



Ministerial Services and Requirements

Marriage and Weddings

We strive and purpose to do everything possible to preserve and protect and honor the institution and union of marriage here at Bridgeway. We do this by honoring what God created, and planned, marriage to be for His creation. Our guide is His Word, the Bible, which guides us in all phases of marriage preparation. This form is a binding agreement by the Ministerial Staff here at Bridgeway and the Couple who will be married, whether or not the ceremony is conducted here, in the Church, or elsewhere.

Ministerial Staff reflects an "Ordained" or "Licensed" Minister at Bridgeway Church of the Nazarene who meets the requirements in the state of North Carolina to conduct marriages.

The Requirements of the Ministerial Staff (Pastors) are as follows:

- That the couple (groom and bride) who desire to be married by a Staff Member here, agree to and enter three (3) counseling sessions of at least 1 hour each with the Pastor who is officiating the ceremony. The last session must occur 10 days prior to the service.
- That the couple realize that the Pastor may, with proper notification, dismiss himself from participation in the counseling and ceremony if any manipulative, fraudulent, or indecent information is found or realized that would "illegal," "immoral," or against the beliefs of The Church for the marriage to occur.
- That the Ministerial Fee is \$300.00. Note: This is separate from any Rental/Facility Fee. This covers 3 Counseling Sessions of at least 1 hour each, the Rehearsal, the Marriage Ceremony, and any travels or expenses that would arise (if the service is elsewhere). This fee must be paid at the conclusion of the 3rd and Final Counseling Session. If the fee is not paid or if arrangements are not made at that time, the Pastor may elect, with notice, to not perform the ceremony.
- That the couple will deliver the Marriage License to the Pastor performing the Marriage Ceremony on the night of the Rehearsal. This document is essential and the procedure to complete, mail in, and record is imperative. Make sure you receive your Marriage License at the Registrar of Deeds Office at the Courthouse no less than 2 weeks prior to the Rehearsal. Be sure you bring it with you to the Rehearsal, and give it to the Pastor.
- That the couple will honor all the requests and requirements of Bridgeway Church of the Nazarene so that we, as Pastors and Officiants, will be above reproach with our church community. Any violation to the Contract with Church will violate this Contract with the Ministerial Staff. Please be sure to familiarize yourself with each part of the agreement.

By signing my name, I agree to this Section II: Ministerial Contract, on this ____ (day) of _____ (month) in the year _____.

_____ (Groom)

_____ Pastor

_____ (Bride)