6 “But at the beginning of creation God made them male and female.” 7 For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, 8 and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh.

Mark 10: 6-8 (New International Version)

First, we’d like to say Congratulations to you and your Spouse-To-Be on your pending marriage. And oh yeah, we pray the wedding goes great as well. That distinction is why we’re involved in this great season of your life. Many people focus a great deal on the wedding, and like anybody else, love to see a beautifully executed wedding. That WOW Factor is indescribable. But if we had to decide between a stunning wedding and a stunning marriage, we’d pick the stunning marriage any day.

If you’re reading this that means that we have made initial contact regarding our Pre-Marital Coaching Sessions.

This is one aspect of our responsibility as Ministers of the Gospel and the Lord’s Church that we take very seriously. Our role is not to mislead or minimize the reality that marriage is a great blessing and a lifetime of benefits, but it is also hard work, can be challenging, and can invoke all sort of emotions and frustrations. The high rate of divorce proves this. Because of these realities, we hope to provide you with a great challenge – spiritually, mentally, and emotionally. This will only be solid preparation in helping you prepare for a marriage of a lifetime.

We are excited that we will have an opportunity to sit and share and we’ve prepared this document to help you prepare for our time together. To make it really easy for you, we’ve listed it in a Frequently Asked Questions Format to aid both of us in ensuring that we are on the same page on a number of things.
PRE-MARITAL COACHING SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

What’s the point of the Pre-Marital Coaching?

This is a great question. Over the centuries, it has been proven that for most people they come into marriage without any proper training, insight, coaching, or critical thought. Again, the reality of divorce, separation, and annulments are proof of these unfortunate outcomes. These sessions are designed to give you an environment where you begin to think about the reality of marriage.

Many couples put many hours into planning their wedding, which will only last around 60 minutes in length, and while their marriage should last a lifetime, they put less effort into ensuring that its foundation is solid. This coaching will provide you with a great foundation for your marriage.

How do I schedule my appointment?

An initial session will be set-up with one of our members of the Pastoral/Ministerial Team. You can contact the church office to get an appointment scheduled. Generally, our Team prefers to set appointments Tuesday – Friday at various points during the hours of 9:00am – 5:00pm. There are generally fewer afternoon appointments available, although some can be scheduled. Unless there is an emergency, we do not provide any Pre-Marital Counseling on weekends.

After your initial session, you will be referred by a member of our Pastoral/Ministerial Team to one of our partner counseling agencies to further complete the counseling progress. We formally have a partnership with Tampa Bay Christian Counseling Center. This partner agency will be the first point of referral, unless you are interested in any additional options.

**We ask the prior to confirming any wedding dates or remitting any deposits to outside facilities and/or contractors, that you at least sit through your initial Pre-Marital Session first. This will allow the Minister to discuss realistic options with you on booking your wedding.

Tampa Bay Christian Counseling Center
3036 West Bearss Avenue
Tampa, Florida 33618
813.964.5511
www.TBCCC.org

On the last page, there is a consent form for both parties to sign. We ask that you complete this consent form which allows us the opportunity to dialogue with TBCCC regarding your process.

What is the goal of these sessions?

The framework for this coaching and counseling (with our partner agencies) is to learn the Biblical principles for having a fulfilling marriage, explore effective communication methods, understand roles and responsibilities of both a Godly husband and a Godly wife, begin to discover God’s will for your marriage, discuss sex and intimacy in the Christian marriage, explore genetics, health, and other
related factors to consider before marriage, determine the impact of past experiences on those
contemplating marriage, recognize the spiritual realities in play before and during a marriage,
reinforce sound stewardship principles for a family, and then expose the couple to relevant wisdom
regarding marriage.

How many sessions will there be?

Because our partner agencies are independent organizations, we are not able to dictate the exact
length of your pre-marital counseling. Generally, you can have confidence in knowing that the
ultimate length of the program will be a thorough process to thoroughly equip you. Generally, most
couples have at least six (6) sessions. This affords the opportunity to discuss some of the basic things
that you will encounter in your marriage and will allow the Counselor to engage in honest dialogue
about these areas.

After your initial session and your scheduled counseling sessions with one of our partner agencies, the
minister that you met with in the initial session will also schedule a follow-up session(s) that allow us
to “check in” with you and the process.

How long are the sessions?

Each couple’s time may be different, but as a rule of thumb, each session will be approximately 60-90
minutes. It’s interesting because most times, couples are begging for more time. It’ll go by quickly!

What sort of topics do you cover?

At a minimum, the overall process will cover: 1) The Spiritual Nature of Marriage; 2) Communication in
Marriage; 3) Holy Matri-Money; 4) Marital Long-Range Planning; 5) Conflict Resolution; 6) Intimacy; 7)
Individual Background and Life History, and 8) Gender Differences & Similarities.

There may be additional topics that may arise during our time together, but you can be sure that we
will cover at least these topics listed above. Our partner agency may not cover all of these particular
topics, but our goal is to thoroughly present these topics to you through our partnership and sessions
with your officiant.

Who else is involved in our sessions?

Unequivocally, your sessions are confidential*. No aspect of your session or any information that you
have shared with us will be divulged to anyone else – at anytime**. As a point of accountability, we
will ask your permission to have access to the number of sessions that you’ve completed from the
partner agency. Beyond that, we will only delve into particulars that impact our comfort for one of our
ministers in performing your wedding ceremony.

You should feel free and confident as you look to build a great foundation for your marriage that all
information will be confidential.

*You should note – that we are bound by Ethical & Ministerial Standards as well as, federal, state, and
local laws that require us to report any information in which any federal, state, and/or local crimes
may be committed or the life of a person is in jeopardy. As well, our partner agencies are governed by
their own Code of Ethics and the highest of professional standards. In most cases, you will be informed of this by their separate intake process.

**At the beginning of one of your sessions, your assigned minister may request their spouse to be a part of the session in order to offer a balance approach to the topic at hand. This will be at their discretion and based upon your approval and comfort. These arrangements will never be done on-site, but will be done prior to your appointment. In such cases, only relevant information concerning the topic will be shared, again also based on your approval. All other information is held in confidence.**

What about really heavy issues that I may be dealing with?

There may be times in which we recommend that you seek additional outside professional assistance. This may include legal, financial, health/physical, substance abuse, and psychological assistance. We are prepared to provide you with recommendations of resources that may be available in our community. You should note that, although many employers and insurance companies assist with these costs, many of these services acquire additional fees.

Because of the nature of these sessions, you should never have our advice over-ride a plan that has previously been established by a professional for these areas.

Can my Minister answer any questions regarding the facility or additional services for the church?

Yes, they could. Crossover does not rent out its building for weddings. We will work with you to prepare for your wedding and assist in the ceremony development, but are unable to schedule our building for weddings.

This will allow us to focus more of our efforts, information gathering, and time on ensuring that your marriage will have a solid foundation.

Is there anything that we need to do to prepare before we start?

Yes! There are several things that we recommend that you do prior to the start of your sessions. First, we recommend that you complete a questionnaire that has been prepared so that we can begin to learn a little more about you all – individually and collectively. We strongly encourage you to be totally honest with these questions.

Secondly, we recommend that you enter these sessions with high, positive expectations about the results from them. So many people encounter these environments with a closed, negative mindset that it hinders progressive growth for the couple.

Next, we encourage you to spend down time prior to your session that you are mentally and physically fresh. You may even consider having a small meal prior to our time together. Many times the sessions can cover very heavy and tough topics. Because of this, you want to make sure that you come with the best frame of reference for them.
Finally, we encourage you to commit to being totally honest during the sessions. Remember, anything that you cover up now will only become an issue during the marriage. You should not be afraid to bring any questions or concerns to the table during these sessions. That's what they are designed for!

Will my coach ever call off my wedding?

Although these times are rare, they may recommend that as a couple you spend more time preparing for marriage before you commence with your wedding. If for some reason, questions or concerns arise and they deem it necessary, they will work with you to develop a realistic Plan of Action to get you more prepared for a lifetime together. We do not have the power to officially cancel your wedding nor will we ever force our opinion, but we do have the right to withdraw our Officiating services. In most cases, this will depend on the progress of the couple during the sessions. Further, in most cases, this is a last resort for us. This reality does not even apply to the vast majority of couples.

Is there a cost for your Pre-marital services?

For your initial session and your “check in” session with one of our ministers, there is no cost associated with it. Additional sessions beyond that will incur a costs and those costs are listed on the following pages. As we refer you to one of our partner agencies for your in-depth counseling sessions, they will be able to adequately inform you of their specific prices and fees. Their intake process will cover this up front. Further, many of them also work with the most popular and recognized insurances.

Further, we may recommend additional resources and/or activities to further enhance your time together. These recommendations may include a fee that the couple should be prepared to cover. This may include books, magazines, seminars, workshops, CDs/DVDs, or other training to further ensure that you are solidly prepared for your life together.
WEDDING SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

Because of logistics and the large number of requests, we cannot accommodate wedding requests for non-members. Our Ministers are available for initial Pre-Marital Sessions for both members and non-members, but will also purposefully redirect couples to one of our partner agencies.

How do I schedule my wedding and the Officiant?

The wedding time and date can only be secured from the Crossover Church Office. One of our Staff members or Coordinators will make all of the arrangements for the use of our facility, rehearsal, and wedding ceremony. Due to the many other scheduled activities at the church, it is imperative that both the rehearsal and wedding begin on time. Rehearsal will be scheduled based on the availability of the church. Because of the hectic schedule of the Officiants, punctuality and timeliness are vital. If the wedding has not begun within thirty (30) minutes of the scheduled start time, the Officiant has the right to leave the premises or tend to other official responsibilities. Please keep in mind, that while availability can be discussed over the telephone, dates are only confirmed after a completed contract and deposit has been received.

Will Pastor Tommy officiate my wedding?

The wedding ceremony may be conducted by Pastor Tommy, Pastor Christopher, or another Pastor designed by one of our leaders. Other ministers may also be approved by the Pastoral Team. The Officiating Minister will be solely responsible for conducting the ceremony and deciding its contents, along with the couple. Generally, the Crossover Officiants shy away from personal vows written by the Bride and Groom.

Will Crossover secure our marriage license for us?

No, it is the responsibility of each couple to secure their marriage license. A marriage license must be issued by the State of Florida. It must be in the possession of the couple at least seven days prior to the wedding ceremony. Licenses are valid for a period of sixty (60) days from the issue date. The marriage license must be given to the Wedding Coordinator no later than 3 business days before the wedding ceremony. A self-addressed stamped envelope with a check and/or money order of $10.00 should be provided by the couple so that the certified marriage license can be mailed to the couple. Marriage licenses can be obtained from:

Hillsborough County Clerk of Court
http://www.hillsclerk.com/
Main office Number: 813.276.8100

Are there any limitations on the kind of music that we can have?

It is important to remember that your ceremony is a Christian act of worship. A variety of music has been written, both traditional and contemporary that proclaims God's love and grace. Love ballads
may be considered if lyrically appropriate and in good taste. All music must be approved by the Wedding Team prior to wedding rehearsal. Remember, our goal is to glorify God in what we do.

Further, as there is no standard honorarium for the Officiant, we invite each couple to share a love offering at their pleasure.

For you to see in summation the cost that may be involved, we’ve listed them together here:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Service</th>
<th>Cost</th>
<th>Notes</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Pre-Marital Coaching</td>
<td>$35 per person / per session</td>
<td>(Generally about 6 sessions)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Office Ceremony</td>
<td>$100.00</td>
<td>(You must complete our Pre-Marital Sessions)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Off-Site Ceremony</td>
<td>$350.00</td>
<td>(You must complete our Pre-Marital Sessions)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

We hope this has answered most of your questions and prepared you for our time together. We will be praying for you during this season of your life. We believe that this will offer you a great start to many fun times, memories, and spiritual victories as God has His way in your life. Remember and cherish this time!

If there are any other questions that you may have during this time, please don’t hesitate to let us know. We’re moving forward together!

See you soon!

Pastor Tommy & Lucy Kylonen  
Lead Pastor / First Lady

Pastor Christopher & Carmen Harris  
Executive Pastor & Wife
We, _________________________________ and _________________________________ give permission to Crossover Church to know we are receiving premarital counseling/training from _________________________________.

(Counselor/Agency)

Signed,

_________________________________  
(Client)

_________________________________  
(Client)

_________________________________  
(Counselor)

_________________________________  
(Date)

This release expires one year from the date it was executed, _________________: _______.

PLEASE PRINT