall live. (***Malachi 2:15-16; Matthew 5:32; 19:5-6, 9; Romans 7:2-3; 1 Corinthians 7:10-11, 15; 2 Corinthians 6:14; Ephesians 5:22-25***)
- A staff pastor will counsel with the bride and groom up to 4 sessions (in addition to the completion of the PreMarried Life class) prior to performing the wedding ceremony. This premarital guidance should be completed before any arrangements and wedding plans have been finalized. During the guidance session, the pastor should ascertain from both parties if they are born again according to Romans 10:9. **NO ONE** should be married if they both are not born again and are not on one accord in the major areas. (***2 Corinthians 6:14-15***)

<b>Premarital Process (Offsite Wedding)</b>	
<b>PreMarried Life Class</b>	6 weeks
<b>Premarital Guidance</b>	Up to 4 sessions

- Upon completion of premarital guidance a recommendation to proceed with the ceremony will be submitted to the Executive Pastor for review and final approval. **No marriage ceremonies will be permitted without the Executive Pastor's approval first.**

## GENERAL PRACTICES

- **VWC provides wedding services to members only.** A member is an individual who has formally joined Victory World Church via the membership class and whose name appears in the church's database.
- If a couple decides to cohabitate prior to marriage, VWC will decline the use of a staff pastor as a wedding officiant. We also ask that couples that are living together move into separate homes from one another. Scripture tells us to "flee sexual immorality" (***1 Corinthians 6:18***) and to place ourselves in a living situation that gives us the best

chance for purity and separation from temptation (*1 Thessalonians 4:3-5; Ephesians 5:3; Hebrews 13:4*). It is our observation that couples that honor the Lord in every aspect of their relationship experience greater oneness, peace, and joy in marriage.

- **PASTOR:** An honorarium is to be submitted by money order for the officiating pastor performing your wedding ceremony at the last guidance session. Mileage further than 25 miles will be .55 cents per mile over that 25 mile mark.

## INVESTMENT TABLES

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pastoral Honorarium</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>*Money order due at final guidance session.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>\$250</b></p> <p><b>*You will be required to pay lodging and gas if off-site ceremony is further than 25 miles from Victory Norcross or Hamilton Mill.</b></p>
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## THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

### THE SCRIPTURES

The Bible is the inspired Word of God – the product of men who spoke and wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. His holy Word is what we accept as our infallible guide in all matters of life and doctrine. (*2 Timothy 3:16; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Peter 1:21*)

### THE TRINITY

There is one God, eternally existent in three persons – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit being coequal. (*1 John 5:6-8; Philippians 2:6*) God the Father is the sender of the Word. (*John 16:28; John 1:14*) The Son is the Word made flesh, and has existed with the Father from the beginning. (*John 1:1; John 1:18; John 1:14*) The Holy Spirit proceeds forth from both the Father and the Son, and is eternal. (*John 15:26*)

### MAN, HIS FALL & REDEMPTION

Man is a created being made in the likeness and image of God, but through Adam’s fall sin came into the world. *“All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.”* Jesus Christ came in the form of man and gave His life to restore us back to God, undoing the work of the devil. (*Romans 5:14; Romans 3:10 & 23; 1 John 3:8*). Salvation is the gift of God to man, which we receive by faith in Jesus Christ. (*Ephesians 2:8*)

### ETERNAL LIFE & NEW BIRTH

Man’s first step toward salvation is godly sorrow through repentance. The New Birth is necessary for all men, and when experienced it produces eternal life. (*2 Corinthians 7:10,*

**1 John 5:12; John 3:3-5; Romans 10:9-10)**

### **HELL & ETERNAL RETRIBUTION**

The one who dies in his sins without accepting Christ is hopelessly and eternally lost in the Lake of Fire and, therefore, has no further opportunity to hear the Gospel or repent. The terms “eternal” and “everlasting”, which are used in describing the duration of the punishment of the damned in the Lake of Fire, carry the same meaning of endless existence as used in denoting the duration of joy and ecstasy of the saints in the presence of God. (**Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 20:15**)

### **WATER BAPTISM**

Baptism by immersion in water is a direct commandment of our Lord, and is for believers only. The ordinance is a symbol of the Christian’s identification with Christ, His death, burial, and resurrection. (**Matthew 28:19; Romans 6:4, Colossians 2:12; Acts 8:36-39**)

### **BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT**

The promise of the baptism in the Holy Spirit as a commensurate experience is available to all believers with the evidence of speaking in other tongues, as well as the demonstration of spiritual power in daily life. (**Acts 2:4; Acts 10:44-46; Acts 19:6; Acts 1:8; Matthew 3:11**)

### **SANCTIFICATION**

The Bible teaches that, without holiness, no man can see the Lord. We believe in the Doctrine of Sanctification as a definite, yet progressive work of grace, beginning at the time of salvation, and continuing until the return of Christ. (**Hebrews 12:14; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; 2 Peter 3:18; 1 Corinthians 3:18; Philippians 3:12-14; 1 Corinthians 1:30**)

### **SEXUALITY**

God’s plan is for us to walk in holiness in all areas, especially in what we do with our bodies. God’s Word affirms heterosexual union for married persons and committed celibate behavior for unmarried persons as the only Biblical options for human sexual conduct. All alternative sexual activity outside of heterosexual marriage, such as homosexuality/bisexual practices, adultery, fornication, bestiality, incest, polygamy, pedophilia, and pornography are sin. (**Genesis 1:27; 2:24, 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8; Hebrews 13:4; Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11**)

### **DIVINE HEALING**

Healing is for the physical ills of the human body, and is available to us by the power of God through the prayer of faith and the laying on of hands. Jesus Christ made this available to all believers at Calvary. (**Mark 16:18; James 5:14-15; 1 Peter 2:24; Matthew 8:17; Isaiah 53:4-5**)

### **THE RESURRECTION**

Jesus will return to the earth as King of kings and Lord of lords. Those who have died in Christ

will rise first, and those of us who live will rise to meet Him also. Then God will make all things new – a new heaven and a new earth. His coming is imminent and we must live as such! (*Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; Revelation 21:1-8*)