

From the Pastor's Desk 1980-1989

Weddings

Years ago a couple wanting to get married called the pastor for a suitable date for their wedding and "booked" the organist. This was the extent of the preparation as far as the church was concerned. The couple talked with the pastor about the ceremony, but there was no pre-marital counseling. Now many churches make it mandatory. Why premarital counseling? Today many marriages don't last. Family life is experiencing more pressure and tension than ever before. That's why young couples should go into marriages well prepared. Someone said, "The church's ministry is not to conduct weddings. Its ministry is to nurture marriages, before and during marriage. If couples cannot make a commitment to nurture their marriage prior to the event, then the church should say we cannot have your marriage solemnized here."