

ARBC Officiating Pastor Wedding Guidelines

PREMARITAL:

Premarital Mentoring/Counseling

- At Austin Ridge Bible Church, all engaged couples are required to participate in premarital mentoring/counseling prior to an ARBC pastor officiating the wedding ceremony.
- If choosing a program outside ARBC, please provide proof of completion to the officiating pastor.
- If participating in the Austin Ridge program you will receive a completion certificate that can be used to receive a discount on your marriage license.

Number of Meetings Determined

- Once the pastor has agreed to officiate the wedding ceremony, they will request a meeting prior to the wedding and any follow up meetings as needed.

FEES:

Honorarium & Other Expenses (*Please make payment prior to the wedding)

- The honorarium to officiate a wedding is **\$400-\$600** payable directly to the pastor (via check, cash or Venmo).
- In addition, mileage (generally for weddings outside of a 30-minute drive from the church), food, lodging and any other miscellaneous costs are expenses to be covered for the pastor.

Weddings Outside of Austin (Be sure to communicate with the pastor)

- If a wedding is outside the Austin area, the pastor and their spouse should be reimbursed for travel expenses, lodging, and meals.

If finances are limited for traditional wedding expenses, please discuss with the officiating pastor to determine a solution.

OTHER INFORMATION:

Things to Know

- Please make sure the pastor has all the details they need to be prepared for the wedding such as...
 1. When & where does the rehearsal take place and is the pastor invited to the dinner?
 2. What time should the pastor arrive for the rehearsal and wedding day?
 3. Are there any special clothing requirements?
 4. If communion is being served, the bride and groom are responsible to furnish communion supplies.