

# FBCM Marriage Ceremony Policy

The following is the policy and pre-requisites of First Baptist Church of Mandarin for marriage ceremonies performed by the Pastoral Staff of First Baptist Church of Mandarin.

1. The future groom or bride must be a full member of First Baptist Church of Mandarin.
2. All couples are required to attend at least 4 premarital counseling sessions offered by the FBCM Pastoral Staff prior to the marriage ceremony.
3. The date for the marriage ceremony must be at least one month from the last counseling session.
4. Persons living together prior to marriage will NOT be married in the sanctuary. The marriage ceremony may be performed in the chapel, boardroom, or minister’s office.
5. Pastors will NOT knowingly marry “unequally yoked” (one person saved, the other unsaved) couples.

	<u>Groom Information</u>	<u>Bride Information</u>
Name	_____	_____
Church Home	_____	_____
Primary Number	_____	_____
FBCM Member	No Yes for _____ years	No Yes for _____ years

Who would you like to perform your pre-marital counseling?

Pastor Gary L. Williams, Sr.       Pastor Steve Newbill       Pastor Karl Hodges, Sr.

Who would you like to perform your wedding ceremony?

Pastor Gary L. Williams, Sr.      Pastor Steve Newbill      Pastor Karl Hodges, Sr.

Desired Wedding Date    1<sup>st</sup> choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> choice \_\_\_\_\_

Where will your wedding ceremony take place?

FBCM       Other \_\_\_\_\_

\*In order to enter into a God-honoring Christian marriage relationship, if you are currently living together AND/OR are sexually active with each other, we would ask that you agree to live separately AND/OR refrain from further sexual activity until your wedding night in order to focus your attention and energies on building a God-honoring relationship during your engagement period and a firmer foundation for your future marriage.

By signing below you acknowledge you will comply with **all** of the above statements.

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<b>Groom/Date</b>	<b>Bride/Date</b>
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**Upon completion return this form to the FBCM Executive Secretary  
fax 904-268-5321**