



Marriage Preparation Course

Marriage begins with a decision to live, to appreciate
and enjoy the real person you married.
Build strong foundations for a stable marriage with love
and mutual respect.
To love is to care for another person as you would care for yourself.
To have mutual respect for another person is to have positive regard
and consideration for each other.
It means recognition, acceptance and tolerance of differences.
It involves adopting an attitude that allows for forgiveness.
All these take commitment and effort.
Marriage is a life-long partnership.

Hope Church (Singapore) views marriage as commitment to a life-long covenant and there is no avenue of turning back. It is important to set the right foundations when preparing to come together, and as a church we provide our courting couples the Marriage Preparation Course (MPC).

MPC is foundational to build strong & biblical couples and in turn strong & biblical families. The course prepares the couple for a life-long commitment, and it is our desire that our couples are well prepared before they enter into marriage.

This course runs over 8 sessions, covering an array of topics such as understanding the marital relationship, roles & responsibilities in marriage, communication & resolution of marital conflicts, financial management, in-law relationships, seasons in marriage, family planning and the Uniquely You Relationships Profile.

In addition, the MPC involves an attachment with Hope Kids as well as informal "break-out" sessions. These "break-out" sessions provide our courting couples an opportunity to relate with other married couples in small group settings.

Information

Time: Saturday mornings - 9.00am – 12.30pm (except for 31 March, where the time would be 11.30am – 3.30pm).

Dates: 11, 18, 25 Feb | 3, 17, 24, 31 Mar | 14 Apr 2012

Course Fees: \$160 per couple (where at least one partner is a member of Hope Church Singapore), \$200 (where both partners are not members of Hope Church Singapore) Cheque payable to Hope Church (S) or NETs at the NETs counter. The cost includes refreshments and rental of external venue.

Venue: Stamford Training Room, Raffles Institution (Junior College), 10 Bishan Street 21, Singapore 574013

Map to Raffles Institution (Junior College)



Source: http://www.streetdirectory.com/asia_travel/travel/travel_id_7144/travel_site_140367

Buses available: Bus stops along Bishan Street 21 (Near Sunrise Co Pte Ltd): SBS 410
Bus stops along Marymount Road: SBS 54
Bus stops along Braddell Road: SBS 93, 156, 157

MRT stations: Bishan (North-South Line/Circle Line), Marymount (Circle Line)

For more information on Marriage Solemnisation, please refer to the article "Guide to Marriage Solemnisation" found below.

For Enquiry

You may contact Visoth Sum Tze Wei at twsun@hopesingapore.org.sg or 63179150.

Closing Date: 27 January 2012

All completed forms are to be submitted to your Sub-District/District Leaders.

Guide to Marriage Solemnisation

Couples who wish to have their marriage solemnised by Hope Church (S) are required to meet the following guidelines:

- Both must be members of Hope Church (Singapore).
- Complete the Marriage Preparation Course (MPC) conducted by our church. The intended wedding date should be no earlier than six months from the completion of MPC.
- Couple should not be violating Biblical principles by engaging in petting, pre-marital sex, homosexual activities or co-habitation outside marriage. Such a couple must confess, repent and discontinue such acts. God designed a heterosexual marriage to be the arena for sexual expression.
- Members are not engaging in any lifestyle or behavior that violates Biblical principles without genuine repentance, even under loving counsel.
- Couple has not registered a civil marriage at the Registry of Marriage (ROM), for the purpose of flat application, for example.
- Couple should refrain from making any booking or wedding arrangements and/or confirm wedding date until they have completed the MPC, and received a Letter of Confirmation from the church.

Upon confirmation of Wedding Date:

- Submit the completed Church Wedding Application Form to your Senior Coach for verification (Senior Coaches will submit the form to church office upon approval).
- Upon receiving your application, a church staff or pastoral leader will meet the couple to discuss the salient points in preparing for the church wedding.
- Your assigned officiating minister will meet up with you some 2 months prior to your wedding date to brief you on E-filing with ROM and to run through your church wedding program.
- Then log on to <http://app.rom.gov.sg/internet/index.asp> to file your Notice of Marriage. The Registry of Marriage accepts only electronic filing through the Internet or the kiosk(s) located within ROM (assistance is available to persons using these kiosks).

NOTE:

- The Church reserves the right NOT to solemnise the marriage should the couple come under any form of church discipline or fail to adhere to any of the above requirements.
- We are unable to conduct church weddings on major holidays and major church events.
- For questions regarding Marriage Preparation Course, please contact Visoth Sum Tze Wei (65) 6317 9150 or email twsun@hopesingapore.org.sg
- For questions regarding Weddings, please contact Huo Yin San (65) 6317 9155 or email yshuo@hopesingapore.org.sg

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE Application Form

Important: Please read through the Marriage Preparation Guide before you complete this registration form



It is our hope and desire that this course will help you set the foundation for a marriage that will grow and mature through the seasons in life; bringing fulfilment to both of you and also a blessing to many others.

	Bridegroom-to-be	Bride-to-be
Name		
NRIC Or Passport No (for non-residents)		
Nationality		
Ethnic Background		
Date of Birth		
Birth order in your family (eg eldest or second child etc..)		
Occupation		
Highest Qualification		
Monthly Gross income	<\$3000 per month <input type="checkbox"/> \$3000 to \$5000 <input type="checkbox"/> Above \$5000 <input type="checkbox"/>	<\$3000 per month <input type="checkbox"/> \$3000 to \$5000 <input type="checkbox"/> Above \$5000 <input type="checkbox"/>
Home address		
Nearest MRT station from home		
Contact Number		
Email		
Have you personally received Jesus Christ into your life?	Yes/No	Yes/No
How long have you been a believer?		
Are you a Hope Church (S) member?	Yes/No	Yes/No
If No, please indicate your home church		

Congregation (eg Adults/Fil/Indo)		
Sub-District		
Unit		
Life Group		
Have you been previously married? For how long?		
Are you separated/ divorced / widowed?		
How long have you known each other?		
When was the subject of marriage first discussed?		
How do your parents feel about your proposed marriage? (please tick one box)	Positive <input type="checkbox"/> Mere Acceptance <input type="checkbox"/> Indifferent <input type="checkbox"/> Opposed <input type="checkbox"/>	Positive <input type="checkbox"/> Mere Acceptance <input type="checkbox"/> Indifferent <input type="checkbox"/> Opposed <input type="checkbox"/>
Parents' Religion		
Do you intend to stay with parents after marriage?		
Have you registered your marriage with the ROM? If yes, state date. If yes, is the marriage consummated?		
Have you applied for a house with HDB? If yes, when?		

Our proposed wedding date (month/year): _____

Note: The proposed wedding date above is for church internal planning purposes only.
It is not a commitment by Hope Church (S) to solemnise your wedding on that date.

Declaration by Applicant

1. In the event that either of us is not a member of Hope Church (Singapore), he/she is aware that he/she will need to be a member of the church in order to be married in the church.
2. We need to attend ALL classes in the course and complete ALL homework assignments.
3. We WILL NOT set a wedding date until we have completed the MPC. The wedding date will be at least 6 months after completion of the MPC.
4. It is our responsibility to file our Notice of Wedding on-line at least 25 days before our actual wedding date with the ROM.
5. It is our responsibility to make all arrangements and secure a venue for our wedding.
6. We will serve in Hope Kids ministry for 2 weeks during or after the MPC.

We fully understand that to be married in this Hope Church (S), the above conditions need to be adhered to.

We declare that the information given is true, correct and complete.

Signed Bridegroom-to-be

Signed Bride-to-be

Date

Input from immediate pastoral leaders

**This section is to be filled up by the immediate pastoral leaders. After that, it is to be placed into an envelope together with the completed form, sealed & passed back to the couple, who will then drop it into the safe at the reception counter.*

Information about Groom-to-be

- Involvement in church

- Areas of concern with regard to the relationship (if any)

- Level of openness to leaders regarding relationship

Leader's name / Signature / Date

Information about Bride-to-be

- Involvement in church

- Areas of concern with regard to the relationship (if any)

- Level of openness to leaders regarding relationship

Leader's name / Signature / Date