

Harvest Bible Chapel Rockford Wedding Policy

We Believe:

- ▶ God is the sole authority in matters of marriage and sexuality for all people, and that marriage involves the sacred joining together of one man and one woman in faithful, permanent union ([Genesis 2:18-24](#); [Matthew 19:1-9](#)).
- ▶ God hates divorce and He intends the marriage union to last until one of the spouses dies. ([Malachi 2:16](#))
- ▶ Sex is a gift from God to be enjoyed solely within this God-ordained marriage relationship, and God has clearly and expressly commanded abstinence from any form of sexual or intimate activity outside of this context; prohibiting as "sexual immorality" activities such as lustful thought, adultery, fornication, pornography, homosexuality, transgenderism, bisexuality, or polygamy ([Matthew 15:19](#); [Romans 1:18-32](#); [1 Corinthians 6:9-20](#); [Galatians 5:19](#); [1 Thessalonians 4:3-7](#); [Hebrews 13:4](#)).
- ▶ Christians are to only marry other Christians. ([2 Corinthians 6:14](#))

To be married at Harvest, the following must be true:

- ▶ Both individuals must be followers of Jesus Christ. (Testimonies will be written out as part of the application process)
- ▶ Both individuals must agree, in writing, to the statement of belief listed above.
- ▶ The couple must agree to be connected with a mentor couple that will take them through 6-8 sessions of pre-marriage training.
- ▶ One of the individuals must have a family member regularly attending Harvest Bible Chapel Rockford.
- ▶ For those individuals that have been previously divorced, an initial meeting may be required to talk through the circumstances around the divorce. (Each case is unique and is reviewed for special circumstances.)