

## **Marriage Policy of The Lighthouse Church**

The intention of this policy is not to be taken as legalistic, but rather, it is in place because of The Lighthouse Church's position on the serious matter of the covenant of Holy Matrimony. It is not to be entered into without proper prayer and preparation; nor without an established relationship with the local Body of believers in order to keep the marriage healthy and protected long after the wedding day has come and gone.

1. Requirements for placing a Wedding Date on the Church calendar
  - At least one active member of The Lighthouse Church must be involved.
  - Marriage preparation will take place at least 6-8 months prior to the wedding date. Wedding dates should not be placed on the Church calendar less than 6 months out.
  
2. Requirements for Marriage Preparation
  - Must take PREPARE Marriage inventory to help couples communicate specific concerns that may arise.
  - Must commit to at least 4 pre-marital sessions in addition to the ceremony planning. The cost of the inventory is currently \$35 and the couple is responsible for this amount.
  
3. Enrichment Expectations
  - The church will offer 2-4 additional sessions with the married couple during their first year of marriage. Well-grounded couples that have a heart for marriage ministry or the pastors could conduct these sessions.