



*To have and to hold from
this day forward...*

*United Evangelical Free Church
Wedding Policy*

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Congratulations on your upcoming marriage!

We are happy that you have come together and are interested in God's blessing on your Marriage. To that end, we have put together this information for you to consider. We would be happy to discuss any concerns or questions you may have.

Please know that our desire is not just to help you prepare for a wonderful and memorable wedding day, but to help you prepare for a lifelong commitment to each other in Holy Marriage. Marriage is a challenge for most couples – filled with great joy and also some very difficult times. With this in mind, we have developed our Wedding Policies with concern for principles from the Bible about your relationship with God and your relationship with each other. Some have thought our policies can be a little excessive. But if you know the intent behind them, we feel you will come to appreciate our perspective on marriage. We think you would want God to bless your marriage from the start *“until death do us part.”*

To get the process started, we will need you to fill out the Request for Marriage Ceremony form attached to this brochure. You should also familiarize yourself with our policies. Again, any questions or concerns would best be discussed with the Minister.

Again, congratulations! May God's blessing draw you closer both to each other and to Christ as you start this journey together.

United Evangelical Free Church of Guys Mills

Marriage Policy

Definition of Marriage: Marriage has been instituted by God. This Church defines marriage as the exclusive covenantal union of one man and one woman in which such union is a lifetime commitment. A civil government's sanction of a union will be recognized as a legitimate marriage by the Church only to the extent that it is consistent with the definition of marriage found in this policy.

Premarital Counseling: The couple requesting to be married must meet with the Pastor a minimum of eight (8) times for premarital counseling.

Church Involvement: As a part of the spiritual preparation for the marriage, the couple must attend a Bible-believing Church during their counseling and until the time of the wedding.

Living Arrangements & Sexual Activity Before Marriage: In accordance with Scripture (Hebrews 13:4; 1 Corinthians 6:9), this Church's Pastor will not knowingly marry a couple who are living together, or a couple who is sexually active.

Spiritual Compatibility: In accordance with Scripture (Ezra 9:1-4, 10:44; Nehemiah 13:23-25; 2 Corinthians 6:14) this Church's Pastor will not knowingly marry an unbeliever to a believer in Jesus Christ. A couple who are both unbelievers will be considered for marriage as long as they agree to this Church's marriage policy.

Guest Pastors: A guest Pastor may perform or participate in the marriage ceremony at this Church provided he agrees to

these policies as well as the doctrinal statement of the United Evangelical Free Church of Guys Mills. The doctrinal statement may be found on the following website:

www.efca.org/about-efca/statement-faith

Facilities: If using our Church building for the wedding and/or the reception, the couple is responsible for the following:

- Following the Fellowship Hall Use Agreement if applicable,
- Seeing that the facilities are presentable following your event, including moving furniture back into place,
- Covering the cost of Custodial Services – suggested donation is \$ 50.00.

Music & Sound System: The couple is responsible to make arrangements for any musicians needed for the ceremony and is responsible to arrange for one of our Sound Technicians to be present at both the rehearsal and ceremony.

Photographers / Videographers: Photographers and videographers are welcome at both the rehearsal and the ceremony. The Pastor will offer suggestions for placement of cameras during the ceremony.

Final Decision: The Pastor, along with the Elders of this Church, will have the final decision on whether to marry any couple.

Request for Marriage Ceremony

To be answered by the Groom:

Full Name:	
Groom's Address:	
Home Phone:	Age:
Cell Phone:	
Work Phone:	
Email:	
Occupation:	
How long have you known the Bride?	
Have you ever been married before?	
Do you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? Please explain:	
Your Current Church:	

To be answered by the Bride:

Full Name:	
Bride's Address:	
Home Phone:	Age:
Cell Phone:	
Work Phone:	
Email:	
Occupation:	
How long have you known the Groom?	
Have you ever been married before?	
Do you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? Please explain:	
Your Current Church:	

Wedding Information

Wedding Date:	Wedding Time:
Days and Times you are available for Premarital Counseling:	
Maid/Matron of Honor:	
Bridesmaids: (list all)	
Best Man:	
Ushers: (list all)	
Flower Girl:	Ring Bearer:
Guest Book Attendant:	
Piano Player: (name & phone number)	
Other Musicians:	
Is this a double ring ceremony?	

Isle Runner?	Candelabra?
Florist:	Photographer:
Unity Candle?	Wedding Bulletin?
Do you wish the guests to be seated as to friends of the Bride and friends of the Groom or mixed?	
Who will give the Bride away?	
What is his relationship to the Bride?	
Where will the reception be held?	
Phone Number after Marriage:	
Address after Marriage:	