



## WEDDINGS AT GREENTREE CHURCH – FAQ

### **We just got engaged! Can we have our wedding at Greentree Church?**

Yes, but only if at least one of you is a member or regular attendee at Greentree. A regular attendee is someone who has been actively attending weekly services for at least the past six months. If your fiancé is not part of Greentree, he or she should be an active member in their own church.

### **I'm a member / regular attendee and just got engaged. What is the next step?**

Once we receive the following forms, a pastor will call you to schedule an initial appointment with you either individually or together (the pastor's discretion). The initial meeting is to discuss the qualifications for marriage, as well as your spiritual growth going into marriage. Only after those initial appointments are completed can the pastors recommend pre-marital counseling to begin.

### **Can we reserve the date prior to our pre-marital counseling?**

No. We can discuss scheduling a date for your wedding only after the major work in your pre-marital counseling is completed.

### **How long can we expect pre-marital counseling to last?**

The counseling is not based upon a certain number of appointments, but rather on the progress in working through the issues pertaining to your relationship. It is possible for the counseling to be completed in 2-3 months, but that is dependent upon the couple's ability to make themselves available and their willingness to work through the material in a forthright manner.

### **Which pastors are available to officiate our wedding?**

Any Greentree pastor may officiate your wedding, but scheduling will depend upon their availability. Any minister participating in the wedding who is not on our staff will need to be approved prior to scheduling your wedding date.

### **I'm a member, but looking to have a Greentree pastor marry us off location. Is the process the same?**

Yes. We view the pre-marital counseling as part of your discipleship as you move towards marriage. It is our responsibility and commitment to you as a member of Greentree.

### **We will be attending my finance's church after we get married, but we would still like to be married at Greentree. Does that change the process?**

Yes it does. Since pre-marital counseling is part of discipleship, your future church should conduct your pre-marital counseling. We would need to be in communication with your fiancé's pastor to know that you have successfully completed the counseling before we schedule your wedding.

### **Is there a cost to get married at Greentree?**

There is a \$150 payment required. This payment is made to the church, but goes to our custodian and our church sound technician who service your wedding. If you chose to be married in our chapel, the payment is \$50 and goes to the custodian. An honorarium for the pastor is not required and is solely at your discretion.

### **If we are getting married at Greentree, can we hold our reception there as well?**

Our Family Life Center may be available for a reception, but that has to be scheduled separately by contacting the administrative pastor after a wedding date has been scheduled.



## COUNSELING AGREEMENT

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Our counseling at Greentree is biblical counseling and viewed as an aspect of Christian discipleship. Since only God has the authority and wisdom to tell us who we are and how we are to live, then the Bible, as God's Word, is our final authority. It is meant to interpret all of life for us. So in our counseling, we seek to apply the Bible to life.

Since biblical counseling is an aspect of discipleship, it belongs in the context of the local church. Here at Greentree, your counselor is not an isolated instrument of change, but part of Greentree's care for you. Your counselor is an extension of the pastoral team, delegated with authority to speak into your life and under the direct supervision of the Pastor of Discipleship. Since your pastors are responsible for your care and desire to know how best they can pray and help you, your counselor reports on your progress to the pastoral team on a regular basis. Confidentiality is respected and cases are discussed to the degree necessary to provide you with biblical solutions and support.

Our counseling is provided without charge for those who are active within the life of Greentree Church.\* Your counselor is setting time aside just for you. It is, therefore, important that you take the biblical counseling of Greentree seriously and commit to:

1. Attend Sunday services seeking to be engaged with both your heart and mind.
2. Attend all scheduled counseling sessions, faithfully completing assigned homework.\*\*
3. Take steps to grow as advised by your counselor / pastors (e.g. devotions, serve, small group).

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I have read and agree to the above. I also understand and give permission for my counselor to share pertinent details with those who are accountable to God for my spiritual care and development.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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\* When requested by an area pastor, Greentree will on occasion provide counseling to a member of another church. In those situations, your counselor will keep the pastor of your home church updated on your progress as well. We request a \$25.00 donation per session for counselees who are not part of Greentree Church.

\*\* If you have to cancel because of an emergency, please call the church office as soon as possible so that we have the opportunity to offer your appointment time to someone else for that day.



### BRIDE'S INFORMATION. PLEASE PRINT

Marriage is a gift from God! He uses it as part of our sanctification. Greentree views marriage, and the process leading up to it, as part of your discipleship. God calls us to be part of what He is doing in your life as an individual and as a couple. It is our responsibility and commitment to you as a member of Greentree. Therefore, the following outlines our process of preparing for marriage here at Greentree:

1. Please fill out this form, as well as the **COUNSELING AGREEMENT** form, and return them to the church office. A pastor will schedule an appointment to meet with each of you individually to talk about the qualifications for marriage, as well as your growth as a Christian and how you can be an encouragement in your fiancé's spiritual development.
2. Only after those initial appointments can the pastors recommend pre-marital counseling to begin. The counseling is not based upon a certain number of appointments, but rather the progress in working through the issues pertaining to your relationship. We will be using the booklet *Should We Get Married?* and the book *War of Words*. Both are available in our church bookstore. Please read and discuss together the booklet *Should We Get Married?* before your first pre-marital appointment.
3. Once the major work in your counseling is complete, we can discuss scheduling a wedding date.

Our purpose is to help you begin your life together on the firm foundation of Christ and His Word. We look forward to working together to prepare you for the commitment of marriage.

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home  Work  Cell

Night Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home  Work  Cell

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Appointments are scheduled Monday-Friday between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM and usually last an hour. What days & times are the two of you available to come together for your appointments? Realize the more flexible you are, the quicker we can get you into the counseling schedule.

What is your relationship to Greentree Church:    Member     Regular Attendee     Neither

Where do you serve at Greentree Church? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you attend a Greentree small group?    Yes     No

Name of your small group leader? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not part of Greentree Church, are you active at another church?    Yes     No

What is the name of your church? \_\_\_\_\_

How frequently do you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received Christ as your Savior?    Yes     No

Please explain the Gospel / how a person can have a right relationship with God:

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Briefly tell us how that happened for you:

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Name of your fiancé? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known your fiancé? \_\_\_\_\_    How long have you dated? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been married before?    Yes     No

If divorced, what were the grounds of your divorce? \_\_\_\_\_

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If you have had multiple marriages, please give information on each marriage:

Do you have children from a previous relationship?    Yes     No

What are the names and ages of the children and with whom do they live? \_\_\_\_\_

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If you are not the custodial parent, what are your visitation arrangements? \_\_\_\_\_

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