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First off, *Congratulations!!!*

If you're reading this it's likely because you were recently engaged to be married, and we are very excited for you!

Just so you know, at Wawasee Bible we love weddings! Why? Because we love *Jesus!* And weddings are a great picture of Jesus and how he loves and cares for his Church (Ephesians 5:32). We could not be more excited for you, nor could we be more excited about Jesus coming back to wed his bride, the Church!

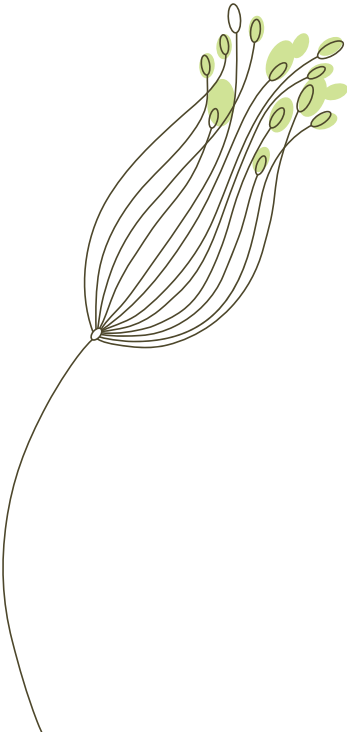
In this booklet are the relevant details you will need to know about getting married at Wawasee Bible and what the bible has to say about marriage. Read through this entire booklet with your spouse-to-be. After reading it, if you agree with our biblical convictions and views on marriage and want to be married at Wawasee Bible, then fill out the Wedding Application at the end of this booklet and bring it in to the church office.

Again, we're pretty excited and happy for you. If you have any questions about the material in this booklet, about marriage, or about Jesus, or if there's any other way we can help and serve you, please let us know.

You Are Loved!



Pastor Josh



What the Bible Says About Marriage

...and what we believe about marriage

Marriage is God's Idea

The bible is the story of God that points to Jesus and how he loves and redeems us—and it all begins with a wedding ceremony. After creating the heavens and the earth and filling it with life, God created the man and the woman, uniting them in marriage. God created marriage and the idea and purpose of marriage belongs to him. He established marriage as a sacred union and the sacred foundation upon which he would ultimately build families, society, and culture.

Definition of Marriage in the Bible

From the very beginning God defined marriage as an intimate, covenant relationship between one man and one woman lasting a lifetime. (Genesis 2:24; Proverbs 2:16-17; Malachi 2:14)

Genesis 2:24 says, “Therefore [because of marriage] a man shall leave his father and his mother, hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.”

In the New Testament Jesus and Paul (Ephesians 5:23-32) both agree with God's definition of marriage. In Mark 10:6-9 Jesus quotes Genesis 1 and 2 when he says, “from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.” Jesus also quotes Genesis 2 in Matthew 19:5.

God is clear in the bible that marriage:

- is exclusive (one man and one woman).
- is defined by covenantal promises.
- is a lifetime commitment (hold fast).
- yields great intimacy (oneness, they become one flesh).



Marriage is a Covenant Promise

Many times when someone hears the term “covenant”, they naturally associate it with our contemporary idea of a “contract”. But a biblical covenant is radically different than a contract, and marriage is never to be viewed as a contract between a man and a woman. Contracts are necessary because human beings are not trustworthy by nature. Contracts are for a distinct period of time. Contracts define limits to a person's responsibility. Contracts can be voided by the mutual consent of the parties involved. Yet sadly, this is how our society has come to view marriage.

God never intended marriage to be a contract relationship. He never intended it to be marked by mistrust, by limits to our responsibility. He never intended marriages to be voided. God instituted marriage as a covenant relationship. God has always dealt with man through covenants and he expects us to do the same in marriage. Whereas contracts are based on mistrust, covenants are based on trust. Whereas contracts define limits to our responsibility, covenants are based on unlimited responsibility. Whereas contracts can be voided by mutual consent, covenants are unbreakable.

God intends for your marriage to be a covenant relationship, to be marked by absolute trust of each other and unlimited responsibility to each other. It is his will that the covenant you establish in marriage never be broken.

As noted above, God's love for his people has always been steadfast and sure, and he holds fast to them in a permanent, exclusive, intimate, covenantal relationship. Vows and promises are the basis for a covenant. On a wedding day, the bride and groom make vows to one another, promising to love each other solely for a lifetime, regardless of circumstances. All through the bible there are parallels drawn between God's love for his people through covenants, and a husband and wife's love for each other in the covenant of marriage. In fact, often God even goes so far as to call himself "husband" and his people, "bride". (Isaiah 54:5, 62:5; Jeremiah 2:2; Revelation 19:7, 21:2, 21:9, 22:17)

God is Better at Promises Than We Are

A problem has existed since Genesis 3 regarding the difference between God's covenants and our covenants:

- God makes promises and keeps them.
- We make promises and break them.

When the people of God sin against him and chase after other gods, their sinful deeds are named 'spiritual adultery' and 'whoredom' — strong language for sin, but an accurate description of the relationally destructive nature of our rebellion against a loving, trustworthy, and Holy God. (Read Hosea; Jeremiah 3:6-21, 31:32; Ezekiel 23; Psalm 106:39)

We don't sin in a vacuum. Someone is always sinned against, beginning with God. But continually, a passionate, faithful God pursues and intervenes, providing payment for sin that is sufficient and everlasting for rebellious children who repent.

Jesus and Marriage

The only way we're able to keep our covenant promises in marriage is with God's help in Jesus. Without Jesus, we're in for a great deal of hurt.

In Ephesians 5 Paul gives a great deal of instruction on how a husband and wife ought to love and care for one another. Paul is writing specifically to Christians, to Spirit-filled husbands and wives (Ephesians 5:1, 18). In 5:31-33 Paul says, "Therefore a man shall leave his father

and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband."

The "mystery" Paul talks about in verse 32 refers to God's plan to send Jesus to come and rescue his bride (the Church, his people). In God's plan Jesus is the knight in shining armor who rides in triumphantly on a white horse to rescue his bride (the Church) from distress and destruction (our sin). Revelation uses this exact imagery in 19:11.

This powerful image of Jesus and the Church should be displayed in the marriage of one man and one woman, applying itself in the daily details of their life together. Without Jesus, it is impossible for the husband and wife to muster up enough strength, loving feelings, or good intentions to fulfill their biblical role and commitment in marriage. But because of Jesus, two sinful, completely different individuals can be miraculously transformed into one.

Roles of a Husband and Wife Are Defined by the Cross

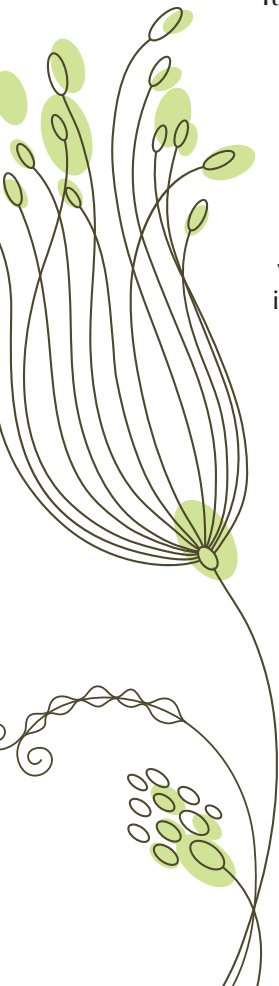
It is clear the biblical roles of husband and wife are less about what the couple should do and more about what Jesus has done for them.

Christian wives can look to the cross and see Jesus, who freely submitted himself to the will of the Father to die in her place (Ephesians 5:22–24).

Her submissive response is not to be one of begrudging foot-dragging, competition with her husband, or a fearful power struggle, but joyful and purposeful, just like Christ's attitude was for her (Hebrews 12:2). The biblical teaching about a wife submitting to her husband is encapsulated by Paul's words in Ephesians 5:33, "let the wife see that she respects her husband." To sum it up, a wife should respect, trust, serve, and love her husband just like Jesus.

Likewise, Christian husbands can look to the cross and see Jesus, who in love and humility laid his life aside to die for the man's sin. Jesus then defeated death and rose to live for and lead the church, providing for its needs (Philippians 2:3–8). In the same way, Jesus now calls husbands to die to themselves and live for and lead their wives and children just like Jesus leads and loves the Church. A husband must love, serve, and lead his wife and family as a humble servant, just like Jesus. He is never to rule as a controlling tyrant nor disappear as a coward who leaves his wife and family to fend for themselves (Ephesians 5:25–30). Both are vile sin. Instead God calls every husband to strive to be Jesus to his wife and family.

Loving someone else the way God calls us to in marriage isn't natural, nor does it come easily! But with the help of Jesus and the Holy Spirit, married couples have the opportunity to know and accept each other deeply and unconditionally. They get to love each other because Jesus loves them, and Jesus' love is unconditional! (1 John 4:10-11)



Therefore those who follow God's design for marriage and trust Jesus don't need to fear intimacy or confessing sin. They can walk in the freedom of faith and repentance. Since they have been graced and forgiven they can offer grace and forgiveness to each other. Because God has been kind to them, they can be kind to one another (Ephesians 4:32).

As helpful companions who see their spouse as a precious gift from God, together they get to face the blessings, trials, and unexpected surprises of life, saturate their children with Jesus, serve brothers and sisters in the church, and share the gospel with neighbors, extended families and co-workers. Just as Jesus continues to intentionally pursue and love them, they get to creatively pursue and love each other, building a God-honoring legacy as they grow old together.

Wedded Bliss is Only Possible with Jesus

Not only does the bible begin with a wedding ceremony, it ends with a wedding ceremony! In Revelation 19:6–9, the story of God culminates in Jesus bringing his Bride, the church, home to live with him permanently. Those who have trusted in Christ for salvation throughout history, whether anticipating his first coming or looking back to when he came, will live with him forever.

Revelation speaks, then, of a huge feast. It's the ultimate wedding reception! The food is to die for, the wine is abundant, and the venue is heaven. When God throws a wedding party, he does it right—it will literally be the greatest party of all time! All of it is to celebrate forever the fact that God keeps his promises and loves us with an unceasing love.

This is the hope of your future marriage. In fact, it's the only hope. God, in Jesus, keeps his promises and gives you the strength and courage to love one another just like Jesus first loves you.

Much of what is written here is borrowed from an article by Bruce Ware, published online at: <http://theresurgence.com/2011/04/07/marriage-in-gods-story>.



Guidelines for Weddings at Wawasee Bible

(And Other Miscellaneous Info)

We Will Only Perform/Allow Christian Weddings @ Wawasee Bible

Because of the bible's teaching about marriage and our convictions on it, we will only allow Christian weddings at Wawasee Bible where Jesus is lifted up and the groom and bride each know Jesus and are each submitted to his love and authority.

The Last Day of Your Marriage is More Important than the 1st Day

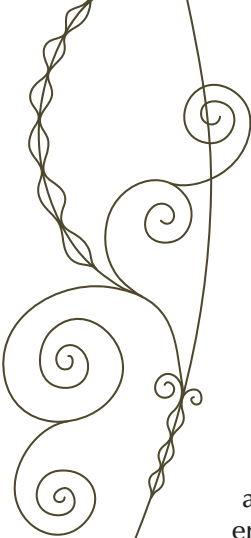
We want your first day of marriage—your wedding day—to be awesome! But we're a whole lot more concerned that the *last day* of your marriage finds you faithful to one another and to Jesus. So while we want to help you prepare for your wedding day, we desire even more to help you prepare for the last day. It's really easy to get swept up in the busyness of planning for a wedding and in the process forget that you really need to be planning for a marriage.

Toward this end we require that as a couple you receive biblical pre-marital counseling before you can be married at Wawasee Bible. If you are married by a pastor from Wawasee Bible this will include:

- A relationship assessment from Prepare-Enrich and practical relationship coaching to follow either with a pastor or a marriage mentor couple from within the church. These couples have demonstrated a healthy relationship and faithfulness to each other and to Jesus over many years of marriage. Their heart is to serve you as you prepare for a lifetime of marriage together.
- Training from a pastor on the biblical covenant of marriage. This will include some reading, watching videos, and completing homework as a couple.
- Help as needed in planning and organizing your wedding day at Wawasee Bible.
- Those who complete the counseling process and are approved for marriage at Wawasee Bible will also be given a copy of Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University to help them in their financial lives together. This is a gift from the church to help a new couple with what is often one of the biggest—if not the biggest—stressors for new couples in our culture.

Concerning Divorce & Remarriage

God's heart is that no one ever get divorced. In fact, Scripture is clear that God hates divorce (Malachi 2:16). We affirm, however, that there are biblical grounds for divorce, but they are very exclusive. Scripture gives clear and specific guidelines for re-marriage that we are obligated to follow. For those who have been previously married, divorced on biblical grounds, and seek to be remarried, our elders will consider each case on an individual basis, asking the party/parties involved to provide additional information to help make a wise decision. We will not remarry



those who it is determined were un-biblically divorced and whose previous marriage covenant is still open for restoration.

Concerning Sexual Purity and Cohabitation

The Bible is clear that God designed sex solely for the fulfillment, oneness, and enjoyment of a man and woman within their marriage covenant. Sexual relations outside of this covenant of marriage is both a distortion of God's creation and it is sin. (Hebrews 13:4)

If a couple applies to be married at Wawasee Bible it will be expected that they covenant themselves to sexual purity—fleeing even from the appearance of sexual immorality (1 Thessalonians 5:22)—until they have entered into their marriage covenant before God. Couples who are living together will be asked to live apart for a period of time and remain sexually pure until they are married. Occasionally we will give cohabitating couples the option of being immediately married by a pastor, and then conduct a marriage ceremony at a later date once they fulfill the other pre-marital requirements after the fact, including counseling. This is most common when a man and woman are living together and have children together.


If you and your spouse-to-be are currently living together, we exhort you to repent, move apart, and remain sexually pure until your wedding day. If this is you, you can expect to be asked to move apart before we will consider your application to be married at Wawasee Bible.

For Non-Members of Wawasee Bible

If you are not a member of Wawasee Bible, you are still welcome to use our facility for your wedding and/or be married by one of our pastors. However, priority will always be given to those who are members of and committed to Wawasee Bible.

Associated fees for non-members of the church are slightly higher than those for church members. See the Fee Schedule on pages 10-11 for more information.

Dates



Dates for weddings can be applied for up to 24 months in advance, **however due to our ministry schedule these dates cannot and will not be confirmed until 6-12 months in advance.** Priority for use of our facility is always given to ministry needs. We can usually confirm the availability of most dates 12 months in advance.

Process for Being Married at Wawasee Bible

If you desire to be married by a pastor or elder from Wawasee Bible...

1. Read This Booklet

Step one is to read through this booklet in its entirety. If you've made it this far, you're almost done!

2. Affirm Wawasee Bible's Biblical Convictions Concerning Marriage

Let's just be honest and upfront... If you disagree with us on our biblical convictions and/or our guidelines concerning marriage (as laid out in this booklet), it's probably best for you to move on and consider being married somewhere else. It's not that we don't love you, we do! But we love Jesus even more. Our greatest desire is to obey his commands as laid out in Scripture, and one day God will hold us accountable for these things.

3. Complete A Marriage Application

If you like what you've read and we're in agreement, then fill out the Marriage Application (pg. 19-22) in this booklet and return it to the church office. After your application is received, our elders will review it and you can expect a response within 30 days. Please note, however, that on some occasions it may take longer than 30 days and you're welcome to contact us at any time.

4. Payment of Fees

Within 30 days of your Marriage Application being approved, you will be required to pay your security deposit. Failure to do so will result in your application being voided. This can be paid in person at the church office, or you may mail a check to the church office. All other fees will be due 21 days prior to your wedding date. (See Fee Schedule on pages 10-11.)

5. Pre-Marital Counseling

Before being married you will be required to enter into a minimum of 3-4 pre-marital counseling sessions with a pastor or elder from Wawasee Bible.. This will also include an online Prepare-Enrich relationship assessment, possible marriage mentor coaching, and pastoral training (including reading, videos, and homework) on the biblical covenant of marriage. Additional sessions may be scheduled and required based on the first three sessions. If at anytime during this process a pastor or elder determines you and/or your spouse are not ready for marriage, not fit for marriage together, and/or are not spiritually compatible for marriage, he may remove himself from performing the marriage and cancel your wedding at Wawasee Bible. In this event he will give counsel to you regarding his reasons. Your wedding may also be cancelled for failure to fulfill the pre-marital commitments/requirements agreed to in your Marriage Application and laid out in this booklet.

*If you desire to be married at Wawasee Bible by a pastor **not** from Wawasee Bible...*

1. Read This Booklet

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3. Your Pastor Must Affirm Wawasee Bible's Biblical Convictions Concerning Marriage

4. Complementarianism

Theologically, Wawasee Bible holds firmly to a complementarian view of gender roles as it relates to family and spiritual/church leadership. As part of this, we believe God's Word limits the role of elder/pastor to men alone. Therefore we will only allow pastors who also hold this view to marry couples at Wawasee Bible and we will not allow women to perform marriages. Again, we're just trying to lay out clearly for you who we are, what we believe, and where we stand on the front end. If you want more information concerning this issue, we'd be glad to talk with you about it.

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7. Pre-Marital Counseling

If you're being married by a pastor from outside of Wawasee Bible, you have two options. First, you can go through the pre-marital counseling process at Wawasee Bible as outlined above. Second, you can seek biblical pre-marital counseling at another church or from a Christian counselor. In this event, the pastor or counselor doing your pre-marital counseling must affirm this on your Marriage Application.

(It should be noted that your Marriage Application and use of our facility will not be approved without affirmation by you, your spouse, and your marrying pastor (and possibly counselor) of points 2., 3., 4., and 7. above.)



Fee Schedule

Required Fees

1. Deposit:

A refundable deposit of \$200 is to be paid within 30 days of your Marriage Application approval. This reserves your date. This amount will be applied to other fees when they come due. In the event that your wedding is cancelled, a full refund can be obtained up to 6 months in advance. For weddings cancelled 1-6 months in advance, the couple can obtain a refund of 50% of their deposit. No refund will be given for weddings cancelled within 30 days of the wedding date.

2. Pastor:

If you're being married by a pastor of Wawasee Bible...

MEMBERS: \$0 (you may still offer an honorarium, but no fee is required.)
NON-MEMBERS: \$150

If you're being married by a pastor not from Wawasee Bible...

MEMBERS & NON-MEMBERS: \$150 minimum honorarium

3. Facility:

This fee covers rental, and all facility cleaning and coordination fees.

MEMBERS: \$200
NON-MEMBERS: \$300

4. Sound/Video Tech from Wawasee Bible:

MEMBERS: \$50
NON-MEMBERS: \$75

Other Potential Fees:

1. Musicians

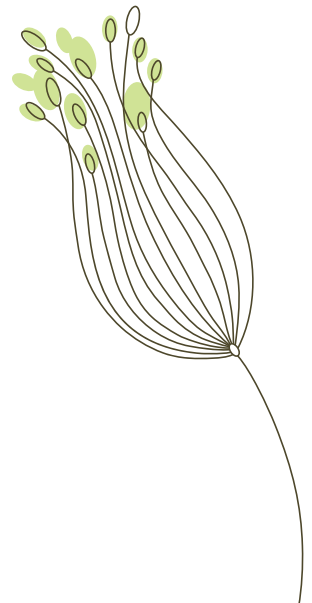
You are required to secure musicians on your own. Wawasee Bible has a grand piano that is available for use. We have it tuned 3 times a year. If you or your musicians require it to be tuned prior to your wedding, there is an additional \$150 fee. (Unless you or your musician is an audiofile, you should be just fine without getting it tuned. :)) We suggest you offer at least a \$50 honorarium per musician if other fees have not been negotiated with them previously.

2. Counselling

For those receiving their pre-marital counselling through Wawasee Bible, there is the potential of some material fees for books, resources, assessments, etc. Because these might vary from couple to couple, they have not been listed here. Any counselling fees will be minimal, however, and can be negotiated on a case by case basis.

Items of Note:

- **Deposits are due within 30 days of the Marriage Application approval.** If not paid within 30 days, the wedding will be at risk of cancelation.
- **The balance of all fees is due 21 days before the wedding date.**
- All fees should be made payable to **Wawasee Community Bible Church.**
- Checks will be cut from Wawasee Community Bible Church to individuals and given to the wedding couple for distribution the week prior to your wedding date.



Marriage Reading Resource Guide

For Before You Are Married...

Doing Things Right in Matters of the Heart by John Ensor

Gets singles thinking about reality of marriage.

Boy Meets Girl by Josh Harris

Good, practical book regarding courtship.

Gift Wrapped by God by Linda Dillow and Lorraine Pintus

Why sexual purity before marriage matters.

What He Must Be if He Wants to Marry My Daughter by Voddie Baucham

Every man interested in marriage should read this book.

Marriage in General...

God, Marriage and Family by Andreas Kostenberger and David Jones

Definitive book on the Biblical doctrines of marriage and family.

Love That Lasts by Gary and Betsy Ricucci

Practical book that addresses Biblical purpose of marriage, roles of husbands and wives, communication and the necessity of grace.

Sacred Marriage by Gary Thomas

Gives a clear representation of how a Biblical marriage can reflect Christ if the focus is holiness and not personal happiness.

This Momentary Marriage by John Piper

Based on a sermon series on marriage by Pastor Piper.

Biblical Roles of Husbands and Wives...

Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood by John Piper and Wayne Grudem

Definitive collection of essays and articles by leading complementarian authors, teachers, and pastors describing what the Bible says about gender roles in culture, marriage, and the church.

Each for the Other by Bryan Chapell

Excellent explanation of what true Biblical headship and submission look like in a Biblical marriage.

What's the Difference? by John Piper

Examines the similarities and differences between men and women.

Biblical Foundations for Manhood and Womanhood by Wayne Grudem

Explains what it means to be equal as image bearers and yet designed by God to have different and distinctive roles.

*Books for Husbands...***Sex, Romance and the Glory of God by C.J. Mahaney**

Quote from the book sums it up: "You must touch the heart and mind of your wife before you touch her body".

Disciplines of a Godly Man by Kent Hughes

Good book addressing a disciplined life for a man, something many men struggle with.

*Books for Wives***Feminine Appeal by Carolyn Mahaney**

Describes the virtues of a Godly woman based on Titus 2.

Biblical Womanhood in the Home edited by Nancy Leigh DeMoss

Collection of essays by leading complementarian women leaders and authors who the danger of feminism and calls women to their true Biblical identity as an image bearer of God.

Creative Counterpart by Linda Dillow

A practical discussion on ordering priorities in a woman's life.

Disciplines of a Godly Wife by Barbara Hughes

Practical ways for a Godly wife to serve her family.

Sin and Communication...

When Sinners Say "I Do" by Dave Harvey

Repeatedly points to the power of the Gospel in building and saving marriages.

How to Act Right When Your Spouse Acts Wrong by Leslie Vernick

Teaches how to pursue Christ and your spouse even in the midst of a difficult marriage.

War of Words by Paul Tripp

Describes the harmful affects of sinful communication and speaks of how God can redeem our words to bring Him glory and enrich our relationships with others.

Humility: True Greatness by C.J. Mahaney

Addressing our sin of pride and how humility is true strength.

Sexual Intimacy

A Celebration of Sex by Douglas Rosenau

Very thorough look at the gift of sex for a married couple.

Red Hot Monogamy by Bill and Pam Farrel

Explores the beauty of Godly sex, romance, and intimacy.

Sex and the Supremacy of Christ edited by John Piper and Justin Taylor

Collection of essays written by some of the most prominent leaders in the church today describing the Godly design and creation of sex.

Parents and Children...

Shepherding a Child's Heart by Tedd Tripp

Raising children while focusing on the condition of their heart.

Instructing a Child's Heart by Ted Tripp

Tripp's continuance of the above title.

Age of Opportunity by Paul Tripp

Building your relationship with your teenager.

Family Driven Faith by Voddie Bauchman

Raising kids, raising a family focused on Christ.

Birth Control...

Does the Birth Control Pill Cause Abortion? by Randy Alcorn

A frank discussion of the possible abortive affect of the pill.

The Contraception Guidebook by William Cutrer

Written by a Christian physician.

Taking Charge of Your Fertility by Toni Weschler

Natural family planning.

Heart Change through the Gospel...

How People Change by Paul Tripp and Tim Lane

Defines the process of transformation in a person's life by the power of the Gospel.

Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands by Paul Tripp

Describes how a Christian can be used by God to guide someone to true Gospel, Jesus-centered change.

The Quest for More by Paul Tripp

Challenges us to seek after the immensity of God's kingdom.

The Cross-Centered Life by C.J. Mahaney

What it looks like to live a life centered in Jesus.

Finances...

Total Money Makeover by Dave Ramsey

Very simple, practical help for anyone trying to get a grip on their personal finances.

Wedding Application

After reading through the Marriage booklet, fill out this form and return it to the Church Office to apply to have your wedding at Wawasee Bible.

Requested Date

What Date Are You Requesting? (Month, Day, Year) _____

For The Man...

Name: _____

Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Primary Phone (home/cell): _____

Occupation & Employer: _____

Have you been married before? Yes No (circle one)

If yes, explain the circumstances and attach to this form.

Do you have children? Yes No (circle one)

If yes, please explain the circumstances, children's names & ages, and attach to this form.

For The Woman...

Name: _____

Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Primary Phone (home/cell): _____

Occupation & Employer: _____

Have you been married before? Yes No (circle one)

If yes, explain the circumstances and attach to this form.

Do you have children? Yes No (circle one)

If yes, please explain the circumstances, children's names & ages, and attach to this form.

For the Man & Woman Together...

How long have you known each other? _____

How long have you been together as a couple? _____

When were you engaged? _____

Are you **members** / **attendees** / **non-attendees** of Wawasee Bible? (circle one)

If non-attendees, please list anyone either of you might know from Wawasee Bible who could give you a reference. (If neither of you know anyone at Wawasee Bible, just indicate that here.)

Signed Affirmations...

We have read the Wawasee Bible Marriage booklet in its entirety and affirm the biblical convictions, guidelines, and expectations of Wawasee Bible concerning marriage as outlined in the booklet.

Man: _____ (signed) Date: _____

Woman: _____ (signed) Date: _____

We understand that our wedding application will be subject to approval by the pastors and elders of Wawasee Bible.

Man: _____ (signed) Date: _____

Woman: _____ (signed) Date: _____

Pre-Marital Counselling

Do you intend to do your pre-marital counselling through Wawasee Bible?

Yes No (circle one)

If you are not receiving biblical pre-marital counseling from Wawasee Bible, please indicate where you intend to receive counseling below. The pastor or counselor must sign this form as well to affirm that they are committed to helping you prepare for your marriage covenant.

Church/Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Website: _____

Pastor/Counselor's Name & Title: _____

Pastor/Counselor: Please read the Wawasee Bible Marriage booklet and be sure you affirm the same biblical convictions as it relates to the Gospel and the covenant of marriage as we do at Wawasee Bible. We may or may not contact you at some point regarding these matters and/or the couple being married as we review their application. After reading the booklet, please affirm your agreement with it by signing your name below.

I have read the Wawasee Bible Marriage booklet in its entirety and affirm the biblical convictions, guidelines, and expectations of Wawasee Bible concerning marriage as outlined in the booklet. I am committing to working with this couple, providing biblical counsel, instruction, and coaching to help them prepare for a lifetime of marriage.

Pastor/Counselor: _____ (signed)

Date: _____

If you are not married by a pastor from Wawasee Bible, the pastor marrying you must fill out the following information:

For the Marrying Pastor...

Name: _____

Title: _____

Church: _____

Church Address: _____

Office Phone: _____

Email: _____

Pastor: Please read the Wawasee Bible Marriage booklet and be sure you affirm the same biblical convictions as it relates to the Gospel and the covenant of marriage as we do at Wawasee Bible. We may or may not contact you at some point regarding these matters and/or the couple being married as we review their application. After reading the booklet, please affirm your agreement with it by signing your name below.

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Pastor: _____ (signed) Date: _____



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