

Dear Applicants,

I am sending you the application and information about the pre-marital counseling that is available here at the church.

Marriage is one of the most important commitments a person can make. Aside from your decision to receive Christ as your Lord, no other decision will have as great an impact upon your life.

In a Christian marriage, two individuals are making a vow before God to fulfill, to the best of their ability, all that God requires for marriage as outlined in the Bible. Because of the great significance and importance of the marriage vow, marriage should be approached prayerfully, patiently, and honestly.

The purpose of our Premarital Program is to help you build a marital relationship that will be pleasing to God and to you. Success in your marriage involves faith in God, knowledge of the Biblical requirements for men and women in marriage, and a commitment to Jesus. It is our desire to help you to reach this goal of having a successful marriage.

Performance of marriage ceremonies is an accommodation of Calvary Chapel Mid Valley to the members of the body of Christ. It is not an obligation. The Bible teaches us that there is safety in counsel. Therefore, we require that, before a couple is married at Calvary Chapel Mid Valley they must fulfill the following requirements:

POLICY FOR WEDDING AND PREMARITAL CLASS

1. The couple must first fill out and submit a premarital counseling application and questionnaire.
2. Calvary Chapel Mid Valley will call (or email) the couple after the Pastor reviews the application, to see if the couple can begin premarital counseling.
3. After the couple completes four premarital counseling classes, the church secretary will notify the couple to tell them if they can be biblically married at Calvary Chapel Mid Valley. After they have been approved, they can discuss a tentative date for the wedding with the church secretary. She will then contact them within one week, as to whether or not that date is available.

If the couple is not approved for marriage here, the Pastor involved will contact the couple with an explanation.

4. Two weeks before the actual wedding date the engaged couple will be required to meet with the pastor who is marrying them to go over specifics of the ceremony.
5. The cost for the counseling and materials are free. The cost of using the church is \$300.00 complete, payable when the counseling is complete, and when the date of the wedding is confirmed.
6. Our facility is located at 14615 Sherman Way, Van Nuys CA 91405
7. Calvary Chapel Mid Valley does not provide a wedding consultant, or any of the flower arrangements, invitations, etc... that may be desired as part of the wedding ceremony, however those items may be brought in to enhance the wedding. Calvary Chapel reserves the right to be informed of all plans and allow or reject any decorations, music, etc.. that is not consistent to the mission of Calvary Chapel Mid Valley which is to bring glory and honor to the Lord Jesus Christ.
8. The couple must not be physically involved prior to their wedding day - Hebrews 13:4 Marriage *is* honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but **fornicators** and adulterers God will judge. We believe the Bible teaches us that pre-marital sex is in disobedience to His Word and would be contrary to the principles outlined in our pre-marital counseling sessions. If starting on a God's foundation is your desire, then walking in obedience in your relationship needs to start NOW.

Thank you for considering Calvary Chapel Mid Valley as the place to hold your marriage ceremony. Please call the church office at (818) 461-0121 after you have filled out the application attached to this letter.

Sincerely,

Pastor David Cuff

Pre-Marital Application

Instructions: Fill out the following as fully, yet as briefly, as possible. Be prepared to review and discuss your responses at your pre-marital counseling appointment.

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Address _____

Home Phone: _____

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- ***Is the divorce final?*** _____ ***When?*** _____
- ***Do you have any children?*** _____ ***Ages:*** _____
- ***Explain custody and visitation arrangements:*** _____:

- ***Why was the marriage terminated?*** _____
- ***Engagement Period:***
- ***How long have you known each other?*** _____
- ***How long have you been going together?***
- ***How long have you been officially engaged?***
- ***Religion:***
- ***Briefly define a "Born Again" Christian*** _____
- ***Are you a "Born Again" Christian?***

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- *Briefly state your views regarding the authority of the Bible and it's place in your life.*

- *Do you regularly attend Calvary Chapel Mid Valley? _____*
- *If not Calvary Chapel Mid Valley, where do you attend? _____*
- *Pastor's Name? _____*
- *If needed, can we contact your Pastor? _____*
- *If you do not attend any church why? _____*

General:

- *Have you set a tentative date for getting married? _____*
- *If Yes, when? _____*

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