

QUICK START

THE KEY INFO, AS YOU BEGIN EXPLORING YOUR OPTIONS

Below are the top 2-3 pieces of Heartland info you'll need as you explore your options for premarital counseling and your wedding. **This page won't cover everything, but it will give you lots of the info you need to know to help you decide if you'd like to pursue a wedding and/or premarital counseling through Heartland!**

WANT A HEARTLAND PASTOR TO PERFORM YOUR CEREMONY?

- If you'll be requesting a Heartland pastor for your ceremony, you don't need to indicate a specific pastor – but if you like, you may indicate a first and second preference. **We're not always able to match you with the pastor you request, but if you indicate a preference, we'll try your first choice first, and if he/she isn't available, we'll ask your second choice next.** If neither of them are available, we'll match you with another great pastor on our team!
- Because the ministry at Heartland is very fluid, our pastors' calendars are generally not set further than 6 months in advance of any given date. For that reason, **we are not able to confirm a pastor for you any earlier than 6 months in advance of the date you are requesting.**

WONDERING ABOUT PREMARITAL COUNSELING?

- Because premarital counseling can be a gamechanger, **our pastors do require that all couples they marry complete premarital counseling.** (Thanks to a partnership with a local university's counseling department, we're excited to be able to offer professional-level premarital counseling at a great price.)
- **We like to get couples in the premarital process 6-12 months in advance of their wedding date.** Because the premarital process takes time, we're sorry, but we don't accept wedding requests with less than 3 months notice.
- Because of their training and expertise, our Premarital Counseling Team (rather than the pastor officiating for you) will work with you on your premarital counseling – so **you can start on premarital counseling even if you've not yet been matched with a pastor for your ceremony.**

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HAVING YOUR WEDDING SOMEWHERE OTHER THAN HEARTLAND?

- Our pastors are happy to perform weddings at most local sites. (If your vision for your wedding is more traditional and doesn't mesh with our more modern-style building, you can save yourself a lot of hassle and money by booking a site that fits the "look" you want, rather than trying to decorate our space to make it look like something it is not!)
- If you find a local site you love and want to book it, that's great – then you can just get us your date, and we can explore matching you with a pastor for that date from there. We have a lot of pastors who do weddings, so as long as you're willing to flex on which pastor officiates for you, we're usually able to find a Heartland pastor who is available for the date you select.

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THINKING ABOUT HAVING YOUR WEDDING AT HEARTLAND?

- The Dock, The Backyard, and our Atrium may be reserved for weddings. The Dock can seat 200 guests, and the Backyard (an outdoor venue) can seat 80. Our Atrium may be reserved for larger weddings – for up to 300 guests.
- Because we must have our facility ready for Sunday mornings, we do not do evening weddings on Saturdays. We are able to do evening weddings on Fridays, however.
- **Our facility is not available for receptions or rehearsal dinners or weddings performed by outside pastors, however our pastors may allow an outside pastor to officiate for a portion of the ceremony.**
- Because the ministry at Heartland is very fluid, our facility calendar is generally not set further than 6 months in advance of any given date. For that reason, **we are not able to confirm our building's availability for you any earlier than 6 months in advance of the date you are requesting**

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