
(Bride's Name – Please Print)

(Groom's Name – Please Print)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE -- MARRIAGE

Parkway Baptist Church affirms that marriage is a covenant intended by God to be a lifelong relationship between a man and a woman (Gen. 1 and 2; Mal. 2: 13-15; Matt. 19:4-6; 1 Cor. 7: 10-11; Eph. 5: 22-33) as husband and wife. This covenant is initiated by, and sustained by, God (Gen. 9:9, 17:2,4). Its highest and most perfect expression is the holy and eternal love that God demonstrated to all humanity for all times through His only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, whose death on the cross and resurrection from the grave delivers us from the bondage of sin and secures for us eternal life. Surely there are few experiences in life to compare to the joy and significance of Christian marriage. The commitment of one to another in marriage is both unique and sacred, and deserves the utmost thought, care, and planning.

Therefore, we affirm that marriage is more than the legal contract, which is necessary to begin and likewise to end marriage. Marriage is a covenant: an eternal commitment with God through a lifelong relationship to our husband/wife that exemplifies unconditional love, reconciliation, sexual purity, and growth. The heart of this lifelong commitment is the "steadfast love of the Lord" which "never ceases" (Lam. 3:22).

Unlike a contract that is self-centered in nature focusing on individual rights and responsibilities in the relationship, covenant marriage is based on the selfless, unconditional love that each spouse displays toward the other and that can only come from God and be empowered by God's presence in the marriage. When a couple shares their wedding vows, they are vowing to God, each other, their families, and their community to remain steadfast for life in the unconditional love of covenant marriage.

Because of this Biblically based understanding of marriage, Parkway Baptist Church has established the policies and procedures (contained in the attached pamphlet) regarding marriages conducted in our church. Furthermore, before conducting a marriage at our church, both prospective bride and prospective groom must, through prayer based on faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, affirm their commitment to marriage as a holy, lifelong, covenant -- first with God and then with each other. Our sincere prayer and hope is that through the power of the Holy Spirit, all marriages ceremonies which take place at Parkway Baptist Church will be covenants that are:

- The fruit of a relationship bound by steadfast love and faithfulness.
- Marked by each partner taking responsibility for their actions and remaining pure and committed to each other for life.
- Based, not on transitory feelings, but on the free choice of love and commitment that each spouse shows to the other a commitment freely offered with no strings attached.

Our signatures below affirm our acceptance of Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Savior, our belief in marriage as a covenant with God and each other, and our intent to follow the principles of the marriage relationship as set forth in Holy Scripture.

(Bride's Signature) (Date)

(Groom's Signature) (Date)

Rehearsal: _____
(Date) (Time)

Wedding: _____
(Date) (Time)

Date approved by Pastor or Associate Pastor? () Yes () No

Reception at PBC? () Yes () No

Date Clear on Church Calendar – Approved by: _____
Staff/Administrator

Date: _____

Church Wedding Contact Person: _____

11. Videographers cannot move plants, black out windows, or block doors and aisles.
12. The Parkway Baptist Church video equipment cannot be used and our camera operators are not available for weddings.
13. Photographers and/or videographers cannot walk around with a camera during the ceremony.



WEDDING INFORMATION SHEET

Please complete and return to your Parkway Wedding Advisor. No weddings will be scheduled until ALL paperwork is completed, all fees are paid, and all paperwork is approved.

Bride

(Name – Please Print)

Parkway member? _____

(Address)

(Home & Cell Phone)

(Parents' Names)

Parkway member? _____

(Home & Cell Phone)

Groom

(Name – Please Print)

Parkway member? _____

(Address)

(Home & Cell Phone)

(Parents' Names)

Parkway member? _____

(Home & Cell Phone)

Pastor Performing Ceremony: _____

Pre-marital Counselor: _____

Parkway Baptist Church Wedding Advisor: _____

Florist: _____

Phone: _____

Will you leave an arrangement for Sunday Services? _____

Photographer: _____

Phone: _____

What time will photographs be taken on your wedding day? _____

Videographer: _____

Phone: _____

Wedding Date: _____ Time: _____

Rehearsal Date: _____ Time: _____

Pianist: _____

Organist: _____

Soloist: () Yes () No

Accompaniment: CD _____

Duet: () Yes () No

Piano _____

Video Projector Needed: () Yes () No

Organ _____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: _____

RECEPTION INFORMATION

Will the Reception be held at Parkway Baptist Church? () Yes () No

If yes, please provide the following information. You will need to complete a calendar request form. Your wedding advisor will assist you with this.

Caterer: _____ Arrival Time: _____
Name Phone

Number of Tables Needed: _____ Number of Chairs Needed: _____

Will you need Audio/Video Services?*** () Yes () No
The following items are available for your use:

- () 40 Demitasse Cups () 12 Floor-length round tablecloths *** () 1 Silver Punch Bowl with Cups

(*** Additional fees apply, see fee sheet)

REHEARSAL DINNER INFORMATION

Will the Rehearsal Dinner be held at Parkway Baptist Church? () Yes () No

If yes, please provide the following information. You will need to complete a calendar request form. Your wedding advisor will assist you with this.

Caterer: _____ Arrival Time: _____
Name Phone

Number of Tables Needed: _____ Number of Chairs Needed: _____

Will you need Audio/Video Services?*** () Yes () No

(***Additional fees apply, see fee sheet)

I have carefully read the Wedding Procedures of Parkway Baptist Church of Natchez, MS, in the material provided and agree to comply and cooperate. I understand that anything not covered in Parkway's wedding policy must be approved by my assigned wedding advisor. I further understand that before any facilities are reserved on the church calendar, my application form must be completed and approved and ALL fees paid. I take full responsibility for any damages incurred to the Church before, during, or after my wedding ceremony and/or reception.

(Bride's Signature) (Date)

(Groom's Signature) (Date)