



Chattanooga Wedding Minister Signals "New Game in Town" for Couples Wanting Control of Their Wedding Ceremonies

Reports the rising trend of non-traditional couples needing alternative wedding officiants and focusing on a Tennessee-based company seeking to fill this need.

CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, UNITED STATES, March 5, 2014 /EINPresswire.com/ -- For couples planning their weddings this year who do not have a naturally-occurring wedding officiant to call on to perform their ceremonies (through their church, synagogue, temple, etc.), or are just wanting to take control of the wedding ceremony creation process, there is a "new game in town," according to Rev. James Ramsey, a Universal Life Church minister and owner of the Chattanooga, Tennessee-based company, [Chattanooga Wedding Officiants](#).

With the growing number of people leaving conventional religious structures, and who characterize themselves as "spiritual" (as opposed to "religious"), there is an equally growing need for wedding officiants who are willing to accommodate such couples with beautiful non-denominational [wedding ceremonies](#). In addition, there are many atheists, agnostics, humanists, freethinkers, etc., who, while perhaps not holding traditional religious (or even spiritual) beliefs, also want and deserve high-quality [non-religious wedding ceremonies](#) that reflect their beliefs. A third category of couples seeking personalized wedding ceremonies are those who may actually be affiliated with a traditional religion, but are unable to secure their clergy's willingness to perform the ceremony they want, due to the couples' request for inclusion of elements that deviate from church doctrine (e.g. elopement, marrying someone of a different religion, desire for specific wording in the ceremony, or a requirement to complete a course of premarital counseling which the couple does not want, etc.). There is also a perennial need for substitute wedding officiants (often on extremely short notice) for those occasions when the couple's original wedding officiant, for whatever reason, is unable to perform the ceremony—sometimes backing out at the last minute.

Chattanooga Wedding Officiants seeks to serve all these types of couples by allowing the couple to hire Rev. Ramsey, who will provide them with professional, affordable, user-friendly wedding ceremonies which meets their individualized needs. Rev. Ramsey is available on short notice and provides a FREE consultation, so the couple can get to know him and ask questions. From there, he can assess the couple's needs and either provides a standard ceremony or works with the couple to create a personalized ceremony. Rev. Ramsey says he does NOT require couples to complete premarital counseling as a condition of officiating their weddings. However, he does offer premarital counseling on voluntary basis, should the couple request it.

Rev. Ramsey also offers the following advice to couples who are planning their weddings this year: "Now is the time to book your officiant." Rev. Ramsey says couples often lose the officiant factor in the shuffle of finding the right venue, dress, florist, photographer, DJ, etc., for their weddings, only to find that the available pool of officiants legally qualified to marry them to be extremely limited. This problem often stems from the fact that the generic term, "wedding officiant"—for people who are legally authorized in a particular state to solemnize marriages—for some reason remains an obscure term. Instead, couples perform Google searches for terms like "ministers," which at best yields a lot

of results that do not apply to the many couples wanting to hire a user-friendly specialist in personalized wedding ceremonies, such as offered by Chattanooga Wedding Officiants. However, the term for couples to search for, says Rev. Ramsey, is "wedding officiants," along with the city and state where the couple plans to have their wedding. "In Southeast Tennessee, Northwest Georgia, and Northeast Alabama, this is where Chattanooga Wedding Officiants can help," says Rev. Ramsey, whose primary base of operations encompasses a 100-mile radius of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

"So, as soon as you know your wedding date, time, and venue, it is absolutely essential to begin the process of choosing and booking your officiant," says Rev. Ramsey, who also holds a Master of Education degree in Community Counseling from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Rev. Ramsey describes himself as a "mobile minister" and a "wedding chapel on wheels" who will travel to wherever your wedding is and do everything possible on his part to ensure that your special day is extra memorable.

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