

# Pre-Marital Application



Dear Bride & Groom:

Congratulations regarding your decision to marry and start a new life together! Thank you for considering us as your ministry team for this great event! We are honored and will do our best to prepare you for both your wedding day celebration as well as your future together as husband and wife.

Please read through this "Wedding Packet" and complete the applications provided, returning them to our office as soon as possible. You'll also find other documents which will need your signatures before we can move ahead. Be sure to include them with your returned applications. We'll review your materials and contact you in follow-up to your request, or feel free to call us.

Thank you and God bless you!

The Pastoral Staff of Lebanon  
Area Evangelical Free Church.



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6. The LAEFC Board has compiled a “schedule of fees” regarding weddings conducted at this church. Your sensitivity to that document is appreciated.
  
7. Please note that the LAEFC pastoral staff reserves the right to withdraw or postpone agreement to perform any marriage, AT ANY TIME IN THE PREMARITAL PROCESS, if in its judgment, they believe a couple is not emotionally, mentally or spiritually ready for marriage. Under those circumstances, such consideration will be brought to the couples attention as soon as the staff comes to the conclusion and counsel will be offered as to the best way to proceed. Your signature on this document acknowledges your understanding of this statement and your agreement to accept it as a stipulation for being married at this church.
  
8. The LAEFC pastoral staff recognizes that weddings are ‘family events,’ and therefore, there are those occasions when parents, friends, or other relatives of the bride or groom sometimes contact our staff with ‘concerns’ or ‘advise’ regarding the bride and groom. When this occurs, our policy will be to suggest that the person meet with the bride and groom and if necessary, with the pastor of the church, for open disclosure and discussion of any concerns being voiced. The pastoral staff will strive to avoid being “triangled” between the bride and groom and other family members, and instead re-route communication in a more direct fashion.

Thank you and God bless you! We are here to serve you, seeking to do so in a God honoring fashion, with our ultimate goal being to prepare you for your new life together. Join us as we work diligently to that end!

The Pastoral Staff of the Lebanon Area Evangelical Free Church

Your signature below indicates your willingness to abide by these guidelines and submit to LAEFC leadership through out this premarital process.

Groom’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bride’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **Application For The Bride**



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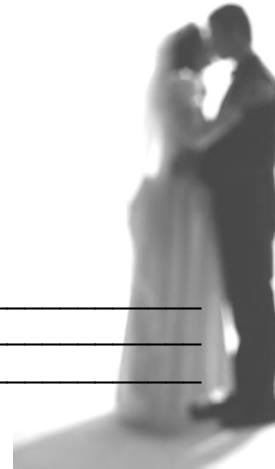
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## Lebanon Area Evangelical Free Church Wedding Policy

The goal of the Pastoral Staff of LAEFC is not merely to perform wedding ceremonies, but rather to help establish solid, Christian marriages. With that in mind, please read the following guidelines designed to help facilitate your understanding of our values as church leaders, as we believe God intends regarding healthy marriages.

1. LAEFC pastoral staff will perform weddings if both the bride and groom submit to the overall pre-marital counseling process as outlined in the pamphlet entitled "What Can You Expect From Lebanon Area Evangelical Free Church When It Comes To Your Premarital Counseling Experience." (included with this packet.)
2. LAEFC pastoral staff will perform weddings if both the bride and groom profess to be Christians. (followers of Jesus Christ) and have never been married before or are widowed.
3. LAEFC Pastoral Staff cannot, in good conscience, perform a wedding for a couple if they believe one person is a Christian and the other is not.
4. In the event that couples applying for marriage, where one or the other party has been divorced, LAEFC pastoral staff will perform a wedding ceremony provided the divorce occurred due to infidelity. Divorces secured for reasons other than that, will be taken on a case-by case basis and couples will defer to the judgment of the pastor's) of LAEFC as to whether or not the wedding ceremony can be performed.
5. LAEFC Pastoral Staff cannot perform wedding ceremonies for couples who are cohabitating-living together- or engaging in premarital sex. If this applies in your situation or if you should begin a sexual or cohabitating relationship prior to the wedding ceremony while in the course of this premarital process, you will be asked to separate and refrain from such activities until the ceremony has been conducted. The Pastoral staff reserves the right to withdraw from this process- and not perform your ceremony- if they believe you are choosing to maintain a sexual or cohabiting relationship prior to being legally married.

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