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A publication for viewers of
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On weddings

One of the best things I do as a pastor is preside over weddings. I meet with couples ahead of time and talk about how they met, what they struggle with, why they want to get married and who their role models are for a healthy relationship. Then comes the big day. Couples have a glow on their wedding day – a joy that cannot be diminished even when nothing goes as planned.

We gather in the front of the sanctuary. The couple is before me, flanked on both sides by friends and siblings. Beyond them is a crowd of people that promise to support and pray for the couple. It's a powerful thing, and I have an amazing view. The crowd sits. There are readings. The Word is present in God's promises. And in the midst of those, the couple makes their own promises.

People cry at the vows. Promises like these are weighty and witnessed by their families and friends. Here is what is incredible about standing up with couples at this moment – they've been through a lot to make it there. Deaths of parents and friends. Long distance relationships. Family drama. Even heartache. This is when I remember my favorite promises from God.

Weddings are a beautiful time to think about the richness of God's promises and that there are good things in store for all of us. We celebrate how God is at work in all of our stories, working to prosper us.

I can't wait to officiate for more amazing couples. I'll try not to cry at the vows (*no promises*).

With love,
Pastor Alison



Did you know?

Pastor Alison Williams . . .

- ✝ Has favorite snack foods – Xtra Cheddar Goldfish or Cheez-It Duoz.
- ✝ Describes herself with three words: sunshine, ginger and sassy.
- ✝ Babysat for years and years before she got an official pay-check for working as a hostess at a restaurant. That restaurant closed two weeks after she began working there!
- ✝ Would take someone she loves, a bible and sunscreen if she were going to be stranded on a deserted island.

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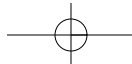
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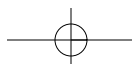
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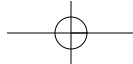
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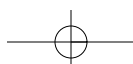
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March 1	Gen. 17:1-7, 15-16	Rom. 4:13-25	Mark 8:31-38
March 8	Exod. 20:1-17	1 Cor. 1:128-25	John 2:13-22
March 15	Num. 21:4-9	Eph. 2:1-10	John 3:14-21
March 22	Jer. 31:31-34	Heb. 5:5-10	John 12:20-33
March 29	Isa. 50:4-9a	Phil. 2:5-11	Mark 14:1-15:47
April 5	Acts 10:34-43	1 Cor. 15:1-11	Mark 16:1-8
April 12	Acts 4:32-35	1 John 1:1-2:2	John 20:19-31
April 19	Acts 3:12-19	1 John 3:1-7	Luke 24:36b-48
April 26	Acts 4:5-12	1 John 3:16-24	John 10:11-18
May 3	Acts 8:26-40	1 John 4:7-21	John 15:1-8
May 10	Acts 10:44-48	1 John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17
May 17	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	1 John 5:9-13	John 17:6-19
May 24	Acts 2:1-21	Rom. 8:22-27	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
May 31	Isa. 6:1-8	Rom. 8:12-17	John 3:1-17

