

## VICTORY OFF-SITE WEDDING POLICY

At Victory we are committed to helping you avoid some of the major pitfalls of marriage by providing instruction in this early phase. Our vision is to provide you with a solid biblical foundation on which the two of you can build after you are married.

Our premarital mentoring consists mainly of establishing and encouraging the growth of proper attitudes toward marriage based on scriptural principles. Our Marriage Mentors instruct couples on how to prepare and build happy, fulfilling, and successful marriages.

# VICTORY WEDDING CHECKLIST

Please review the 6 requirements to be married at Victory or by a Victory Pastor.

### 1. You must be a member of Victory Family Church.

• You and/or your fiancée must be an active member. To become a member, you can sign up to attend *Starting Point*.

### 2. Complete Premarital Mentoring

- To start the mentoring process, complete the Preparing for Marriage Form.
- Participate in 10 weeks of mentoring (8 Premarital and 2 Financial sessions).
- Premarital mentoring must be completed at least four weeks prior-to the wedding.
- The material we used is called Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts. Total cost of books and an online assessment is approximately \$70 per couple. Your premarital materials can be purchased in the church's bookstore and must be purchased before the first class.

### 3. Complete the Wedding Request Form

- The form must be completed and submitted to the church office at least four-months prior to the wedding date.
- Your date will be considered as tentative until premarital mentoring has been successfully completed.
- If a pastor is not specified to perform your ceremony, we will check the availability of Victory officiants for your date. However, we cannot guarantee availability. (Note: Victory's Senior Pastor, John Nuzzo, is not available to perform weddings.)
- Victory Family Church is under no obligation to perform any wedding ceremony, and an officiant may, at his own discretion, refuse to perform a wedding ceremony.

# 4. Schedule a meeting with the officiant

- Connect with the Officiant assigned to perform the ceremony at least 2 months before your wedding date to schedule an initial meeting.
- The suggested honorarium for a minister to perform your ceremony is \$100. This should be given at the wedding rehearsal.
- A wedding coordinator will <u>not</u> be provided to assist you and your wedding party for off-site weddings. Please plan accordingly.

## 5. Acquire marriage license

• Must be submitted to the officiant no later than the wedding rehearsal.

# 6. Submit the Updated Marriage Information Form

• After your ceremony, please submit this form to keep the church up to date on your contact information.

Thank you for your willingness to glorify the Lord by investing in your relationship. We pray that you commit yourselves to living in harmony, delighting in each other. May your marriage be founded on God's Word, rooted and grounded in His love.