

Atascadero Bible Church Marriage Policy

Atascadero Bible Church is committed to helping couples build Christ-centered marriages that will last a lifetime.

Our Elders have written the ABC Marriage Policy as a guideline for what we believe to be a Christ honoring marriage, according to God's Word. Couples who have questions or comments about the policy are welcome to meet with a pastor for further discussion. Couples who wish to have an ABC pastor or elder officiate their wedding, or who wish to use our building for their wedding ceremony, must abide by our marriage policies.

It is the desire of Atascadero Bible Church that your marriage be all that God intends for you. Since God designed the marriage relationship, He knows best how to build a marriage that will last a lifetime.

As we read His Word, we are able to discern basic principles which must be understood and applied if we hope to experience joy and fulfillment in marriage. Ignoring these principles will result in frustration and possible failure in the marriage relationship.

Because we are committed to building healthy marriages that can go the distance, we want to present the following guidelines. Our purpose is not to condemn or reject anyone, but to comply with God's principles for marriage. At ABC we value the permanence of marriage. It is our desire that your marriage models the Biblical relationship between Jesus Christ and His bride, the Church; a covenant relationship characterized by joy, intimacy and permanence.

- 1. We recommend a minimum of six months of marital preparation.** This allows plenty of time for the "2-B-1" program. This program is required for all couples who desire to be married by one of the pastors or elders at Atascadero Bible Church or who wish to use the ABC facilities for their ceremony and/or reception.
- 2. A minimum of a one-year dating/courting relationship is recommended before marriage.** Even though some people have the skills and maturity to build a committed relationship sooner than others, there really are no shortcuts to building intimacy, trust and communication.
- 3. Divorced persons may be considered for marriage at Atascadero Bible Church** provided they meet one of these biblical criteria:
 - a. The former spouse is now deceased (Romans 7:2, 1 Corinthians 7:39)
 - b. The divorce occurred because of sexual unfaithfulness by the former spouse (Matt 19:3-9)
 - c. Desertion by an unbelieving spouse (1 Corinthians 7:15)
 - d. The former spouse initiated divorce and has remarried (Romans 7:3)

If none of the above criteria apply to your situation, a meeting with a pastor may be arranged to consider your individual case. We acknowledge that other extenuating circumstances often relate to divorce.

Additionally, remarriages after divorce of a spouse will be performed only after one year has passed from the time the divorce is finalized. A divorce recovery program must be completed either at Atascadero Bible Church or another church. We believe a new relationship should not be pursued until the potential of a healthy reconciliation has been exhausted and significant healing has taken place. (For further explanation of a biblical view of divorce and remarriage, see the attached belief statement, *What the Bible Teaches About Divorce and Remarriage* by ABC's board of elders, below.)

4. **Remarriage following the death of a spouse should occur after one year from the spouse's death.**
5. **Atascadero Bible Church Pastors and elders will not marry couples and ABC's facilities cannot be used if the couple is "unequally yoked" spiritually.** Both people must have surrendered their lives to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and be committed to establishing a Christian home.
6. **The couple must remain celibate (ie. refrain from sexual activity and contact) from this time forward and not live together at any time between now and the wedding.** The pastor or elder will not perform the ceremony if the couple is currently living together. This is in accordance with Scripture and is a protection for you against divorce, as research has found that couples who live together have a higher divorce rate than those who do not. The couple, along with their Accountability Partners must agree to and sign the Purity Covenant prior to beginning any premarital programs associated with ABC.
7. **No other elder or Pastor on the Atascadero Bible Church staff will marry a couple if another elder or pastor of the church has refused to perform the ceremony, based on spiritual reasons.**
8. **In accordance with Biblical teaching and ABC's Statement of Faith, marriages performed at Atascadero Bible Church will only be between one man and one woman.** This church recognizes marriage as exclusively the legal union of one man and one woman in which such union is a lifetime commitment. Gen. 2:18-24; Matt. 19: 3-9; Mk. 10: 6-8; I Cor. 7:2
9. **These guidelines are not meant to be an exhaustive list.** At times individual circumstances will require a decision by ABC pastoral staff and/or elders. Decisions regarding marriages performed at Atascadero Bible Church and/or by pastors of Atascadero Bible Church are governed by these guidelines as well as those outlined in the church's constitution. In addition, couples agree to postpone plans should the elder or pastor in consult with the mentor couple believe additional time and/or counsel is required.

In conclusion, these guidelines have been created based upon Atascadero Bible Church's belief in God's plan for marriage, and are meant to encourage, protect, and strengthen the couple's commitment to Christ. Due to the nature of interpersonal relationships and individual levels of maturity, there may be some exceptions to these guidelines, as determined on an individual basis by the Pastor of Children and Family Ministries, in conjunction with the Elders of Atascadero Bible Church.

What the Bible Teaches About Divorce and Remarriage

A position paper by the Elders of Atascadero Bible Church

Jesus once told the religious leaders of Israel about God's ideal plan for marriage: "So, then, they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let not man separate" (Matt. 19:6 NKJV). Divorce is not a deliberate part of God's plan from the beginning. In fact, God says He hates divorce (Malachi 2:16).

Divorce has crept into human marriage relationships, however, and today has become rampant. Approximately one out of every two marriages in America will be broken by divorce, and the rate is increasing. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, this is a disconcerting state of affairs. It is also a state of affairs that demands a clear understanding of what the Bible teaches about divorce and especially remarriage.

The purpose of this paper is to explain in a concise way what God says in the Bible about divorce and remarriage. Certainly every case involving a divorce and/or remarriage must be considered individually, but the principles explained herein should provide a biblical framework to evaluate each individual case.

This explanation operates on the following assumptions:

1. While God loves all people and wants the best for them, including those who are divorced, the fact remains that God hates divorce. When God created man, divorce was not within His plan. "What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate." Matt. 19:6 In Scripture, divorce is "permitted" but not endorsed. "Because of your hardness of heart, Moses permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it has not been this way." Matt. 19:8 Believers should share God's attitude toward divorce and should view it as a violation of God's purpose for marriage.
2. A Christian is obligated to be obedient to God's Word. From the moment of salvation, the believer is responsible to uphold what God revealed about marriage and divorce. A sign of saving faith is obedience to what Christ has revealed about marriage and divorce. A believer has the responsibility to restore his past marriage if his former partner is willing to do so. The believer should remain in the married state in which he was called to Christ. 1 Cor. 7:20, 27 If he was converted while married, he is not to divorce.
3. The Bible is the Word of God, inerrant, infallible, and authoritatively binding in every age and culture on earth.
4. The Bible is to be interpreted literally unless the context clearly indicates that it should be taken otherwise.
5. More specifically related to the issue of divorce and remarriage, it is assumed that whenever God grants permission for a legitimate divorce, He also grants permission for a legitimate remarriage. If God did not desire to grant permission to remarry, He could prescribe permanent separation only (1 Corinthians 7:11). Therefore, since in some cases God does permit divorce, it is assumed that wherever He does, He also permits remarriage.

I. MARRIAGE BETWEEN TWO BELIEVERS

The general principle for a marriage between two actively professing Christians is stated by Paul in his first letter to the church at Corinth: *A wife is not to depart from her husband. But if she does depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband. And a husband is not to divorce his wife* (1 Corinthians 7:10, 11 NKJV). The principles here are very clear:

1. No divorce is permitted to a Christian couple.
2. Separation is allowed in severe circumstances (e.g. physical cruelty or abuse, life threats, etc.) but never divorce or remarriage.

The only exception to this principle is found in Matthew 5:32. "Whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced (i.e. for any reason other than sexual immorality) commits adultery" (NKJV).

Since sexual relations form a bond of oneness between two people (1 Corinthians 6:16), sexual sin on the part of one marriage partner is grounds for divorce. The Greek word translated "sexual immorality" (*pornea*) is a general term and would include adultery, homosexuality or any type of sexual perversion. It should be noted that Jesus does not *insist* upon divorce in such cases nor command it -- nor even encourage it. Considering the Scriptures as a whole, it would seem that divorce should be a last resort, reserved only for cases of repeated and/or flagrant sexual violations. Short of this, forgiveness and reconciliation are to be sought after and the marriage preserved. If a divorce is obtained because of sexual immorality, remarriage is permitted.

II. MARRIAGE BETWEEN A BELIEVER AND AN UNBELIEVER

The Bible speaks directly to this kind of situation in 1 Corinthians 7:12-16: "But to the rest I, not the Lord, say: If any brother has a wife who does not believe, and she is willing to dwell with him, let him not divorce her. And the woman who has a husband who does not believe, if he is willing to dwell with her, let her not divorce him. For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; otherwise your children would be unclean, but now they are holy. But if the unbeliever departs, let him depart; a brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases. But God has called us to peace. "For how do you know, O wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will save your wife?"

The principles here are also very clear:

1. If the unbelieving partner desires to preserve the marriage, the believing partner has no freedom to divorce him/her.
2. If the unbelieving partner chooses to leave and sue for divorce, the believing partner is to let him/her depart. In such cases the believing partner is free to remarry, but "only in the Lord". (1 Corinthians 7:39)

III. VARIOUS DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE SITUATIONS

A. BELIEVER INITIATED DIVORCE W/ NON-BELIEVER Unbiblical except in case of:

- 1) Immorality (lifestyle of sexual activity- adultery, homosexuality, incest, etc.) *Matt. 19:9, Matt. 5:32, 1 Cor. 5:1* and/or

2) Abandonment - *1 Cor. 7:15* The believer is free to initiate a divorce, but not required to do so.

B. NON-BELIEVER LEAVES BELIEVING SPOUSE Believing spouse is to pursue reconciliation until there is no possibility of reconciliation. That believing spouse is free to, but not obligated to, file for divorce. Remarriage after divorce is final is fine. There should be prayer for reconciliation and no dating during time of separation. *1 Cor. 7:15*

C. BELIEVING SPOUSE DIVORCES BELIEVER Unbiblical except in case of immorality (lifestyle of sexual activity- adultery, homosexuality, incest, etc.) *Matt. 19:9, Matt. 5:32, 1 Cor. 5:1* Believing spouse is to seek counsel from church for reconciliation. *See NOTE below regarding Church Discipline.

D. NON-BELIEVER DIVORCES BELIEVER Believing spouse is to pursue reconciliation until there is no possibility of reconciliation. That believing spouse is free to remarry after divorce is final. There should be prayer for reconciliation and no dating during time of separation. *1 Cor. 7:15*

E. UNBIBLICAL REMARRIAGE OF TWO BELIEVERS According to the teachings of Jesus, anyone who divorces on non-biblical grounds and remarries commits adultery. Jesus also warns against anyone considering marriage to a divorced person. *Matt. 5:32* If the divorce was not on biblical grounds, the person who marries the divorced person is considered an adulterer. *Mark 10:11-12, Matt. 5:32* Though forgiven in God's eyes when sincere repentance is exhibited by the partners according to the guidelines of repentance (if given) by the church, ABC leadership is responsible to the greater well-being of the flock of Atascadero Bible Church, and will not welcome that remarriage back into fellowship at ABC.

F. BELIEVER DIVORCES PRIOR TO SALVATION, THEN REMARRIES When a person gets divorced on unbiblical grounds prior to coming to Christ and remarries, he/she is acting according to their own sinful nature prior to their transformation when accepting Christ. They are not following Christ and Scripture. Their sin is forgiven and their current marriage accepted by the Church. The new believer is still obligated to respond to his previous marriage obligations both financially and spiritually:

- 1) financially to pay child support and/or alimony as per court declarations, and
- 2) to seek to "be at peace with all men", being the initiator of the Biblical peace process that God desires between all people.

G. BELIEVER DESIRES TO REMARRY THOUGH DIVORCED UNBIBLICALLY. If your spouse, who divorced you, remarries, that would constitute adultery on their part, and the marriage bond would be broken at that point. You would then be free to remarry. If the spouse who initiated the divorce does not remarry, he/she is still seen as married although separated and is to be pursued by prayer and appropriate Biblical behavior for the restoration of the marriage.

H. Believer Divorces While a Non-Believer. In the case of a person who has just accepted Christ as his/her Savior, that person becomes a "new creature" in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). This does not mean that God immediately erases all painful memories, bad habits or underlying causes of past marital problems, but that He begins the process of transforming the believer through the Holy Spirit and the Word of God. Nor does this mean that the new believer is automatically freed from nature that general principles cannot be formulated for them. However, there are a few special cases that tend to reoccur regularly, and these are considered below:

1. If the new believer is presently separated from his/her spouse, he/she must seek genuine reconciliation with the estranged partner (1 Corinthians 7:11). If the partner refuses, and seeks and receives a divorce, the believer is free to remarry in the Lord according to 1 Corinthians 7:15.

2. If the new believer is presently divorced, he/she must seek genuine reconciliation with the divorced partner (1 Corinthians 7:11). If the partner refuses, the believer is free to remarry in the Lord according to 1 Corinthians 7:15.
3. If the new believer is presently divorced and his/her former spouse has since remarried, the marriage bond has been broken and the new believer is free to remarry in the Lord. To have the remarried partner obtain a second divorce to reconcile with the new believer would be a violation of the Scriptures (Deuteronomy 24:1-4).
4. If the new believer's former spouse has remarried and is now divorced again, the new believer is not allowed to take the former spouse back (Deuteronomy 24:1-4) but is allowed to remarry in the Lord.
5. If the new believer is presently remarried, but his/her original divorce was not biblical, he/she should not dissolve the present marriage to seek reconciliation with the former partner. To do so would be a violation of the Scriptures (Deuteronomy 24:1-4). The new believer should confess his/her sin, receive God's forgiveness, and make his/her present marriage honoring to God.

I. BELIEVER DIVORCES UNBIBLICALLY, AND REMARRIES *A believer who remarries after a non-biblical divorce commits adultery.* Mark 10:11-12; Matt. 5:32 and is subject to the steps of church discipline as outlined in Matthew 18:15-17 and as illustrated in I Cor. 5:1-13. * See NOTE below regarding Church Discipline.

***Note:** Believers who pursue divorce on a non-biblical basis or remarry after a non-biblical divorce, thus committing adultery, are subject to church discipline because they openly reject the Word of God. *Matt. 18:15-20*

IV. SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Every situation does not fit neatly into these categories. There are a number of varied situations that can and do arise. Many are of such a unique nature that general principles cannot be formulated for them. However, there are a few special cases that tend to reoccur regularly, and these are considered below:

A. When any divorce is obtained on non-biblical grounds, and one of the parties remarries, that person has committed adultery since God never recognized the divorce as legitimate (Matt. 5:32; Mark 10:11). Since the remarried partner has "committed adultery," the marriage bond is now broken and the remaining partner is free to remarry.

B. It is assumed that the grace of God becomes operative in any attempt to reconcile a marriage. Two people who repent and confess their sin, and seek God's power and strength, can once again experience the joy of a healthy marriage relationship. A true sign of repentance and salvation will be a sincere desire to restore a former marriage whenever possible.

C. If the innocent party in a legitimate, biblical divorce is seeking remarriage, it is preferable that he/she waits until a spouse who is unwilling to reconcile has remarried. The purpose of such a wait is so as not to preclude any possibility of reconciliation. However, this is not to be a hard and fast rule, but will depend upon a number of factors that must be evaluated by each person in such a situation (e.g., purity of life and thought, time, children needing a father/ mother, etc.).

V. DIVORCE AND SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

The church has a responsibility to uphold the biblical ideal of marriage, especially as exemplified by its leadership. In cases where there has been a divorce in a person's past, the church has an obligation to restrict, for a period of time, the person's involvement in leadership until it is proven that the person's lifestyle and/or present marriage exemplifies godliness, pure devotion and sacrificial love.

On the other hand, divorce is no greater sin than any other, and must not be placed in a unique category that is not in keeping with the Scriptures. 1 Timothy 3:2, 12 does not prohibit previously married men from serving as elders and deacons. Such an interpretation would bar widowers from such service as well as divorced men, and this would be a clear contradiction of the Scriptures (1 Corinthians 7:39: Romans 7:1-3). Where there has been repentance, confession and forgiveness from God, a believer's qualifications for leadership must be evaluated on the qualities, which currently characterize his/her life. The Bible does not see divorce as a sin that is to follow a person all his/her life or permanently disqualify him/her for all spiritual service.

ABC On-site Wedding Policies

Please review the policies below and complete the attached On-site Wedding Application if you plan to hold your wedding and/or reception at ABC.

PROCESS FOR SETTING THE DATE FOR YOUR CEREMONY

Before the church can be reserved for your ceremony, you must be approved to be married at ABC. This involves completing the 2-B-1 Registration Form and having a pastor review it. The 2-B-1 program must then be completed before the wedding date. Alternative premarital counseling courses must be approved prior to the submission of your wedding application.

Membership is not required to have a wedding at our church. Couples who attend another church or who do not have a church home may use ABC’s building for weddings and receptions provided they comply with our marriage policies and premarital counseling requirements.

Please submit the ABC On-site Wedding Application with your 2-B-1 application.

Please plan at least 6 months ahead when requesting the church for your wedding.

TIME AND LOCATION CONSTRAINTS

For Saturday weddings in the Worship Center, or Downtown, room **must be vacated by 1:30pm** (i.e., the ceremony and photos must conclude by 1:30pm). If the gym or E102/103 is used for the wedding and/or reception, the event must **end by 3:00pm**.

Please note that weddings may not be scheduled in the building on Sunday mornings.

COSTS

Please contact the church administrator’s office for details regarding the cost of having your wedding and/or reception at ABC. Below is a list of basic charges for those using church facilities for their wedding/reception at ABC. These charges do not include a ministerial honorarium; suggested honorarium is \$300 for non-members and \$200 for members.

Description	Member ABC Church		Non-Member ABC Church	
	Wedding Only	Wedding & Reception	Wedding Only	Wedding & Reception
A/V Tech- Basic Package*	\$75.00	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Custodial Fee for Wedding	\$50.00	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Wedding Coordinator Fee	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$250.00	\$350.00
Ceremony/Reception Fee	\$175.00	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$500.00
Total:	\$450.00	\$900.00	\$800.00	\$1,250.00

*Note: The AV/tech fee includes one tech person for the setup, rehearsal, strike/reset if needed, wedding, strike/reset. It also covers an overhead for lamps and other disposables. The fee includes what one person can reasonably contribute to the wedding party. We would provide a basic microphone package for the wedding party and some talent. We would also provide a PowerPoint slide or two on the screens that could be left up for the duration of the program and perhaps a few transitions if the tech person is able to do so. It would also cover basic stage lights and house lights as accessible by the small dimmer bank on the wall in the control area. Anything beyond this is subject to additional fees.

CHURCH WEDDING COORDINATOR

Atascadero Bible Church has a Church Wedding Coordinator who will contact you once you are officially on the church calendar.

The ABC Church Wedding Coordinator must be present at your ceremony regardless of any other wedding coordinators you have personally hired to assist you. The ABC Wedding Coordinator will act as a liaison and helper in working through the details of planning the actual execution of your wedding in the building. Specifically, the Church Wedding Coordinator will help in the following ways:

- Interview the bride-to-be.
- Coordinate the use and placement of all wedding supplies.
- Coordinate and direct the rehearsal (if on-site).
- Coordinate the reception (if on-site).
- Receive flowers.
- Ensures return of all wedding supplies to storage and clean up by janitor.
- Provide other supplies as needed by Bride or Groom (iron, sewing needle, etc.).
- Coordinates use of facilities with Bride-designated Wedding Coordinator (if applicable).
- Responsible for seeing that facilities used are set up as requested by the Bride/Groom.
- Responsible for seeing that facilities used are returned to original condition.

The Church Wedding Coordinator, along with the Bride and Groom, plans the wedding under the authority of the officiating minister. The Church Wedding Coordinator will direct the wedding rehearsal as well as oversee the wedding ceremony.

ROOM SIZES & OPTIONS

Room #	Seating Capacity If Using Rows of Chairs	Seating Capacity If Using Round Tables	Location
Worship Center	550 (permanent setup)	N/A	1 st floor
Downtown	300	N/A	1 st floor, Student Center
E102/103	200	120	1 st floor, Education Center

ROOM PREPARATION & RESTORATION

Preparation and restoration of the rooms, such as cleanup and replacement of items, will be done by the custodian. This person will prepare the church for the wedding and rehearsal. Opening the building, arranging for heat/air conditioning and lighting will be done by the Wedding Coordinator.

AISLE RUNNER

The church does not have an aisle runner. If you choose to have your ceremony in the Worship Center and decide to rent an aisle runner, the aisle is 54 feet long. For other rooms, please work with ABC's Wedding Coordinator to determine aisle length.

MUSIC AND MUSICIANS

Please remember that your wedding ceremony is a worship service. The music should serve to glorify and praise God for joining the bride and groom in one heart and mind. Musicians are the responsibility of the wedding party. ABC, however, will be glad to recommend qualified musicians if so desired.

DANCING

Dancing is not permitted.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEO TAPING

The photographer may take pictures during the processional and recessional portion of the service. Non-flash pictures may be taken during the ceremony as long as they remain inconspicuous and quiet. The wedding party may return for as many pictures as required after the wedding ceremony. Videotaping is permitted.

FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS

Florists are required to check in with the church's wedding coordinator prior to decorating the sanctuary or any other part of the church. Flowers must be in rust-free, leak-proof containers. No nails, tacks, or tape are to be used.

Decorations may be used as long as they do not cause damage to walls or structures. No nails, tacks, or tape are permitted. Candles must be dripless and will be provided by ABC. (The Coordinator may have suggestions where to rent decorations, or to hire a decorator.) Decorations must be removed the day of the wedding, immediately after the ceremony. Decorations for the reception must be removed immediately after the reception.

Church premises should be left clean and in the same condition they were in prior to the wedding. The Church Wedding Church Coordinator will verify that the premises have been cleaned appropriately.

TABLES AND CHAIRS

ABC can provide tables and chairs for your event. Our round tables are 60 inches in diameter and will seat 8-10 people. ABC also has numerous rectangle tables.

CATERER AND FOOD PREPARATION

The ABC Café does not provide food for events, but an outside caterer may be hired. If you use a caterer, the caterer must meet with the Administrator prior to the event.

WEDDING SUPPLIES / ACCESSORIES

The church has a grand piano. Other available equipment from ABC: 4 white candelabra (candles provided); [1 unity stand]; 1 guest book podium.

AUDIO / VISUAL

The sound system is not to be used or adapted for use with other equipment. Arrangements for a sound system engineer to run the system and/or provide audio (cassette) taping of the wedding ceremony will be made at least 4-6 weeks prior to your ceremony by the ABC's Church Wedding Coordinator. There is a charge for this. A charge will be imposed for additional items needed.

RICE / CONFETTI

Rice and confetti are not allowed. Birdseed is permitted outside of the building beyond the entry walkway. It is not to be thrown in any part of the building.

SMOKING /ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

It is expected that members of the wedding party will refrain from consuming alcoholic beverages immediately preceding or during the rehearsal and the wedding. Should you use ABC for your reception, no alcoholic beverages are to be used during the reception, nor are any alcoholic beverages allowed elsewhere on the premises. There shall be no smoking in any part of Atascadero Bible Church. It is the bride and groom's responsibility to familiarize all members of the wedding party with these policies.

PERSONAL ITEMS / VALUABLES

Atascadero Bible Church is not responsible for any personal property, including automobiles, or property in automobiles on the church premises. Members of the wedding party should not leave purses, clothing or any other valuables unattended.

CHANGES IN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Please contact the Church Wedding Coordinator as soon as possible if you wish to make any special arrangements not addressed in this policy. The musicians, friends who attend ABC, and ABC custodians do not have the authority to change these policies.

ABC On-site Wedding/Reception Application

After reading the ABC On-site Wedding Policies, please complete this On-site Wedding/Reception Application if you plan to hold your wedding and/or reception at ABC.

1. BRIDE'S CONTACT INFORMATION

Name:

Home Address:

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email:

2. GROOM'S CONTACT INFORMATION

Name:

Home Address:

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email:

3. WEDDING DETAILS

Wedding Date:

Time of Ceremony:

Decorator / Bridal party would like access to the building at: (please estimate)

Location requesting for ceremony:

Worship Center Downtown E102/103

Pastor Officiating:

I am in the process of requesting an ABC pastor

I would like to have a pastor from another church: *(please specify name and church affiliation)*

Size of wedding:

Total number in wedding party:

ABC On-Site Wedding/Reception Application

4. WEDDING REHEARSAL

Rehearsal Date:

Rehearsal Time:

5. BRIDE'S ROOM

Please reserve a room for my bridal party to get dressed. (*Typically room 1 or the library is reserved for this.*)

Please indicate bridal party's arrival time:

6. RECEPTION

Reception Date:

Reception Start and End Time:

Reception Location:

I am requesting a location at ABC: Gym E102/103 Other (please specify):

If at ABC, please estimate size of reception:

7. CONTACT INFORMATION

Please provide your contact information for after the wedding - If not known, please leave a reliable third party's contact information - local contact is best.

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone:

Your signature at the bottom of this form along with your \$100.00 deposit indicates your willingness to comply with our wedding policies and procedures. Your deposit will be applied to the total fee.

Bride's Signature _____ Date _____

Groom's Signature _____ Date _____

Please return this form along with a \$100 check (made payable to ABC with "your name-wedding" in the memo line) to:

Atascadero Bible Church
Attn: Administrator
P.O. Box 987
Atascadero, CA 93423

You can also fax the form to 805 466-3973 or email to chrismontykey@hotmail.com

THANK YOU!

**STATEMENT OF DOCTRINAL AGREEMENT FOR
VISITING PASTORS PARTICIPATING IN ABC WEDDINGS**

Note: *The statement below should NOT be construed as a complete representation of Atascadero Bible Church's STATEMENT OF FAITH. It is for the singular purpose of allowing pastors from other churches to perform and/or participate in weddings at ABC. Permission to perform and/or participate in weddings at ABC is limited to the dates given below.*

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.
2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His victorious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
4. We believe that the salvation of sinful people is a sole work of Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.
5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of eternal separation from God.
7. We believe in the spiritual unity of all who trust in our Lord Jesus Christ, who makes up His body, the church.

Wedding Date: _____

I subscribe to the beliefs listed above without reservation.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Printed Name: _____

Church Affiliation: _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **St:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: (off/wk/cell) _____

Email: _____