

WEDDING INFORMATION GUIDE

Congratulations, you're interested in planning a wedding!

At Granger Community Church (GCC) we believe that God has created a holy and sacred relationship between a man and woman called marriage. We believe that marriage is one of the most exciting and important decisions that a couple can take in their relationship. We believe that marriage is meant to be centered on Christ and enjoyed for a lifetime. Because of this belief, we seek to prepare couples for a lifetime of success.

The following guide is an overview of our practices and pricing to discern if getting married with the help of GCC is the best next step for you.

PRACTICES

SCHEDULING

We require four months lead-time: This time is needed to accommodate scheduling of space and/or staff. This will also allow time to complete the premarital counseling and other preparations if GCC decides that supporting your wedding is the best next step.

OFFICIANTS

GCC Pastors that perform wedding ceremonies: John Keim, Josh King, Bryant Haist, Dan Hamrick, Reed Sapp and Brandon Collins. A GCC Wedding Coordinator is required if you're being married at the Elkhart Campus and one is suggested if you're being married at an offsite venue. They provide oversight and guidance for the rehearsal and ceremony.

WEDDING VENUE LOCATION

Weddings could be held **offsite** at a location of your choosing or **onsite** at our Elkhart Campus. Our Elkhart Campus, located at 2701 East Bristol Street, Elkhart, IN 46514 can seat up to 196 guests. Ceremonies typically are held on Friday evenings or Saturdays.

PRE-MARITAL PATHWAY

If a GCC officiant decides to move forward with the marriage of a couple after an introductory meeting, they will typically engage couples in six sessions that include various marital topics: Biblical foundations, expectations, communication, conflict, money, sex and spiritual intimacy.

There will also be discussion about the wedding ceremony itself in sessions with the officiant.

PRICING

\$500 – Offsite Wedding

Included in the Offsite Wedding fee:

- Officiating Pastor
- Premarital Counseling (Typically six sessions)

\$250 – GCC Wedding Coordinator

Suggested, but not required for offsite venues. They will give direction and support for the rehearsal and wedding day.

Extra expenses: Mileage, parking, tolls, etc., may be added for locations outside of Granger and will be discussed ahead of time and reflected in the contract.

\$1,650 – Onsite Wedding

Included in the Onsite Wedding fee:

- Officiating Pastor
- Premarital Counseling (Six sessions)
- GCC Wedding Coordinator (Required)
- Elkhart Campus Facility
 - Use of the Atrium, Auditorium and restrooms for rehearsal.
 - Use of the Atrium, Auditorium, restrooms and two rooms for bride and groom and their attendants.
 - Technical support and Facility Care

If you have chosen to utilize the GCC Elkhart Campus, we will be sending you additional information and a building usage policy.

A non-refundable \$350 deposit will reserve the date and time requested for your wedding and will go toward wedding fees. Final payment is due 30 days prior to the wedding date.

INVESTMENT IN YOUR MARRIAGE

There may be extra assessments or classes needed to prepare you and your fiancé for a healthy and holy marriage. Some of these will be required, others are suggested. There may be extra costs incurred:

Premarital Workbooks: This resource will help the couple discover new truths and engage in great conversations together through reading/responding assignments.

Prepare/Enrich: This is a customized assessment completed online that identifies a couple's strength and growth areas.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University: This nine-week program teaches you how to make healthy decisions with your money.

Other helpful opportunities: Core Classes, life groups, volunteer and serve groups