

At Cape Christian we believe a person's wedding is one of the most important spiritual moments in their life. Therefore, we take our potential involvement in your wonderful occasion quite seriously. Our goal is not only to help you have a memorable wedding day, but to help prepare you and your future spouse to build a successful, lifelong partnership. While a lifelong, loving marriage partnership doesn't come easily, we believe that with Jesus' help it is within everyone's reach. We're excited about how God can work in your relationship over the upcoming months!

Weddings are performed by members of Cape Christian's pastoral staff. Please review the information below so that you'll have a clear understanding of what the wedding process at Cape Christian looks like from start to finish. After reading through the information, the next step is to complete the [Wedding Request Form](#).

WEDDINGS AT CAPE CHRISTIAN

Here's what will take place once we've received your completed form: The [Wedding Request Form](#) will be reviewed by a member of CC's staff to determine if the bride and/or groom meets the necessary requirements to be married at Cape Christian. If the [Wedding Request Form](#) is approved, our wedding Coordinator will contact you to confirm your wedding date and time and to let you know which CC pastor will perform your ceremony.

Once a CC staff pastor has been assigned, the Wedding Coordinator will contact you to schedule a meeting to discuss the wedding date, plans, and other ideas. At this meeting the CC Wedding Rental Agreement will be reviewed and signed by the couple and the CC Wedding Coordinator.

In order for a CC staff pastor to perform a wedding, the couple must:

- Successfully complete four to six weeks of premarital counseling by a Christian Biblical counselor or have completed the Pre Marital section of Marriage Mentor Program. The counseling must be completed at least two months prior to the wedding date. Schedule one follow up counseling session. The counseling session must be set for three to six months after the wedding day.

- At the conclusion of counseling, or Marriage Mentors program the counselor is required to send a letter to the CC staff pastor stating that the sessions were successfully completed and include the date for the follow up sessions. This letter must be received no later than 45 days prior to the wedding.

If a couple wants to be married by a CC staff pastor and they are living together and/or sexually active, the couple must agree to stay apart sexually from the date of signing the CC Wedding Agreement until the wedding night. Because the Bible teaches that a man and a woman should not have sex before they are married, we believe this commitment before marriage is the best way to start fresh and do things God's way.

The CC staff pastor and the couple will meet two times prior to the wedding ceremony. The first meeting will be conducted to finalize wedding plans and the second meeting will be the actual wedding rehearsal.

It is the responsibility of the couple to obtain the marriage license prior to the wedding. The CC staff pastor will be responsible for mailing the marriage license to the county office.

On the day of the wedding, the ceremony will take place with the CC staff pastor arriving approximately 45 minutes prior to the wedding and leaving after the ceremony is completed and the marriage license is signed. While the

staff pastor and his/her family may choose to join the wedding party for the reception, this may not be possible and therefore should not be expected.

CC staff pastors believe that God's intention is for partners to be married for life; however, they also understand that people make mistakes. CC staff pastors will marry those who have been divorced. We do require that the couple make this a major area of exploration in their counseling sessions.

CC's current facility is available, but couples can also rent other church buildings, chapels, community buildings, and outdoor facilities for their ceremony. Regarding the other aspects of the ceremony, such as programs, flowers and musicians, it is the responsibility of the couple to make these arrangements. The CC Event Co-ordinator will gladly assist as much as possible to provide contacts and direction.

Wedding Coordinator Fee is \$150.00 to be paid directly to the Wedding coordinator and the Facility fee of \$250 will be due at time of the first meeting. Sound/technical support is required from CC during the ceremony, a flat fee of \$150.00 is to be paid directly to the technician the 10 days prior to the Wedding. If more technical help is required there is additional fee to be determined by the tech director.

A fee of \$300 will be charged for the wedding ceremony. The fee is to be paid to the CC staff pastor as an honorarium for performing the ceremony 10 days prior to the Wedding Day. You will receive the fee schedule at your first meeting with the Wedding Coordinator.

In order to meet the requirements for a CC wedding, we recommend that you initiate the wedding process 12 months prior to your wedding date. CC does not schedule weddings on Easter and Thanksgiving weekends, or the weeks before or after Christmas and New Years. Please send an email to jjobe@capechristian.com to be connected to the Wedding Coordinator.