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These guidelines are written as standards for wedding officiants, who are licensed and ordained pastors of Reclamation Church Welch. These parameters are birthed out of standards and restrictions placed upon pastors by God's Word.

"Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled."
- Hebrews 13:40

As a church, we don't oppose the marriages of non-believers. However, we believe as pastors, we serve the Church (Ephesians 4:12, 1 Peter 5:2). Therefore, our pastors are not authorized to conduct marriage ceremonies for those not in the Church (the universal body of Christ, not necessarily Reclamation Church Welch).

"Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?" - 2 Corinthians 6:14

Specifically, at Reclamation Church Welch, we view marriage as one of the most important decisions in life. In light of our high view of marriage, we require appropriate preparation for marriage.

- Preferred 6 month preparation period before marriage.
- Faithful church attendance to prioritize spiritual health.
- Fruit of genuine Christianity with repentance, baptism, and communion.
- Pre-marital counseling with a pastor.
    - Roles within marriage (Ephesians 5).
    - Healthy communication (Ephesians 4).
    - Conflict Resolution (Ephesians 2).
    - Parenting (Ephesians 6).
    - Finances (2 Corinthians 9).
    - Intimacy (1 Corinthians 7).

"So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." - Matthew 19:6