

Dear Future Bride and Groom,

I am honored by your invitation to be involved in your upcoming wedding ceremony. I know that this is such an exciting time for both of you! I want you to know that I share the excitement with and for you. I pray that the next few weeks and months will bring you both closer to God and each other as you think about spending the rest of your lives together.

I want you to know that as a Pastor, I believe that I too, have a very important responsibility to God for seeing that your marriage has every chance to succeed. Frankly, it is more important to me that you have a great marriage than just a great wedding. I want to do everything that I can do to see your marriage succeed for the long haul. Therefore, I have adopted a set of personal wedding policies and procedures for officiating at your wedding.

As you will see, the requirements are thorough, but I believe the rewards for this process are, too. I hope that these policies communicate the value I place on your marriage and the responsibility I make to God and to each of you to give your marriage its best chance to succeed. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to call me.

Grace & Peace,  
Pastor Eric Echols

## Wedding Policies & Requirements

1. I have adopted the following wedding policies because my desire is to help you have a great marriage, not just a memorable wedding. Also, I am confident that we will create a wedding ceremony that celebrates your unique love story. You can find more information at [www.ericECHOLS.net/weddings](http://www.ericECHOLS.net/weddings).
2. Please email [eric@ericechols.net](mailto:eric@ericechols.net) to check Eric's calendar for availability to perform your ceremony.
3. I believe that marriage is ultimately a sacred covenant made before God between a man and a woman. Therefore, the ceremony will be saturated with Scripture and Christian in nature.
4. **I will NOT officiate a wedding unless the couple participates in pre-marital counseling.** Eric will perform the pre-marital counseling for a fee of \$250. This includes a comprehensive assessment to be completed by the couple, followed by counseling sessions to go over the assessment. Couples may also participate in formal pre-marital counseling with a trained counselor or pastor of their choosing.
5. A \$250 honorarium for your wedding ceremony should be written as a gift to my wife, Nicole Echols, as a "thank you" for lending me out for the time that I am away from home on the weekend of your wedding.
6. **Don't forget:** It is your responsibility to bring your marriage license to the ceremony for Eric to sign.

I have read and agree to the above Wedding Policies and Requirements.

_____	_____	_____
Signature (Groom)	Print Name (Groom)	Date
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Signature (Bride)	Print Name (Bride)	Date

Please return this signed agreement via email to: [eric@ericechols.net](mailto:eric@ericechols.net).

**Premarital/Wedding Information  
for Pastor Eric Echols**

**Bride:**

Bride's Full Name:

Name pronunciation cues (if needed):

Bride's Cell Phone:

Bride's Email:

Bride's Mother:

Bride's Father:

**Groom:**

Groom's Full Name:

Name pronunciation cues (if needed):

Groom's Cell Phone:

Groom's Email:

Groom's Mother:

Groom's Father:

Wedding Date & Time:

Location (full address):

Wedding Planner (if applicable):

Contact Number:

Email:

Special instructions for Eric: (arrival time, dress, etc):

Please answer the following questions about the ceremony:

Will you be lighting a unity candle?	Yes	No
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Will you be writing your own vows?	Yes	No
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Will any other pastors be involved in the wedding?	Yes	No
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Will Eric be using a lapel microphone?	Yes	No
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