

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN?

A Quick Overview of the Premarital Counseling/Weddings Process here at Heartland

AS EARLY AS 1 YEAR BEFORE YOUR WEDDING DATE...

You'll get started on your premarital counseling

To allow sufficient time for you to complete your premarital counseling, we require a minimum of 3 months lead-time on wedding requests. We like to get couples in the process 6 months to a year in advance of the wedding date.

Get more details on premarital counseling through Heartland [here](#).

ABOUT 6 MONTHS BEFORE YOUR WEDDING DATE...

If you are interested in having a Heartland pastor officiate at your wedding, whether at Heartland or at another local site, this is when you'll put in your request for that.

Because the ministry at Heartland and our pastors' calendars are very fluid in nature, we are sorry – but we are simply not able to speak to the availability of our pastors or our building further than 6 months in advance of any given date.

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Get more details about having a Heartland pastor officiate at your ceremony at Heartland's facility [here](#).

Get more details about having a Heartland pastor officiate at your ceremony at another local site [here](#).

IN THE LAST 2-3 MONTHS BEFORE YOUR WEDDING DATE...

If a Heartland pastor will be officiating at your wedding, you will meet with him/her.

After you've completed your personal premarital counseling sessions with our counselors, you'll meet with your officiant (usually twice). The pastor will use these sessions to get to know you, touch on any issues that came up in your counseling sessions, and work out the specific details of the ceremony with you. (We'll put you in touch with the pastor and/or the pastor's assistant to set these appointments.)

When you come in for your appointments with the pastor officiating for you, you'll want to bring your thoughts on the specifics of your wedding ceremony. You don't have to lock those in until you meet with the pastor about them – however, you can get started on thinking through your ceremony details ANYTIME by using the resources [here](#).

You'll contact the appropriate county government office and get your wedding license.

Our pastors can't perform a legal wedding without a valid wedding license, and for your license to be valid, it must be issued by the county in which your CEREMONY SITE is located. (If you're getting married at Heartland, you'll get your license through Johnson County, KS. If you're getting married at a different venue, please get your license through the county in which your wedding venue is located.)

USUALLY THE EVENING BEFORE THE WEDDING...

You'll have your wedding rehearsal.

More info on how the rehearsal generally works, who should be at the rehearsal, etc, can be found [here](#).

Carefully read everything above but still have questions or need additional info? Please email us at weddings@heartlandchurch.org