

The leaders at County Line Church of God believe the institution of marriage is a life-long covenant between a man and a woman, ordained by God. We love the marriage ceremony and what it represents and would be more than happy to participate in your special day. And because we want you to have the fulfilled marriage God intends for you, we have established statements of conviction that must be adhered to before one of our pastors will consider marrying any couple.

Please understand these statements are meant to be communicated in love and are in the best interest of you and your future spouse.



We, the undersigned, have read the statements of conviction and are willing to adhere to each statement.

Signature of Groom: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Bride: _____

Date: _____

Based on our commitment to Christ and what the Bible has to say, we agree to stay sexually pure from now until our wedding night.

Signature of Groom: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Bride: _____

Date: _____



Marriage Policy & Purity Covenant



If you would like a pastor from County Line Church to marry you then you will need to read through and agree upon these two documents before contacting us.

The Marriage Policy is a document that communicates County Lines view on issues such as divorce and remarried, homosexuality, and a Christian who wants to marry a non-Christian.

The Purity Covenant is a document required to be signed by both individuals before beginning the pre-marital counseling sessions.



Sexual Purity Covenant

The Bible says a great deal about sex outside of marriage. Before you read the following passages, it is important to know that any time the Bible uses the words, "sexual immorality," it includes sex, of any kind, before marriage. After reading these verses we ask you to consider signing below that you will commit to staying sexually pure from now until your wedding night. These verses are not meant to offend, but simply to inform you of God's expectations. God places a high value on sex and gave it to us as a gift to procreate and to bring enjoyment to our marriages. It may be helpful to find a trusted friend who will keep you accountable to your decision.

"You are to abstain from...sexual immorality. (Acts 15:29)

"So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy." (Romans 13:12-13)

Purity Covenant Continued....

"But now I am writing you that you must not associate with anyone who calls himself a brother but is sexually immoral." (1 Corinthians 5:11)

The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body." (1 Corinthians 6:13)

"Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body." (1 Corinthians 6:18)

"We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did." (1 Corinthians 10:8)

"So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery." (Galatians 5:16 &19)

"But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people." (Ephesians 5:3)

"Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming." (Colossians 3:5-6)

"It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God." (1 Thessalonians 4:3-5)

"Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral." (Hebrews 13:4)

"In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire." (Jude 7)

"But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all the liars-their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur." (Revelation 21:8)

Marriage Policy

STATEMENTS OF CONVICTION...

1. Your wedding date may be no less than 4 months away from the time of your request to the presiding pastor. Special exceptions may be made (i.e., military service).
2. You and your fiancée will be required to meet with the presiding pastor for 2 sessions. The first session should be completed as soon as possible to discuss the marriage policy. The second session will be completed closer to the wedding to discuss the ceremony details. You and your fiancée will also be required to complete 9 pre-marital counseling sessions with Cross Connections Counseling. Depending on the counseling needed, the fees range from \$50 to \$315. County Line Church will pay for half of the counseling fees.
3. We will require each couple to sign a pre-marital purity covenant.
4. If you and your fiancée are of the same gender, our pastors will not marry you.
5. If only one of you is a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ, our pastors will not marry you.
6. If you and/or your fiancée have been divorced, our pastors will not marry you if the divorce occurred less than 2 years ago.
7. If you and/or your fiancée have been divorced, we ask that you meet one time with a professional Christian counselor from Cross Connections Counseling in Fort Wayne, at County Line's expense, to determine whether the union in marriage should take place.
8. After you have been married for one year, we would like one of our pastors to meet with you in person or via the telephone for one follow-up session.
9. If at any time during the premarital counseling sessions the presiding pastor feels this union should not happen, he will respectfully decline to continue involvement.