

EXCEEDING GRACE CHRISTIAN CENTER

Pre-Marital Consultation Questionnaire

Marriage was created and designed by God to be a beautiful, harmonious, and lasting estate. Since **God instituted marriage**, He intends for you to enter into this covenant relationship soberly, reverently, and advisedly. Marriage must never be taken lightly, as your vows are not only to your partner; **you are making a commitment to God Himself**.

For this reason, it is the position and responsibility of **Exceeding Grace Christian Center** and **Apostle Jonathan M. Anderson, Sr.**, to make sure individuals are ready to marry based on the Word of God. It is the policy of Exceeding Grace Christian Center that either the bride or groom be an **ACTIVE MEMBER** of Exceeding Grace Christian Center for at least six months prior to the wedding date.

- a. Faithfully attends weekly services
- b. Consistently gives tithes and offerings
- c. Completed Ground School Membership Course
- d. Actively serving in ministry

It is the policy of Exceeding Grace Christian Center that all couples complete a minimum of **four (4) hours premarital counseling** with the Pastor or designee **prior** to the wedding.

Believing that marriage is a holy and sacred gift from God, it is our desire that couples approach marriage according to biblical standards and in a way that is pleasing to God. In this regard, we reserve the right to decline pre-marital counseling and/or officiating a wedding if couples do not agree with the “engagement covenant” which includes the following:

1. A Covenant of Belief – Believing that God has intended Christians to marry only Christians, we require that both bride and groom individually come to an understanding and acceptance of Christ’s sacrificial death, and that commitment to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be made evident. (11 Corinthians 6:14-16; Romans 10:9-10)
2. A Covenant of Purity – Believing that the sexual relationship has been designed and intended for marriage, we ask that you agree to abstain from any sexual relationship until after the wedding. Furthermore, believing that living arrangements that include cohabitation prior to the wedding is a compromise of your Christian witness, we ask that you agree to separate living arrangements until the wedding. (1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13, Romans 13:13KJV)
3. A Covenant of Faithfulness – Believing that the Church is God’s Greenhouse to grow strong marriages, we ask that you find a place of involvement in His Church, the Body of Christ, and pursue a lifestyle of faithfulness to your church family. (Hebrews 10:19-25)
4. Furthermore, we agree with the biblical definition of marriage between **one man/one woman**, according to (Genesis 2:21-25, Romans 1:24-27, 1 Corinthians 6:9-10). Therefore, no marriage shall be performed or sanctioned by Exceeding Grace Christian Center Pastors or Staff outside **one man/one woman**

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Pre-marital Counseling Honorarium \$300.00

(A deposit of \$150.00, along with a completed Pre Marital Counseling package, is required to enter counseling balance due upon completion. Please make checks payable to Exceeding Grace Christian Center.)

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Please complete this questionnaire (*One Questionnaire Per Person*) so that we may proceed with your pre-marital counseling.

Today's Date: _____

Name: _____

Fiancée's Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

Telephone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Wedding Ceremony Date: _____

What church are you a member of? _____

How long? _____ Would you describe yourself as an active member? Yes No

Pastor's Name: _____ Phone: _____

When and how did you come to be "born again"? _____

Briefly describe your walk with Christ: _____

Briefly describe your partner's walk with Christ? _____

What is your personal vision for your marriage? _____

Have you been married before? If yes briefly describe that relationship and how/why it ended. Please include the names and ages of any children from that relationship. _____

Has your fiancée' been married before? If yes, how did he or she describe that relationship to you? Please include the names of any children from that previous marriage. _____

Have you sincerely prayed to God about this permanent step you are taking? If yes, briefly describe the way you received your answer from God. _____

Are you and your fiancée currently living in the same household? If so, please provide the details or circumstances surrounding this arrangement. _____

To the best of your knowledge, are you or your fiancée sexually active with each other or anyone else? _____