



## **Creekside's Marrying Position Statement**

Please check each statement as you read it together.

1. Marriage is a sacred covenant established by God to teach a man and woman to love each other with God's kind of love, for better or for worse, for a lifetime. Marriage is not a 50/50 proposition, but a 100% commitment of one person to the love and betterment of the other.
2. An authentic growing relationship with God through Jesus Christ provides a firm spiritual foundation that gives an individual guidance and power to better relate to a spouse and to grow in love and commitment for a lifetime.
3. Pre-marital preparation and early marriage support can make a significant difference in the long-term health and viability of a marriage. For this reason all couples married through Creekside must participate in premarital counseling and attend the church sponsored pre-marriage retreat.
4. Creekside will marry two professing Christians or two people who are not professing Christians with similar spiritual desires, but we cannot, in good conscience, marry a couple where only one is a professing Christian. This is based on our understanding of 2 Corinthians 6:14 (two people heading in different spiritual directions) and our experience with the tension created from a couple not sharing a common spiritual foundation and spiritual life direction. (There may be exceptions to this position, but they are rare. You are welcome to speak with your officiate about this.)
5. We believe that God's ideal for our sexuality is for it to be expressed in the monogamous exclusive commitment of marriage. Pre-marital sex often masks issues and keeps couples from learning emotional intimacy, friendship and communication independent of sexual intimacy. If a couple is dependent on a sexual relationship to be happy and content together before marriage, the more important foundations for a lasting marriage are often underdeveloped. For these reasons, we ask couples to honor God's expressed desire for their sexuality (Hebrews 13:4) and abstain from sexual intimacy, whether from the beginning of the relationship or from this moment on, until their marriage.
6. Creekside wants you to know if, for any reason, we do not perform your wedding ceremony, our desire as a church is to offer you the tools and resources you need to have a healthy, lasting marriage God intends for you.

We are in agreement with the statements in this document.

We have a question about one or more of the statements.

**WEDDING INQUIRY - COUPLE INFORMATION SHEET**

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Wedding \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Ceremony (Place and City) \_\_\_\_\_

Location and Time of Reception \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Couple after Wedding \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**GROOM:**

Full Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: Never married \_\_\_\_ Widower \_\_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
(Province, Country) (On date of wedding)

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Religious Denomination \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
(Province, Country)Mother's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
(Maiden Surname) (Province, Country)

Name and Address of Witness \_\_\_\_\_

**BRIDE:**

Full Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: Never married \_\_\_\_ Widower \_\_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
(Province, Country) (On date of wedding)

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Religious Denomination \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
(Province, Country)Mother's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
(Maiden Surname) (Province, Country)

Name and Address of Witness \_\_\_\_\_

Do you attend Creekside? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ If so, for how long? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently serving in ministry at Creekside? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

If so, in what areas? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you in LifeGroup? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ If so, who is your LifeGroup leader? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been married before? If so, for how long and when did the marriage end (date of divorce, annulment, etc)? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have children? If so, how many and what are their ages? \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe your current relationship with God, or your current spiritual desires or concerns \_\_\_\_\_

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**QUESTIONS FOR THE COUPLE:**

How long have you dated/known each other? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a Creekside pastor that you would like to request to perform your wedding ceremony?



Jeff Austen,  
Adult Ministry Leader



Pete Maddocks, Co-Lead  
Teaching Pastor



Chris Burge, Co-Lead  
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Communications Pastor

Do you have any questions for us?

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