

Camano Chapel Wedding Application

(To be filled out by the groom)

A word from our Camano Chapel pastors: *Our desire for every wedding we perform is that it will be the most joyful occasion possible and each couple will experience God's best for them. Since God is the creator of the marriage relationship, it makes sense that He knows best how to build a quality marriage. As we study His Word, the Bible, we discover principles that apply to the wedding, engagement period and marriage.*

Please complete both the man and woman's applications and return them to the church office. The Camano Chapel pastor will contact you as to whether the applications have been approved or disapproved. Only after approval will further wedding plans be arranged.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____ Date of Birth _____

Preferred location and wedding date (*Subject to Church Calendar availability*) _____

❖ **Do you attend church?**

- Yes. If so, which one? _____
 No

Each of the Camano Chapel pastors desires to be more than a "wedding chaplain". They desire to be a pastor to all the couples who want to be married by one of them. Therefore, if you do not have a home church, we would request that you attend Camano Chapel.

If you do not attend church, will you attend Camano Chapel?

- Yes
 No

If you attend Camano Chapel, or planning to, do you have a preference of which Pastor would perform your wedding?

- Yes, Pastor _____ (name of pastor), if he is available.
 No

If you attend or are planning to attend another church, we would desire that your pastor officiate your wedding so they can build a closer relationship with you. (Camano Chapel facilities are potentially available for Stanwood/Camano churches that do not have the required space for this event. We ask that the local officiating pastor contact the church for further information.)

In the section below, there are guidelines based on the Bible. Please carefully study the principles and corresponding Scriptures, and then answer the questions. We have no intention of judging or condemning anyone, but we are committed to live within God's instructions.

1. We will consider performing a wedding if the couple is "equally yoked".

- *2 Corinthians 6:14, "Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?"*

How does someone become a Christian?

If you are a Christian, give a brief history of how you became one-

2. We will consider performing the wedding if the couple makes a commitment to moral purity and has separate living arrangements until the wedding.

- *Ephesians 5:3, But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.*
- *Hebrews 13:4, Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure.*

Will you commit to moral purity from this point forward?

- Yes
- No

Are you currently living together?

- Yes
- No

If yes, would you be willing to find separate living arrangements until the wedding?

- Yes
- No

Are your parents in favor of your marriage?

- Yes
- No

If "no", please give their reasons as you understand them:

- If the parent(s) have reservations, Camano Chapel pastors may want to contact them to understand their point of view.

Please give contact information for parents (name, email and/or phone number):

3. We will consider remarriage when a Biblically allowed divorce has occurred.

- **If the divorce occurred because of the former spouse's adultery:** *Matthew 5:31-32, "It has been said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.'³² But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, causes her to become an adulteress, and anyone who marries the divorced woman commits adultery.'*
- **If the divorce occurred because of abandonment by the former unbelieving spouse:** *1 Corinthians 7:15, "But if the unbeliever leaves, let him do so. A believing man or woman is not bound in such circumstances; God has called us to live in peace."*

Have you been divorced?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please indicate the date(s) when the divorce(s) occurred, (month and year), and the reasons. (You may contact a pastor to discuss this in person if this would be more comfortable for you.)

- Note: In case of someone previously divorced, the Camano Chapel pastors will attempt to contact the former spouse to understand their perspective on why the marriage ended.

- Therefore, please give us contact information for your former spouse (name, email and/or phone number, etc.):

- Camano Chapel pastors may also recommend a postponement of the wedding after a Biblical divorce to allow for healing of the individual(s).

❖ **Note:** Weddings performed by a Camano Chapel pastor will include premarital training sessions. This premarital training with the pastor will take approximately two to four months.

❖ I have read Camano Chapel's Wedding Guidelines and Policies, as well as the Important Questions and Answers about Marriage and Wedding Planning found on Camano Chapel's web-site at <http://www.camanochapel.org/weddings>. My signature below acknowledges that I have answered all questions truthfully and accept the Bible-based teachings on Marriage provided to me by Camano Chapel. I understand that I will be required to attend premarital training sessions in the weeks leading up to the wedding. I also understand Camano Chapel Elders reserve the right to decline any wedding at any time in the process that contains or advocates any beliefs or practices in conflict with the Bible-based nature of Camano Chapel.

Groom's Signature

Date

For office use only:

Approved

Disapproved

Pastor's signature

Date