

Planning for the Wedding Day

1. Date of proposed marriage: _____ and time: _____
2. Proposed place of Service: _____
3. Estimated number of guests: _____
4. Names of assistants in wedding party:

	Bridesmaids	Groomsmen
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5. How many welcomers do you plan to have? _____

Their Names: _____

6. Are you printing a programme /song sheet for the ushers to give out? _____. If yes, who will do this? _____

7. Who is arranging the flowers for the service?

8. Have you arranged someone to operate the sound system?
If 'YES', Name _____ Ph. _____

9. Photography
Are you using a Professional or Amateur Photographer?

Are you using a Professional or Amateur Videographer?

10. Would you prefer to stand or kneel for the prayer of Consecration?
11. Arrival Time: Groom and groomsmen, please arrive 3/4 hour before Ushers will need to arrive 1 hour before starting time.
12. A well organised practice will take under 1.5 hours. It helps greatly if the couple have thought through the details of the Processional and Recessional!
13. The Practice will be held on _____ at _____
14. Do you need to make a booking for this? _____

Note: ALL members of the wedding party should attend, incl. the person escorting the bride at her entry, the musicians and the person operating the sound system. Normally Soloists, the person caring for the flowers and the video photographer, should also make tim to attend roughly an hour after the practice commences.

Please have clearly in your mind what you want for the service BEFORE The practice. Please bring:

Your Church Marriage Register (if electing to use a different Marriage Register to the Minister's Marriage Register)

A copy of the programme brochure for each person In the wedding party who will be up front

Who will unlock the church on the wedding day?

Name: _____ Phone: _____

13. The Wedding Service

A Christian wedding service is a “worship Service” to praise God and to ask him to bless your marriage in a special way. Everything is therefore aimed to have God at the centre.

You may choose the order of service. The only absolutes are the legal declarations and the lifetime commitments in the vows.

i) Leader of Musicians: Name: _____

Please note that we would want the instrumental music in the church to be appropriate to the setting.

Instrumental Music:

Prelude :

Bridesmaids processional :

Brides processional :

Recessional :

Other : _____

ii) Who do you want your guests welcomed “on behalf of?”

eg. X, Y;

X,Y and family etc.

iii) Hymns Christian songs to be sung: _____

iv) Is anyone singing an item? _____

If “yes”, Name _____

Again, please plan for items for the worship service to be sacred and Christian, Not secular, ie. Songs should mention God and/or Christ. The place for secular Music is at the “Wedding Reception”.

v) Is the bride being “given away”? If so, by one parent, or both or Other.

vi) How do you want the party to stand at the front of the church. (draw diagram below)

vii) Do you want someone to read a passage of Scripture?

If YES, who? _____

viii) What theme do you want for the sermonette?

Eg. "Friendship" or "Becoming one" or "Love", etc

This can tie in with what you have printed on your programme sheet.

Do you want an affirmation of support by parents included in the Sermonette?

ix) Vows: Do you want

1) Traditional ___ Personalised ___

2) Memorise ___ Repeat After Me ___ "I Do" ___ Read ___

x) Would you like an expression about the symbolism of the rings?

xi) Do you want to light one centre candle from two side candles?

xii) Signing the Register. Do you wish to sign at the front? _____
If "Yes" You will need ensure there is a tablecloth for the table

Who will your two witnesses be?: _____

xiii) Who do you wish to be introduced as ?

14. The Reception is planned to be held at: _____

address: _____

15. Do you want the announcement in "The Record" (SDA Newsletter)? _____

AND "MAY YOU LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER"