



Ministerial Service Requirements
Counseling, Marriages, and Weddings
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We strive and purpose to do everything possible to honor and preserve the holy institution/union of marriage. We do this by honoring what God created and planned marriage to be for His creation. Our guide is His Word, the Scriptures, which directs us in all phases of marriage preparation. This Form is a binding agreement by the Ministerial Staff here at Bridgeway Church of the Nazarene and those who are seeking marriage, whether or not the ceremony is conducted here, in the church facilities, or elsewhere.

Ministerial Staff captures an “Ordained” clergy/pastor or a “Licensed” minister by the church, who meets the requirements in the state of North Carolina to conduct marriage ceremonies.

The requirements of the Ministerial Staff, as referenced above, are as follows:

- That the couple (bride and groom) who desire to be married by a Ministerial Staff member, are required to have three (3) counseling sessions of at least 1-hour, each. The last session must occur 7 days prior to the ceremony.
- That the couple realize that the Ministerial Staff member may, with proper notification, dismiss himself/herself from participation at any point if any manipulative, fraudulent, or indecent things are found/realized that would stand against the Beliefs and Teachings of the Church of the Nazarene.
- That the Ministerial Staff member fee is \$325.00. Please note: This is separate from any rental or facility fee, if the ceremony is held in the church. This covers: three (3) counseling sessions of at least 1-hour, each, any and all travels as necessary, and the ceremony itself. This must be paid at the conclusion of the 3rd counseling session and before the wedding ceremony. If it is not paid, the Ministerial Staff member may decline the ceremony.
- That the couple will deliver the Marriage License to the Ministerial Staff member performing the ceremony on the night of the Rehearsal, or before. This is a binding and legal document that is required, and there are specific instructions for it to be submitted. The couple can receive this at the Registrar of Deeds Office at the Courthouse, no less than 2 weeks prior to the ceremony.
- That the couple will honor and respect all the requests/requirements of Bridgeway Church of the Nazarene so that we, as Ministers, will be above reproach with the church community to which we serve. Any violation to the Contract with the church will also invalidate this Contract. Please be sure to familiarize yourself with each part of the Agreement and ask any questions if you need clarification. A marriage ceremony is a big life event and ensuring God’s will and Word is fundamental to our proceeding forward.

By signing below, I/we agree to this Ministerial Contract on this day: _____/_____/_____

Bride

Groom

Rec'd by: _____ / Date: _____