

# **SouthBrook Wedding Packet**

*For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” —Mark 10:7-9*

## **Congratulations!**

SouthBrook is happy to be a part of your decision to marry. May God richly bless you individually, and as a couple, as you embark on this exciting journey together! This packet provides an overview of the process for weddings conducted by a SouthBrook pastor with details of each step on the following pages.

If you currently attend SouthBrook and are planning to get married by one of our pastors, please contact us **at least six months before the wedding**. Please complete all forms in this Wedding Packet, place in an envelope, and leave at the Information Center to the attention of the Wedding Coordinator.

### **1. Complete the Pre-Wedding Form.**

Confirm date and location. Costs are provided in this packet, whether the wedding is held at SouthBrook or at an off-site location.

### **2. Complete the Building Reservation Form.**

### **3. Complete the Bride|Groom and After the Wedding Questionnaires.**

Provide contact information to help us choose an appropriate mentoring couple.

### **4. Read Reasons for Maintaining Sexual Purity and sign Pre-Marital Covenant.**

### **5. Read the Pre-Marital Mentoring Overview.**

After you submit the appropriate forms and applicable fees, you will start the pre-marital mentoring process. Place all forms in envelope and leave at the Information Center to the attention of the Wedding Coordinator.

### **6. Listen to "The Marriage Bank" message series.**

Listen online at [southbrook.org](http://southbrook.org) or call the church to request a CD/DVD copy.

### **7. Submit forms and check for applicable fees to SouthBrook Christian Church.**

If you have any questions about the information in this Wedding Packet or our Marriage Mentoring Program, please contact our Wedding Coordinator at 937.435.9966.

## Pre-Wedding Form

	<b>Bride</b>	<b>Groom</b>
Name		
Current Street Address		
City, State, Zip		
Home Phone		
Cell Phone		
Work Phone		
Email		

1. Wedding Location: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Wedding Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Wedding Time: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Rehearsal Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Rehearsal Time: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Preferred Officiating Pastor (*refer to list of SouthBrook Pastors on page 14*)  
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## **Building Reservation**

### **Availability**

Due to limited availability, use of this facility is reserved for SouthBrook regular attendees.

1. The use of the SouthBrook facility for a Saturday wedding is limited to the hours of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. You must be out of the building by 3 p.m. so please keep that in mind when choosing the time of your ceremony. All photographs must be completed no later than 3 p.m. We will also entertain the possibility of a Friday evening ceremony depending on the building schedule.
2. All decorations and rentals are the responsibility of the wedding party and must be taken care of on the day of the wedding.
3. Any stage set or props that are being used for weekend services may not be moveable.

### **Building Use**

Along with the decision to be married in our building come certain responsibilities. Please emphasize the following with your wedding party.

1. No smoking is permitted in the building.
2. No alcoholic beverages are permitted on the premises.
3. No rice or birdseed is permitted. Balloons or bubbles are a popular substitute.
4. Graffiti on cars should never contain any obscene words or objects.

### **Fees**

The expense of most church activities is covered by our weekly budget. However, functions that serve only a small segment of the church family are not subsidized. Therefore, the costs (pastor honorarium, pre-marital mentoring, wedding coordinator, building set up and clean up, and technical support) are directly passed to the participants. Vocalist and instrumentalist fees should be scheduled, and paid for separately and personally. See Fee Schedule on next page.

### **Other**

All contact with the administration concerning rehearsals, dates, and times for your wedding is the responsibility of the wedding party.

Depending on the building schedule, we may not be able to accommodate rehearsal dinners or receptions.

## Fee Schedule

Small Theater 600 Guests	Main Theater (Friday Evening Only) Over 600 Guests	Off-Site	Mentoring Only
Wedding Coordinator Pastor (\$200) Set Up/Clean Up One Tech Support One Rehearsal Mentoring (\$125)	Wedding Coordinator Pastor (\$200) Set Up/Clean Up Two Tech Support Thursday Night Rehearsal Mentoring (\$125)	Pastor (\$200)  Mentoring (\$125)	\$125
Total \$1,050	Total \$2,550	Total \$325	Total \$125

A \$325 required deposit is due at time of the reservation and will be deducted from the total fee. The balance is due 60 days prior to the wedding day. If unpaid at that time, you will be asked to forfeit the date.

If you should desire a destination wedding, all travel, food, and lodging are to be negotiated between you and the Officiating Pastor. The \$325 off-site fee still applies and covers the mentoring and the pastor's honorarium.

## Building Reservation and Fee Form

I would like to reserve:

- Small Theater
- Main Theater (Friday Evening Only)
- Off-Site Wedding, Pastor and Mentoring
- Mentoring Only

**I have read and will respect all of the guidelines. I will pay all applicable fees with respect to the fee schedule.**

Bride Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Groom Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### ***For Office Use Only***

<p><b>Deposit:</b> _____</p> <p>Check #: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>Received By: _____</p> <p>Submitted to Finance: _____</p>	<p><b>Balance:</b> _____</p> <p>Check #: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>Received By: _____</p> <p>Submitted to Finance: _____</p>
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## Bride Questionnaire

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

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_      Age: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you attended SouthBrook? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Christ-follower?    Yes     No

Are you involved in any ministries at SouthBrook?    Yes     No

If yes, please specify:

\_\_\_\_\_

Please describe your relationship with God:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known your fiancé? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been engaged? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been married before?    Yes     No

If previously married, please indicate marriage dates and reason for the marriage ending:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Are there any children from your previous marriage?    Yes     No

If yes, please specify how many children, their ages, and with whom do they live?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What is your education?      \_\_\_\_\_

What is your current employment?      \_\_\_\_\_

What are your interests and hobbies?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Groom Questionnaire

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

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_      Age: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you attended SouthBrook? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Christ-follower?    Yes     No

Are you involved in any ministries at SouthBrook?    Yes     No

If yes, please specify:

\_\_\_\_\_

Please describe your relationship with God:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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How long have you known your fiancé? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been engaged? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been married before?    Yes     No

If previously married, please indicate marriage dates and reason for the marriage ending:

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Are there any children from your previous marriage?    Yes     No

If yes, please specify how many children, their ages, and with whom do they live?

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\_\_\_\_\_

What is your education? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your current employment? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your interests and hobbies?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



## After the Wedding Questionnaire

SouthBrook would like to keep in touch with you after your wedding day. Please help us keep our records current by completing the following information.

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

Future Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Future Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Bride***

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

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Groom***

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

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be attending SouthBrook in the future?

Yes     No     Undecided

## **Pre-Marital Mentoring**

SouthBrook offers a ministry designed to help couples build a Christ-centered marriage that will last a lifetime, be a light to the world, and leave a legacy for future generations. While this ministry is available to all pre-marital and married couples attending SouthBrook, it is required for any SouthBrook couple being married by one of our pastors.

Your pre-marital mentoring will begin by taking a professionally developed assessment. This assessment is analyzed by the Christian organization, Life Innovations, and returned to SouthBrook. You will be assigned a mentoring couple, prayerfully selected just for you. Pre-marital mentoring couples are volunteers, and they, as well as any officiating pastor, have been trained in using this assessment.

The mentoring couples are also mature Christians with longstanding marriages and will meet with you six times to discuss the following:

- Marriage Expectations
- Personality Issues
- Communication
- Conflict Resolution
- Financial Management
- Leisure Activities
- Sexual Expectations
- Children and Parenting
- Family and Friends
- Role Relationship
- Spiritual Beliefs

Your mentors will design your time together to address the specific areas that are most pertinent in your relationship. There will be some "homework" for the two of you to further discuss these areas of your lifetime partnership. You should leave these mentoring sessions with new insights and more realistic expectations of what marriage will be like. In the years to come, your mentors can be a valuable resource as your relationship continues to evolve.

After submitting the appropriate forms and a check for applicable fees, you will be contacted to schedule a time to take the assessment and start the pre-marital mentoring process.

## Sexual Purity

Our SouthBrook pastors have prayerfully examined the need for sexual purity, based on these Biblical truths:

1. **God's Word is clear about spiritual compatibility between marriage partners.** We believe very strongly in the institution of marriage by God's design. We want your vows to last a lifetime. (2 Corinthians 6:14-18)
2. **The future bride and groom are encouraged to abstain from physical intimacy.** Sex is a gift from God. He is the one who created it! Therefore, we follow God's directions alone regarding our sexuality. The Bible gives clear instructions for sex within the parameters of the marriage relationship. God's Word also gives us clear warnings and consequences when sex is used outside of the marriage. (2 Corinthians 6:3)

While many of those who come to SouthBrook are honoring God through abstaining from sexual intimacy, there are many who do not fall into this category. Couples who are physically intimate are asked to covenant with God to abstain from their sexual relationship until their wedding day.

Please prayerfully read the following reasons for maintaining sexual purity:

1. Sexual purity is one of God's commands to us. It is about maintaining discipline and honoring God's direction for our lives. Blessing comes from choosing to walk a difficult path. The blessing is being able to stand at the altar on your wedding day knowing that you have been true to God's word. There is no guilt.
2. Sexual purity helps to ensure that you are at the altar for the right reasons on your wedding day. You care about each other for who you are, not what you are. You are friends first, and you will become lovers.
3. Sexual purity allows communication patterns between the two of you to develop as God intended them to. If you have sex too soon, you will short circuit how intimacy was meant to develop and you will not develop commitment, intimate communication and conflict resolution skills appropriately.
4. Sexual purity lets you show each other how much you care about each other. Because of respect toward each other and the value you place on each other as a person, you choose not to have a physical relationship at this point. Other things in your relationship are more important.
5. Sexual purity gives you an opportunity to share your faith. In every case where you are asked by a friend or family member if you are physically involved, the response is no and this is why. This is a great opportunity to share your faith and not buy in to the messages that the world sends us.

6. Sexual purity generates patience, one of the fruits of the spirit. You will eagerly anticipate what will happen in your relationship after your wedding takes place. You both will look forward to the honeymoon—this will only happen once.
7. Sexual purity builds trust. You have to let down your emotional guard and communicate. It is possible to abuse sex before marriage, thus letting sex become a pressure release valve. Sex becomes a tool used to avoid intimacy.
8. Sexual purity means you will not be a stumbling block to those around you. If you say you are a Christ-follower, but choose to live a life that is contrary to that, you are not honoring God by setting a good example of your faith.

For additional study on sexual purity, please refer to:

*Every Young Man's Battle* by John Eldredge

*Every Young Woman's Battle* by Shannon Eldredge

*The New Rules for Love, Sex and Dating* by Andy Stanley

*Why True Love Waits* by Josh McDowell

A Pre-Marital Covenant will create a needed bond of trust between you and God. Please consider signing the Covenant, place it in your Bible, and trust God for the positive outcomes.

## Pre-Marital Covenant

We are committed to God's ways in preparing for our marriage. We agree to abstain from sexual intimacy until we share our marriage vows together. We believe it is God's will for our life and marriage to be sanctified, to be set apart for pure and holy living.

*It is God's will that you be sanctified; that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable...For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. Therefore, he who rejects this instruction does not reject man but God, who gives you His Holy Spirit.*

—1 Thessalonians 4:3-8

We also understand that God does not look at our past failures. Instead, He looks at us as broken people, to whom He can give a fresh start. With His forgiveness, we can start all over again. As we ask God to forgive us through Jesus, He will see us as a completely new couple.

*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.* —1 John 1:9

We seek to trust God and honor Him by upholding His parameters of sexual intimacy within the context of our future marriage. We believe that with God's power, we will be able to keep this covenant and be greatly blessed by our obedience to Him.

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Groom's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bride's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Financial Classes

To begin your marriage with financial stability, please consider the following classes.

### **Money Matter\$ 101**

This class teaches the basics of scriptural-based personal financial management and how you can apply the 10/10/80 rule to your life through giving, saving, and budgeting. We also focus on debt management and the steps to take that will help you get out of debt.

### **Financial Peace University**

For more in-depth financial management, we offer Financial Peace University, a 9-week scripturally-based course featuring personal money management expert, Dave Ramsey. The class teaches how to achieve financial goals by eliminating debt, saving for the future, and giving like never before. You will be challenged and motivated to make a plan for your money.

While we do not require these financial classes prior to your wedding, we strongly encourage it. We understand it may be difficult to coordinate schedules, so if it does not work before your wedding, please try to attend at your next available opportunity. Visit [southbrook.org](http://southbrook.org) for the next available class.

## **SouthBrook Pastors**

Upon availability, one of our SouthBrook pastors will be scheduled for your wedding.

Tyler Ash

Joe Boyd

Laura Buffington

Shawn Case

Jarod Christman

Randy Creamer

Frank Crockett

Levi Crowley

Erik Fleming

Cathy Glista

Sol Gomez

Jason Hills

Shane Hively

Steve Holt

Jerry Ittel

Ryan Massey

Mike Roop

Paul Wilkens