



Dear Couple:

Marriage is considered by the Lord as a covenant made between a man and a woman before and in agreement with God. This is a very important step in someone's life and is considered to be a lifetime agreement. Therefore, due to the seriousness of this covenant, before anyone is married by a pastor of Save The Nations (which will be referred to as "STN") the couple must understand and fulfill these prerequisites:

1. **Both individuals** desiring to be married by STN must be born again believers in Jesus Christ, as their Lord and Savior.
2. **At least one** of you must be a regular attendee at STN for the member discount. However, STN is open to marrying born-again believers who are non-members.
3. **You must both** desire the foundation of Jesus Christ in your marriage and be willing to invest time in preparation for marriage by learning the boundaries and guidelines that Scripture reveals regarding the new and forthcoming relationship with each other.
4. **Couples cannot** be living together in the same dwelling. If couples are living together and are not legally married by court, they must move out before contacting a pastor or proceeding with this application.
5. **Both individuals** must complete the premarital course.

To begin this process we are enclosing our "Marriage Application Questionnaire." Please fill it out completely. When completed, please return the form to the church office or hand to an usher in an envelope ATTN: Executive Pastor. You will be contacted by a Ministry Assistant after you have submitted your Marriage Application Questionnaire concerning the scheduling of the Premarital Class.

Our premarital course consists of five sessions, each lasting approximately one hour for a total of seven hours of classroom instruction. These classes will be followed by two (or more) individual sessions with the pastor performing the ceremony if needed.

Announcements for the classes will be listed on our website (www.savethenations.com) and e-newsletter approximately 2-4 weeks prior to the classes beginning. You can also check with the church foyer for additional information and to sign up for the classes.

It is our suggestion that you complete these classes at least sixty (60) days prior to your anticipated wedding date. This will provide adequate time for the classes as well as one-on-one meetings with your pastor. Your actual wedding date and the securing of a pastor and the building will be confirmed when you have completed the process and the appropriate fees have been submitted. We will, of course, make every effort to reserve

the time and date you request. STN fully understands the scriptural importance of your wedding ceremony, and we believe that the Holy Spirit will be present to bless this union. The following procedures and guidelines are made to insure that your wedding will be pleasurable, comfortable and orderly:

1. If the pastor discerns that the two individuals are not prepared for marriage or are incompatible, he or she reserves the personal right to not perform the marriage ceremony.
2. Marriage ceremonies at STN are limited to Friday and Saturday only as follows:
 - **Friday:** Must begin between the hours of 5:00pm and 7:00pm and end no later than 8:30pm.
 - **Saturday:** (non-office hours) The wedding must be scheduled no later than 11:00 a.m. Weddings scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on a Saturday *must begin promptly*, as the building must be vacant by 1:00 pm for the Sunday service preparation and cleaning.
3. STN cannot have weddings in the month of December due to Christmas decorations, rehearsals and preparations.
- 4 The facility will be made available to the wedding party one (1) hour prior to the scheduled wedding, and the wedding must be completed, all pictures taken and the building vacated no later than two (2) hours after the scheduled wedding time.
5. Rehearsal is required, and the times will be discussed with your Wedding Coordinator.
- 6 Pictures may be taken during the ceremony; however, please discuss with your photographer that they should not interfere with the service.
7. STN video equipment is not available; however you may hire a professional videographer for your wedding.
3. You are responsible for obtaining a marriage license. The license must be submitted to the pastor at the ceremony.
4. Please be prepared for the wedding when you arrive at the church or facility where the wedding is being performed.
5. The enclosed fee schedule sets forth the services available to you. All fees must be paid at least one (1) month prior to the wedding date, and checks should be made payable as indicated on the schedule - if payment is made late, it must be paid in cash. ***[Please note: a date and time will not be confirmed until payment has been received].***

If you are using our facility for your wedding, please note that the sanctuary, lobby and restrooms in the lobby area are the only rooms that will be made available to the wedding party. The STN Staffer will provide you with a layout designating these areas and will guide you efficiently through the decorating and scheduling procedure.

We believe that the time you spend in premarital classes and with a pastor will better equip you in your upcoming marriage. Our objective is to assist you in identifying and developing your strengths so that you can enter into a lifetime commitment of marriage built upon a strong Biblical foundation. We consider it an honor to join couples together in the Lord and it is our fervent prayer that God will use us to assist you in your marriage plans. As we stand before the Lord and give an account for each couple, we want to be assured that we have been faithful with this responsibility.

May the rich blessings of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and the full power of the Holy Spirit guide you in all your ways!

Living the DREAM,
The Pastoral Staff of STN

Save The Nations **FEE SCHEDULE**

Please detach and keep for your reference

REQUIRED FEES

1. Rental fee for Save The Nations facility only
 - A. Non-Member: \$500
 - B. Member: \$250

Your fee includes:

- Use of the facility [one hour for rehearsal, and a maximum of two hours on the day of the wedding]
- Custodial fees (set-up, tear-down, cleaning)
- Wedding coordination fees

You are allowed to bring in your own pastor/minister to marry you in our site. If you would like one of our pastors/ministers to marry you, see fee below.

Optional Fee:

- If you would like our Worship Pastor to be available to provide the music for your ceremony an additional \$50 per hour must be provided.
- If you would like a sound/lighting technician available for your ceremony an additional \$100 must be provided.
- Non-Member Pastoral/Minister fee: \$300
- Member Pastoral/Minister Minister: \$150

All fees must be paid in advance for booking confirmation to be received.
Check should be made payable to "Save The Nations"

Please note that the above fee schedule is subject to change without prior notice. So call to confirm.

MARRIAGE APPLICATION
Questionnaire

BRIDE:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Daytime telephone no: (____) _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Evening telephone no: (____) _____ Other (cell/pager): (____) _____

Please take time to answer the following questions with a prayerful attitude. As you and your fiancé work through this questionnaire, we trust that your relationship will be strengthened.

Are you a born again Christian? ____ Yes ____ No

When and how did this take place? _____

When and where were you baptized? _____

Please describe your walk with the Lord at this time. _____

Do you consider STN to be your home church? ____ Yes ____ No

If not, where do you attend church? _____

How long have you been attending STN? _____

Have you ever served on a ministry Team at STN? ____ Yes ____ No

If so, which one(s)? _____

Have you been married previously? ____ Yes ____ No If yes, how many times? ____

If previously married, are you now legally divorced? ____ Yes ____ No

If previously married, how have you changed, grown, and matured, spiritually since your divorce?

Do you have any children? ____ Yes ____ No

If so, please list the age(s): _____

Please explain the relationship between your children and your fiancé _____

How long have you known the person you are going to marry? _____

Please explain how well you know your fiancé _____

Please prayerfully answer the following questions on the back of this form (or use separate paper):

1. Please explain how God is the number one priority in your life?
2. How are you certain that God is the number one priority in the life of your fiancé?
3. Are there any issues between you and your fiancé that would cause you to question whether or not you should be joined together in marriage? If so, please explain.
4. Are there any former or current relationships associated with your fiancé that is causing stress or concern in your relationship together? If so, please explain.
5. If you made a list of the ideal person you would want to marry would your list describe your fiancé? Why or why not?
6. Are there any other issues concerning your relationship with your fiancé that you would like to comment or elaborate?

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GROOM:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

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Evening telephone no: (____) _____ Other (cell/pager): (____) _____

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Wedding Location and Date

We would like to have our wedding ceremony at STN.

Date requested: _____ Time: _____

Check number attached: # _____ Amount: \$ _____

We are planning to have our wedding off-site but would like a STN pastor to marry us:

Date: _____ Time: _____

Rehearsal date: _____ Time: _____

Address of church/facility: _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

A. We both fully understand the significance of marriage and its responsibilities. We both agree to attend all of the premarital sessions required by STN.

B. We have both read the attached and understand that our wedding date and location will not be confirmed until the premarital classes have been completed and all fees have been submitted.

Bride Signature & Date

Groom Signature & Date

REHEARSAL CHECKLIST

To assist you in preparing for your special day; please be sure that you bring the following items with you to the rehearsal, and that each individual participating in the ceremony is at the rehearsal.

- CD you will use during the wedding ceremony
- Bridal party, singers or musicians, or any other individuals that will speak during the wedding ceremony other than the bride, groom or pastor
- Candle(s), if applicable and coordination of communion with an STN Staffer
- If children will be a part of your wedding ceremony, please be sure adult(s) are designated to supervise these children during the rehearsal.
- Any additional items to be used during the ceremony (ie., baskets for flowers, stage props, etc.) with approval of the STN Staffer. These type of items that are a part of the church facility are not to be used during weddings without prior consent.
- Please ensure that everyone involved in the wedding ceremony arrives at the church **at least** fifteen (15) minutes prior to start of rehearsal. *As stated previously, the rehearsal is **required** and will be scheduled by the STN Staffer.*