

COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT PREMARITAL COUNSELING AND WEDDINGS AT CYPRESS

Question: Who do Pastor's typically officiate weddings for?

Answer: Our pastors officiate weddings for couples who regularly attend Cypress.

Question: What are the guidelines for a Cypress Church pastor to officiate our wedding?

Answer: Our pastors require pre-marital counseling before they will officiate your wedding.

Question: How do we begin the pre-marital process and schedule a Cypress pastor to do our wedding?

Answer: There are two steps:

Step 1: Read the premarital counseling options below and talk about which one may be best for you and your future spouse.

1. Meet with a Cypress Pastor for two sessions of approximately 2 hours or four sessions of approximately one hour. Cost: \$200 includes the sessions, assessments, and all materials.
2. Meet with an approved Cypress Marriage Mentor Couple for two sessions of approximately 2 hours or four sessions of approximately one hour each. Cost: \$200 includes the sessions, assessments, and all materials.
**Cypress Pastors and Cypress Marriage Mentor Couples are Certified in SYMBIS Premarital Counseling (Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts) or Prepare and Enrich Premarital Counseling.*
3. Schedule and meet with a professional faith-based Christian counselor outside of Cypress. If this process is selected, a certificate or documentation verifying the completion of premarital counseling sessions needs to be sent before your wedding date to the Cypress Pastor officiating your wedding. Please let us know if you need a list of professional faith-based Christian counselors in the area.

Step 2: Take a moment and complete the Premarital Form. Please plan to complete this form 6-9 months before your wedding date.

Before starting the form, here are a few items to prepare to answer with your future spouse:

- Your Story
- What premarital counseling option you think you will select
- Rehearsal and Ceremony Information
- Bride and Groom's Relationship with Christ

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Question: Do I need to pay a Cypress Pastor to do my wedding?

Answer: We recommend a minimum of a \$200 honorarium for a Cypress pastor who officiates your wedding and should be given on or before the wedding rehearsal.

Question: Can I have my reception at Cypress?

Answer: Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate receptions at this time.

Question: How far in advance can I book a wedding at Cypress Church?

Answer: Cypress can be booked up to a year in advance of today's date.

Question: What is the cost to use a Cypress building for a wedding?

Answer: There is a building fee for weddings across all permanent Cypress campuses.
Member - \$400 and Attendee - \$500.

Question: Are there any blackout dates weddings cannot happen on?

Answer: Cypress Church cannot host weddings on the following weekends: Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Cypress Church reserves the right to block out other dates as necessary when church events are added to the calendar.