



# Abundant Life Church

## Marriage Policy and Sacred Covenant For Couples

Abundant Life Church is committed to helping couples build strong marriages and families both in our church and community. We believe this begins before a couple is united in marriage and continues throughout the stages of a marriage relationship.

We believe that marriage is a sacred covenant with and before God, and is entered into as a lifelong commitment. We are committed to providing premarital and post marital counseling and opportunities for marriage enrichment through small groups, retreats, seminars and workshops.

According to our understanding of scripture, Abundant Life Church believes marriage is a sacred, God ordained relationship between one man and one woman. Therefore we do not endorse same sex marriages nor permit them to take place at our church.

We ask that the following conditions be met for couples desiring to be married by our pastors or at Abundant Life. We ask that you discuss these with the pastor you'd like to perform the marriage ceremony and that you sign this covenant as an act of good faith and commitment to getting your marriage off to the best possible start.

- I have been in a serious dating/courtship relationship for at least one year.
- I agree to at least four to six months of marital preparation involving a premarital inventory (6 sessions) and following through doing the exercises assigned.
- I agree to two post-marital counseling sessions within the first year of marriage.
- If cohabitating, I am willing to separate until the marriage ceremony.
- I am committed to sexual purity before marriage.

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Bride

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Groom

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Date