



## **Request for Pastor to Perform Wedding**

We believe that marriage was designed by God for our benefit, His purposes, and His glory (Genesis 2; Colossians 3:17).

God created marriage for one man and one woman to enter into an exclusive covenant and physical union for life, and though we believe that He created marriage as a common grace (1 Peter 3:7), it was also designed to reflect the loving and sacrificial relationship of Jesus Christ with His Church (Ephesians 5:22-31).

Therefore, marriage is sacred and not to be entered into without discernment and thoughtful consideration.

It is our desire at Stonebriar Community Church to help you begin your marriage on the best foundation possible: A lifelong and joyous relationship with Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 13:11-15).

**Below is Stonebriar Community Churches statement about marriage and human sexuality.**

### **Marriage and Human Sexuality**

We regard marriage as a part of God's good creation and marriage within the Church as a rite and institution tied directly to our foundational belief of God as Creator who made us male and female. We also regard marriage as a sacred institution which reflects the mysterious and wonderful bond between Christ and His Church. Marriage is more than a contract between two persons (a secular notion). It is a covenant based upon promises between one man and one woman and finds its divinely intended expression in the "one flesh" covenant union of husband and wife. We therefore will only authorize and recognize heterosexual marriages.

We are committed to the home and family as set forth in Holy Scripture. We believe God has ordained and created marriage to exist between one man and one woman, with absolute marital fidelity. The Bible sets forth specific home and family values, which include the distinct roles of husbands and wives, fathers and mothers, and children. It is our firm conviction that we uphold the dignity of each individual as we embrace the unchanging and longstanding principles of scriptural truth.<sup>1</sup>

(Genesis 1:26–28, 2:18–24; Exodus 20:14; Leviticus 18:7–23, Leviticus 20:10–21; Deuteronomy 5:18; Matthew 5:27–28, 11:28–30, 15:19, 19:4–9; Mark 10:5–9; Romans 1:26–32, 3:23, 12:10; 1 Corinthians 6:9–13, 10:13, 12:12–13; Galatians 5:19; Ephesians 2:1–10, 4:17–19, 5:25–27 and 31–33; Colossians 3:5; 1 Thessalonians 4:3; 1 Timothy 5:1–2; Hebrews 2:17–18, 4:14–16, 13:4; Revelation 19:7–9, 21:2)

<sup>1</sup>**Marriage**—Stonebriar Community Church believes that Scripture defines marriage as the permanent, exclusive, comprehensive, and conjugal "one flesh" covenant union between one man and one woman, intrinsically ordered to procreation and family, and in furtherance of the moral, spiritual, and public good

of binding father, mother, and child. (Genesis 1:27–28, Genesis 2:18–24, Matthew 19:4–9, Mark 10:5–9, Ephesians 5:31–33)

**Sexual Immorality**—Stonebriar Community Church believes that sexual acts outside marriage are sinful. Consequently, Stonebriar Community Church members should resist and refrain from any and all sexual acts outside marriage—including but not limited to adultery, fornication, cohabitation (living together while not legally married), and homosexuality. (Exodus 20:14, Leviticus 18:7–23, Leviticus 20:10–21, Deuteronomy 5:18, Matthew 15:19, Matthew 5:27–28, Matthew 15:19, Romans 1:26–27, 1 Corinthians 6:9–13, 1 Thessalonians 4:3, Hebrews 13:4, Galatians 5:19, Ephesians 4:17–19, Colossians 3:5)

**Sexual Identity**—Stonebriar Community Church believes that God created mankind in His image: male (man) and female (woman), sexually different but with equal personal dignity. Consequently, Stonebriar Community Church members should affirm their biological sex and refrain from any and all attempts to physically change, alter, or disagree with their predominant biological sex. (Genesis 1:26–28, Romans 1:26–32, 1 Corinthians 6:9–11)

**Sexual Orientation**—Stonebriar Community Church believes that God created and ordered human sexuality to the permanent, exclusive, comprehensive, and conjugal “one flesh” covenant union of man and woman. Consequently, Stonebriar Community Church members should affirm the sexual complementarity of man and woman and resist any and all same-sex sexual attractions and refrain from any and all same-sex sexual acts or conduct. (Genesis 1:27, Genesis 2:24, Matthew 19:4–6, Mark 10:5–9, Romans 1:26–27, 1 Corinthians 6:9–11, Ephesians 5:25–27, Revelation 19:7–9, Revelation 21:2)

**Sexual Redemption**—Stonebriar Community Church believes that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God and encourages all to come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ by grace alone through faith in Him and to live our lives unto Christ redemptively through putting off sin and putting on Christ by the word of God in the power of the Holy Spirit. As members of Stonebriar Community Church, we are all broken by sin and each of us struggles with its effects in our lives and relationships. Yet, the regeneration, sanctification, and justification that are ours by faith in Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, allow us to walk in complete forgiveness and provide true hope that in Christ our lives can be transformed and redeemed (I Corinthians 6:9–11). In grace, Stonebriar Community Church members should welcome and treat with respect, compassion, and sensitivity all who experience same-sex attractions or confess sexually immoral acts but are committed to resisting sexual temptation, refraining from sexual immorality, and conforming their behavior consistent with the teaching and admonition of scripture as affirmed in the Stonebriar Community Church Statement of Faith. (Matthew 11:28–30, Romans 3:23, Ephesians 2:1–10, I Corinthians 10:13, Hebrews 2:17–18, Hebrews 4:14–16)

**Celibacy**—Stonebriar Community Church believes that the Holy Scripture grants two life-enhancing options for human sexual behavior: (1) the conjugal “one flesh” marital covenant union of one man and one woman, and (2) celibacy. Both are gifts from God, given as He wills for His glory and the good of those who receive and rejoice in His gift to them. Celibacy and faithful singleness is to be celebrated and affirmed. (Genesis 1:27–28; 2:18. 21–24; Matthew 19:4–6; Mark 10:5–8; Hebrews 13:4; 1 Corinthians 7:1–8; Matthew 19:12; 1 Corinthians 12:12–13; Romans 12:10; 1 Timothy 5:1–2)

**Religious Ceremony**—Stonebriar Community Church, for itself and each of its ministers and pastors, reserves the right to refuse to participate in any religious ceremony of any kind, or to facilitate any union or other conduct, that involves a relationship or other conduct contrary to these religious tenets.

**We have read and agree with the preceding statements:**

**Bride's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Groom's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

As pastors, it is our preference and practice to meet with a couple and talk with them regarding their commitment to marriage before we commit to performing a wedding.

*In an effort to help facilitate this process, please take a moment and complete the following:*

Bride's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member of Stonebriar: Yes No

Member/Attendee at another church? If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_

Groom's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member of Stonebriar: Yes No

Member/Attendee at another church? If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been engaged? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you attended the Marriage Foundations class at Stonebriar Community Church? Yes No

Have you had any pre-marital counseling? Yes No

Are you willing to attend pre-marital counseling before you are married? Yes No

Bride, briefly describe your own spiritual journey. (Are you trusting in Christ alone as your savior? etc...)

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Groom, briefly describe your spiritual journey. (Are you trusting in Christ alone as your savior? etc...)

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Are you currently cohabiting (living together)? Yes No

Bride, have you been married before? If so, how long? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, when was your divorce? \_\_\_\_\_

Groom, have you been married before? If so, how long? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, when was your divorce? \_\_\_\_\_

Bride, do you have children? Yes No

If so, do they currently live with you? Yes No

Groom, do you have children? Yes No

If so, do they currently live with you? Yes No

Have you set a date for your wedding? If so, please provide the following information:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit the best way to contact the bride and groom.

Bride's Contact Information

Groom's Contact Information

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_