



OUR PROCESS

If you are interested in being married at Spotswood Baptist Church, you will need to:

- *Read this document.*
- *Read the Facility Use Policy.*
- *Complete the [Facility Request Form](#) and submit an application*
- *Meet with a pastor.*

OUR BELIEFS

As defined by the [Baptist Faith and Message 2000](#), "Marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. It is God's unique gift to reveal the union between Christ and His church and to provide for the man and the woman in marriage the framework for intimate companionship, the channel of sexual expression according to biblical standards, and the means for procreation of the human race."

OUR CONVICTIONS

These are the Scriptural convictions for marriage ceremonies performed at/by a pastor of Spotswood Baptist Church.

- 1. Our pastors will officiate the marriage ceremony of those who are Christians and can give testimony of their experience with Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17).*
- 2. Our pastors will not officiate the marriage ceremony of a believer and an unbeliever. If the couple has questions regarding the gospel, please schedule an appointment with a pastor (2 Corinthians 6:14-15).*
- 3. If a member of the couple has been previously divorced, please schedule an appointment with a pastor. Each situation will be treated individually and compassionately.*
- 4. If a couple is cohabitating prior to the marriage ceremony we ask that they move out of the living arrangement and practice sexual abstinence until the marriage ceremony.*
- 5. Couples should complete approved premarital counseling.*

If you have any questions regarding these convictions, we would be happy to speak with you. Please reach out to our office to schedule an appointment with a pastor by calling 540-898-0757.