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Hello!

Thank you for your interest in Substance Church's Premarital Wedding Ministry! Preparation for marriage involves much more than detailing a beautiful wedding, it involves laying the emotional, mental, and spiritual foundations upon which an enduring marriage is built. Because weddings are temporary whereas the tools for a great marriage last a lifetime, we believe at Substance Church that premarital counseling is one of the greatest investments you can make for your future.

We're honored you have expressed interest in our Pre-Marital Wedding Ministry! Please read through this document and let us know how we can assist you in preparing for your God-centered marriage!

Sincerely,  
Substance Pastoral Care Team

## Pre-Marital Wedding Ministry Information

### What to Expect

- **12 total counseling hours**- Substance requires a minimum of the state recommended 12 hours of premarital counseling. Statistics suggest that 12 hours of premarital counseling could equal 30% reduced likelihood of getting a divorce.
- **Prepare / Enrich**- Our counseling options use the online relationship assessment tool\*. The results help 1. identify strength and growth areas 2. give knowledge in conflict-resolution and 3. resolve key relationship issues.  
\* \$35.00 fee to take assessment
- **Passion**- It is widely acknowledged that Christians have a similar divorce rate as non-Christians. We at Substance are passionate about reversing this trend by building vibrant, creative marriages that not only lead to healthier communities, but also serve as a witness to the benefits of following God's ways.

### Suggested Reading

- *Sheet Music* Dr. Kevin Lehman
- *Celebration of Sex* Dr. Roseneau
- *Sex, Men & God* Dr. Doug Weiss
- *For Women Only* Shaunti Feldham
- *5 Love Languages* Gary Chapman
- *Things I Wish I knew Before Married* Gary Chapman
- *His Needs, Her Needs* Willard Harley Jr.
- *The Meaning of Marriage* Tim Keller

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### Premarital Counseling

#### **Option 1:** Substance Pastor\*

Contact: [marriage@substancechurch.com](mailto:marriage@substancechurch.com)

Cost: \$400.00

- Prefer to do their own counseling for couples when time permits
- Expect 10-12 hours of 1-on-2 counseling
- Availability is limited

\* Pastor Justin Greiman, Pastor Chad King, Pastor Drew Shepp

#### **Option 2:** Rock Your Relationship Program with Kent and Barb Mackintosh

Contact: [rockyourrelationship@gmail.com](mailto:rockyourrelationship@gmail.com)

Cost: \$200.00

- Kent is a retired Pastor and Barb is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
- They have a passion for healthy marriage within the body of Christ
- Program combines group time with 1-on-2 time
- Expect 12 hours of counseling
- One free 'check-in' session after marriage is included

### Officiating the Wedding

#### **Option 1:** Substance Pastor\*

Contact: [marriage@substancechurch.com](mailto:marriage@substancechurch.com)

Cost: \$500.00

- Get to know couple
- Write message
- Coordinate wedding logistics
- Attend rehearsal dinner
- Officiate wedding
- Attend reception

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#### **Option 2:** Pastor Kent Mackintosh

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