



Creekside's Marrying Position Statement

Please check each statement as you read it together.

1. Marriage is a sacred covenant established by God to teach a man and woman to love each other with God's kind of love, for better or for worse, for a lifetime. Marriage is not a 50/50 proposition, but a 100% commitment of one person to the love and betterment of the other.
2. An authentic growing relationship with God through Jesus Christ provides a firm spiritual foundation that gives an individual guidance and power to better relate to a spouse and to grow in love and commitment for a lifetime.
3. Pre-marital preparation and early marriage support can make a significant difference in the long-term health and viability of a marriage. For this reason all couples married through Creekside must participate in premarital counseling and attend the church sponsored pre-marriage retreat.
4. Creekside will marry two professing Christians or two people who are not professing Christians with similar spiritual desires, but we cannot, in good conscience, marry a couple where only one is a professing Christian. This is based on our understanding of 2 Corinthians 6:14 (two people heading in different spiritual directions) and our experience with the tension created from a couple not sharing a common spiritual foundation and spiritual life direction. (There may be exceptions to this position, but they are rare. You are welcome to speak with your officiate about this.)
5. We believe that God's ideal for our sexuality is for it to be expressed in the monogamous exclusive commitment of marriage. Pre-marital sex often masks issues and keeps couples from learning emotional intimacy, friendship and communication independent of sexual intimacy. If a couple is dependent on a sexual relationship to be happy and content together before marriage, the more important foundations for a lasting marriage are often underdeveloped. For these reasons, we ask couples to honor God's expressed desire for their sexuality (Hebrews 13:4) and abstain from sexual intimacy, whether from the beginning of the relationship or from this moment on, until their marriage.
6. Creekside wants you to know if, for any reason, we do not perform your wedding ceremony, our desire as a church is to offer you the tools and resources you need to have a healthy, lasting marriage God intends for you.

We are in agreement with the statements in this document.

We have a question about one or more of the statements.

WEDDING INQUIRY - COUPLE INFORMATION SHEET

Today's Date _____

Date of Wedding _____ Time _____

Location of Ceremony (Place and City) _____

Location and Time of Reception _____

Address of Couple after Wedding _____

Phone Number _____

GROOM:

Full Name (print) _____ Phone # _____

Full Address _____ City _____

Marital Status: Never married ____ Widower ____ Divorced ____ Email _____

Place of Birth _____ Age _____
(Province, Country) (On date of wedding)

Occupation _____ Birth Date _____

Religious Denomination _____ Citizenship _____

Father's Full Name _____ Place of Birth _____
(Province, Country)Mother's Full Name _____ Place of Birth _____
(Maiden Surname) (Province, Country)

Name and Address of Witness _____

BRIDE:

Full Name (print) _____ Phone # _____

Full Address _____ City _____

Marital Status: Never married ____ Widower ____ Divorced ____ Email _____

Place of Birth _____ Age _____
(Province, Country) (On date of wedding)

Occupation _____ Birth Date _____

Religious Denomination _____ Citizenship _____

Father's Full Name _____ Place of Birth _____
(Province, Country)Mother's Full Name _____ Place of Birth _____
(Maiden Surname) (Province, Country)

Name and Address of Witness _____

Do you attend Creekside? YES ____ NO ____ If so, for how long? _____

Are you currently serving in ministry at Creekside? YES ____ NO ____

If so, in what areas? _____

Are you in LifeGroup? YES ____ NO ____ If so, who is your LifeGroup leader? _____

Have you ever been married before? If so, for how long and when did the marriage end (date of divorce, annulment, etc)? _____

Do you have children? If so, how many and what are their ages? _____

Please describe your current relationship with God, or your current spiritual desires or concerns _____

QUESTIONS FOR THE COUPLE:

How long have you dated/known each other? _____

Do you have a Creekside pastor that you would like to request to perform your wedding ceremony?



Jeff Austen,
Adult Ministry Leader ☐



Pete Maddocks, Co-Lead
Teaching Pastor ☐



Chris Burge, Co-Lead
Executive Pastor ☐



Brennan Sharrow
Young Adults Pastor ☐



Rob Gast, Welcoming
& Missions Pastor ☐



Paul Williams
Communications Pastor ☐

PLEASE NOTE: The suggested minimum honorarium for a Creekside pastor is \$400. Speak with your officiating pastor if you have any questions regarding that.

Do you have any questions for us?

