

THE ENGAGEMENT COVENANT

Believing that marriage is a holy and sacred gift from God between a man and woman (Genesis 1:27), it is our desire that couples approach marriage according to biblical standards and in a way that is pleasing to God. In this regard, Pastors reserve the right to decline officiating a wedding if couples do not agree with the “engagement covenant” which includes the following:

1. A Covenant of Belief – Believing that God has intended Christians to marry only Christians, we require that both bride and groom individually come to an understanding and acceptance of Christ’s sacrificial death, and that commitment to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be made evident. (II Corinthians 6:14-16; Romans 10:9-10)
2. A Covenant of Purity – Believing that the sexual relationship has been designed and intended for marriage, we ask that you agree to abstain from any sexual relationship until after the wedding. Furthermore, believing that living arrangements that include cohabitation prior to the wedding is a compromise of your Christian witness, we ask that you agree to maintain separate living arrangements until after the wedding. (I Corinthians 6:9-11; I Corinthians 8:1-3)
3. A Covenant of Faithfulness – Believing that the Church is God’s greenhouse to grow strong marriages, we ask that you find a place of involvement in His Church, the Body of Christ, and pursue a lifestyle of faithfulness to your church family. (Hebrews 10:19-25)

I have reviewed the Engagement Covenant above and agree to abide by the terms set forth.

Bride’s Signature

Date

Groom’s Signature

Date