



## 2-B-1 Registration Forms

1. **Please use this form to register for the 2-B-1 program. (Note: this program is designed for engaged couples only.)**
2. **Brides and grooms must complete the form 2 individually.**
3. **Brides, grooms, and accountability partners must read, complete and sign the Purity Covenant.**
3. **Please return the completed forms & your payment for the program via one of the methods below:**

### **In Person:**

You can drop off your completed applications in the church office during regular office hours or at the info booth on Sunday mornings.

### **By Email:**

[jay@abcchurch.org](mailto:jay@abcchurch.org) (please submit your check in person or via mail)

### **By US Mail:**

Atascadero Bible Church  
Attn: 2-B-1  
P.O. Box 987  
Atascadero, CA 93423

Please make your check payable to 'ABC' and write '2B1' in the memo line. Please see below for program fee.

## **2-B-1 PROGRAM STRUCTURE**

The 2-B-1 program consists of three primary parts: classroom instruction (two weekends), regular meetings with a mentor couple, and meetings with the pastor performing your wedding. You will meet your mentor couple during the weekend sessions during which time we will provide an overview of the topics you will be discussing in detail later with your mentor couple. Premarital mentoring is a crucial foundation for a strong marriage. 2-B-1's premarital mentors have strong marriages and have a passion to walk with couples like you through this season of life. You will meet with your mentor couple for a minimum of 8 sessions prior to your wedding. Your mentor couple will also stay in contact with you on a regular basis after you have completed the study material - including after your wedding - to provide prayer and encouragement as you enter this new stage of life. The 2-B-1 weekend classes and a commitment to the mentoring meetings are required for couples who are getting married at/through ABC.

## **2-B-1 TOPICS**

You may attend any 2-B-1 weekend classes that are held prior to your wedding, and we encourage couples to begin the program as early in the engagement as possible. The program consists of 10 hours of classroom sessions (two Friday evenings and two Saturday mornings), followed by multiple mentor meetings. Topics include (but are not limited to): Biblical foundations

of marriage, expectations, roles, personality, communication, family, finances, and sexual intimacy.

**2009 CLASS DATES – Fri-Sat, Feb. 28-29 & Fri-Sat, Mar. 6-7**

**WINTER 2009 2-B-1 CLASS SCHEDULE**

**Sessions 1-2: Kickoff & PREPARE Inventory:** Friday, Feb. 27 from 6:00-9:00pm (Pizza provided)

**Sessions 3-5:** Saturday, Feb. 28 from 9:00am-12:00pm

**Sessions 6-7:** Friday, Mar. 6 from 7:00pm-9:00pm

**Sessions 8-10:** Saturday, Mar. 7 from 9:00am-12:00pm

**Meetings with Your Mentor Couple:** TBD by you and your mentor couple. One meeting will take place during the weekend classes (outside of regular classroom time), and you will then be able to meet with your mentor couple on a regular basis (once every 1-3 weeks) for the period leading up to your wedding and for 2-3 months following your wedding. You should plan enough time to meet with your mentor couple at least 8 times prior to your wedding.

**SPRING 2009 2-B-1 CLASS SCHEDULE: TBD**

**Session 1-2: Kickoff & PREPARE Inventory:** Friday from 6:00-9:00pm (Pizza provided)

**Sessions 3-5:** Saturday, from 9:00am-12:00pm

**Sessions 6-7:** Friday, from 7:00pm-9:00pm

**Sessions 8-10:** Saturday, from 9:00am-12:00pm

**Meetings with Your Mentor Couple:** TBD by you and your mentor couple. One meeting will take place during the class (outside of regular classroom time), and you will then be able to meet with your mentor couple on a regular basis (once every 1-3 weeks) for the period leading up to your wedding and for 2-3 months following your wedding. You will need to plan enough time to meet with your mentor couple at least 10 times prior to your wedding.

**FALL 2009 2-B-1 CLASS SCHEDULE: TBD**

**CLASS FEES & SUBMISSION DEADLINES**

	<b><u>Winter 2009 Class</u></b>	<b><u>Spring 2009 Class</u></b>	<b><u>Fall 2009 Class</u></b>
<b><u>Early bird registration rate (\$100 per couple)</u></b>	Through Sunday, Feb. 22, 2009	TBD	TBD
<b><u>Registration rate for final week of registration (\$125 per couple)</u></b>	From Monday, Feb. 23 through Feb. 27, 2009	TBD	TBD

***Please note that applications must be received in the office by the date listed.***

Costs include classroom instruction and accompanying materials, mentoring sessions (provided free of charge by your mentor couple), a PREPARE inventory (a tool used to identify areas of agreement and differences), pizza at the kick-off session, and brunch/coffee/snacks during the Saturday sessions.



## 2-B-1 Registration Form – Part I

Your name:
Date form was submitted:
Do you attend ABC? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
We would like to receive premarital counseling through the: <input type="checkbox"/> 2-B-1 class. Please specify which class (season/year): _____
Is this a remarriage for either partner? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

*Please attach check here if submitting this form via mail.  
Please send check separately if submitting this form electronically.*

*Thank you!*

### **1. BRIDE'S CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name:
Home Address:
City, State, Zip Code:
Home Phone:
Work Phone:
Cell Phone:
Email:
Birthdate (mm/dd/yy):

### **2. GROOM'S CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name:
Home Address:
City, State, Zip Code:
Home Phone:
Work Phone:
Cell Phone:
Email:
Birthdate (mm/dd/yy):

### **3. WEDDING PLANS.**

The Preparing for Marriage Class is designed for engaged couples.

If your wedding plans are uncertain, please specify as much information as possible and provide your best estimate if plans are still in progress.

<b>Wedding Date</b> (list date and time):
<b>Are you planning to have your ceremony at ABC?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (If you are divorced, please fill out the divorce questionnaire and sign/date the section that says you have read the Atascadero Bible Church Divorce & Remarriage Statement)
<b>Are you planning to have your reception at ABC?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Please list wedding location if not ABC</b> (please include name of church/venue, city and state):
<b>Would you like to request an ABC pastor for your ceremony?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <b>If yes, which pastor? :</b>
<b>Is this pastor currently aware of your desire for him to officiate?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Please note that pastors are not able to commit to officiating a wedding until wedding approval has been granted.</i>
<b>If you are using the ABC facilities but a non-ABC pastor, please have pastor complete and sign the Agreement at back of this packet.</b>

### **4. RELATIONSHIP DETAILS**

1. How long have you and your fiancé(e) known each other?
2. How long have you been dating exclusively?
3. When did you get engaged? (*mm/dd/yy*)
4. Do you attend Atascadero Bible Church?  
(*if you attend another church, please specify which church you attend*)
5. How long have you attended?
6. How frequently do you attend? (*weekly, monthly, occasionally...*)
7. Which service(s) do you attend?  
(*ex.: 9:00 am Sunday*)

8. Are you involved in a particular ministry? If yes, please specify.  
*(ex.: Community Group, Fusion, Women's Ministry, Men's Ministry...)*
9. Have you (or anyone in your family) completed the **membership** process at Atascadero Bible Church?  
*(Membership is not required to get married at/through ABC. Fees for church rental are discounted for couples who have completed membership.)*
10. How did you hear about Atascadero Bible Church's 2-B-1 program?

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The direction and intention of ABC's 2-B-1 marriage preparation program and accompanying policies is to provide instruction based upon God's Word. We believe the Bible is the authority for every area and season of the marriage relationship including its preparation, its progress and its problems. Please read and sign the acknowledgement below.

The 2-B-1 mentor couples are not therapists. Each mentor couple has been called by the Lord to be an instrument through which he/she can work in helping you prepare for marriage. It is their desire to help you build a strong personal relationship with God the Father through Jesus Christ and to help you build a strong God-honoring relationship with your future spouse, as inspired by God's Spirit and Word.

### **Acknowledgement**

I acknowledge that I have read the Atascadero Bible Church wedding policy statement and have completed the 2-B-1 questionnaire and understand it completely. I recognize that the Pastoral staff and mentor couples at Atascadero Bible Church are not licensed professional counselors, psychologists or psychiatrists and their counsel is based on God's Word alone. I also recognize that I am solely responsible for my own actions. I therefore agree that I will not hold Atascadero Bible Church, its staff, or mentors responsible or liable for anything whatsoever connected with the biblical instruction/counsel I am to receive.

- We are entering into a relationship with Atascadero Bible Church to assist us in the development of a life-long, God-honoring Christian marriage. We commit to abide by the Wedding Policy as defined by Atascadero Bible Church.
- We agree to attend weekend sessions and to complete necessary mentor meetings.

Bride's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Groom's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_



5. Has there been alcohol, drug, physical or sexual abuse in your family background?

6. If so, how have these experiences influenced you?

7. Have you discussed these experiences with your fiancé(e)?

8. How will the influences of your family background impact your future marriage?

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### **Spiritual Compatibility**

1. Please describe the key components of your spiritual journey, including your personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

2. How would you describe your fiancé(e)'s spiritual journey and personal relationship with Jesus Christ?

## Intimacy

1. Describe what relational intimacy means to you.
2. Please describe your beliefs regarding sex before marriage, living together prior to marriage, and the current level of sexual activity in your relationship with your fiancé(e).
3. How do you express emotional pain, disagreement and anger in your relationship?

## Other

1. What are the reasons you feel confident that this marriage will be successful?
2. How do the significant people in your life (parents, friends, other family members) respond to this relationship?
3. Have you ever broken off your relationship?  Yes  No If yes, when and why did this happen? Why did you get back together?

### Prior Marriage History

1. Have either of you been married before? Bride: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Groom: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
(If no for both, you may skip this form.)

If yes, were you widowed or divorced? Bride: \_\_\_\_\_ Groom: \_\_\_\_\_

2. If you were divorced, how did it end? Please explain.

Bride:

Groom:

3. Were you and your previous spouse believers at the time of the divorce? Please explain.

Bride:

Groom:

4. When was your divorce finalized? Please give date.

Bride:

Groom:

5. Has your previous spouse remarried? Please explain.

Bride:

Groom:

6. What do you believe contributed to the breakdown of the previous marriage? Please explain.

Bride:

Groom:

7. How have you grown or changed since your last marriage?

Bride:

Groom:

8. Do you have any children from your previous marriage? If so, please give their ages.

Bride:

Groom:

9. What living arrangement has been determined for the children? Please explain.

Bride:

Groom:

10. Is this arrangement a good working relationship for all parties concerned? Please explain.

Bride:

Groom:

11. What do you understand to be your biblical right to remarry? Please explain.

Bride:

Groom:

12. Are there any other details you believe are important for ABC to understand?

Bride:

Groom:

**Thank you for completing this form.**

**Once both you and your fiancé(e)'s 2-B-1 Forms have been received, you will receive an email confirmation regarding your program registration.**

## Purity Covenant (For the Couple)

From the world's viewpoint, maintaining sexual purity before marriage seems like cruel and unusual punishment. Many people consider it strange if a couple does not sleep together before they are married. "After all," they say, "shouldn't they find out whether they are sexually compatible?" However, God's word is very clear about how we ought to act as Christians. Please see the following verses that express God's perspective of sex. (Exodus 20:14; 2 Timothy 2:22; Ephesians 1:4; 1 Peter 1:14-16; 2 Peter 1:5-7; Hebrews 13:4; Philippians 4:8; and Romans 16:19.)

Sexual purity is especially difficult during the engagement period. You have declared your commitment and you naturally want to consummate the relationship. You may even feel married at times. Yet what better opportunity to establish your relationship and build trust in one another by obeying God than on this key point.

Sexual purity means much more than not having sexual intercourse before marriage. Many couples avoid intercourse but are still sexually intimate. Look again at the verses previously mentioned. Scripture defines sexual purity as being morally excellent. And moral excellence means *being holy*. It means avoiding the appearance of evil. It means purity of thought as well as purity of deed. It means protecting one another's innocence from being stained by evil.

**I Thessalonians 4:3-8** *"For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God; and that no man transgress and defraud his brother in the matter because the Lord is the avenger in all these things, just as we also told you before and solemnly warned you. For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification. Consequently, he who rejects this is not rejecting man but the God who gives His Holy Spirit to you."*

**I Corinthians 6:18-20** *"Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore, glorify God in you body."*

**Acts 24:16** *"In view of this, I also do my best to maintain always a blameless conscience both before God and before men."*

**All Couples must Comply to the following:**

**Prerequisites:**

1. Couples may not live together prior to marriage, *if you currently do*; please find other living arrangements prior to participating in ABC's premarital classes/ministry (See 1 Thessalonians 5:22). Your ABC pastor or elder will share with you how this is God's perfect plan for your life together.
2. All couples must be legally divorced from prior marriages and currently single. (see Matthew 5:31-32 and I Corinthians 7).
3. Couples will abstain from pre-marital sex during the courting process and sign the Purity Covenant below. If you have not abstained, it will be addressed during counseling, but you must choose to abstain for the remainder of your engagement in order to proceed (I Thessalonians 4:3).
4. Couples must enlist Accountability Partners to help them keep their Covenant. These partners must sign the Purity Covenant (for accountability partners) below.

I pledge to show my love for my soon-to-be spouse  
in ways that allow both of us to maintain a clear  
conscience before God and each other.

This is our promise of purity (for couple to sign)

Bride: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Groom: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Purity Covenant

(For the Accountability Partners)

By signing this contract, I, the accountability partner, am agreeing with the following statements:

- I believe that Jesus Christ is my personal Lord and Savior (and the only way to heaven is through faith in Jesus Christ).
- I believe that the Bible is the Word of God, useful for edification, reproof, guidance, hope, and faith.
- I agree to hold this individual/couple accountable to having a Godly premarital relationship.
- I agree to meet with one or both individuals (groom to meet with male accountability partner, bride to meet with female accountability partner) weekly to ask them tough questions about how they are doing in keeping each other sexually pure.
- I love this individual/couple, my brother/sister in Christ, and I am committed to demonstrate my love by helping them design a plan on how to resist the temptation to have premarital sex (the exact thing that will ruin their relationship if no boundaries are established).
- I have read this entire contract and I am aware of what is expected from this couple until they are married.

(Please PRINT names & other information clearly)

BRIDE'S Accountability Partner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

BRIDE'S Accountability Partner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

GROOM'S Accountability Partner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

GROOM'S Accountability Partner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**PASTORAL APPROVAL FORM  
FOR 2-B-1 PREMARITAL PROGRAM**

*This approval form is intended to insure that couples conform to the Biblical standards set by Atascadero Bible Church Elders and Pastors.*

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Bride) (Name of Groom)

Proposed Wedding Date: \_\_\_\_\_

All couples seeking to register for the 2-B-1 Premarital program at Atascadero Bible Church are required to meet with an ABC pastor (either the Children and Family Pastor or the Pastor who will be marrying them, if being married by an ABC pastor) for an interview. It is the couple's responsibility to complete and forward the forms listed below to the pastor **prior** to the interview:

- Pastoral Approval Form for 2-B-1 Premarital Program
- 2-B-1 Registration Form 1
- 2-B-1 Registration Form 2 (Bride and Groom's forms)
- Purity Covenant (Couple's and Accountability Partners')
- ABC On-site Wedding/Reception Application for events at ABC
- Statement of Doctrinal Agreement (for Non-ABC pastors officiating at ABC)

The following is to be completed by the interviewing/officiating ABC pastor:

I have reviewed this couple's required paperwork, interviewed them and have no Biblical or other reservations that would preclude them from beginning the 2-B-1 premarital program:

Yes  No

This couple  has  has not requested that I perform their wedding. I  can  cannot perform this wedding on the date requested, above and provide my part of premarital counseling and preparation.

Name of Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*For Office Use Only:* When complete, please return this form along with accompanying packet to Jay Ables.

*Date received by Children & Family Ministry:* \_\_\_\_\_, *received by:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Couple emailed re. registration for 2-B-1 class on:* \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

*Assigned to mentor couple:* \_\_\_\_\_  *Mentor couple notified*

*Administrator notified re. facility use*