

Wedding Policy

All weddings will be approved by the discretion of the pastor & deacons, and in accordance by scripture.

There are few things as joyous as celebrating a wedding! Here is what you need to know about hosting your wedding at the Church. If you have any questions, please contact the Pastor at 833-1058.

God established marriage as a sacred covenant between one man and one woman to reflect Christ's relationship with His Church (Eph. 5:21-23). In keeping with biblical teaching, the Church requires the following for any couple seeking to celebrate a marriage at the Church:

Faith - Both bride and groom must have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ (2 Cor. 6:14).

Celibacy - The engaged couple must live separately before their wedding day. sexual intimacy is to celebrate exclusively within marriage (1 Thess. 4:3).

Man/Woman monogamy - Marriage is a sacred union of one man and one woman. (The Church) does not recognize, nor will it take part in, any ceremony that does not meet this basic criterion (Gen. 2:24; Matt. 19:4-5).

Premarital Counseling - The engaged couple must participate in (counseling program/length of counseling) prior to the wedding ceremony. Please schedule at least (length of time) in advance to allow adequate time for premarital counseling.

Church Membership/Attendance - Either the bride or groom (or their parents) must be (members/regular attendees) at the Church.

Finally, for any weddings celebrated outside the Church, the (pastors/ministers/clergy) and staff of (the Church) shall only officiate weddings and solemnize marriages between on man and one woman.

Bride _____

Groom _____

Date of Wedding: _____ Wedding Officiant: _____

Individual(s) (with Membership at/attending) (the Church: _____

Premarital Counseling Program: _____

Completed? _____

Is this a remarriage for either party? _____. Please Explain:

Please list the name, contact information, and religious affiliation of the person officiating the wedding: _____

Please describe the marriage preparation counseling or training undertaken by the bride and groom: _____

Church Facility Use Policy

Facility Purpose Statement

The Church's facilities were provided by God's benevolence and the sacrificial generosity of its members. All Church property is consecrated and set apart to worship God (Col 3:17), and therefore is to be used exclusively to glorify God and edify the Body of Christ. Although the facilities are not generally open to the public, the Church makes its facilities available to approved (members and) non-members on a case-by-case basis as a witness to its faith, in a spirit of Christian charity, and as a means of demonstrating the Gospel of Jesus Christ in practice.

The Church's facilities may not be used for activities that contradict, or are inconsistent with, the Church's beliefs, as summarized in the Church's statement of faith. This restricted facility use policy is necessary for two reasons. First, the Church may not in good conscience materially cooperate in activities or promote beliefs that are contrary to its faith (2 Cor 6:14, 1 Thess. 5:22). Second, the Church must present a consistent public witness to the community through its stewardship of its property. Allowing facilities to be used by those who express beliefs or engage in practices contrary to the Church's faith would have a severe, negative impact on the message that the Church strives to promote and could cause confusion and scandal to Church members and the community. Therefore, only events that are consistent with the Church's religious beliefs, as determined by (Pastor and deacon), shall be permitted).

Approved Users

The (Pastor and Deacons) must approve all Church facility use request. Priority shall be given to Church members and Church-sponsored groups of activities.

In the Church's sole discretion, Church facilities may be made available to (members and) non-members nor outside groups (the "User") meeting the following qualifications:

1. The user must affirm that the planned facility use does not violate the Church's faith and practice.
2. The User must submit a signed "Church Facility Reservation Request and Agreement" form.
3. The User must agree to abide by the Church's rules of conduct for facility use, as stated below and as described in any additional instructions by Church staff.
4. The User must take responsibility for the facilities and equipment used.

Event Requests and Scheduling

Facility use requests shall be made to church office by submitting the "Church Facility Reservation Request and Agreement" form. The event will be reserved and place on the church calendar only when the (pastor/deacons) approves the use.

Facility Use Guidelines

1. Users may only enter and use those areas of the facilities that have been reserved.
2. Food and Beverages: restricted to certain areas, etc.)
3. Alcohol: (e.g., **no alcohol may be served on church property.**)
4. Smoking is prohibited in any indoor Church facility.
5. Sex-specific changing areas and restrooms are to be used by members of the designated biological sex only.
6. Church equipment must be returned to original placement, unless arranged otherwise prior to the event.
7. All lights must be turned off and doors locked upon departure.
8. Abusive or foul language, violent behavior, and drug or alcohol abuse are strictly prohibited on church premises. Any person exhibiting such behavior will be required to leave the premises.

Insurance

For all non-Church-sponsored events, the User must obtain liability insurance coverage from the church insurance, Brotherhood Mutual.

I(the User) affirm that:

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1. I understand that the church does not allow its facilities to be used in a way that contradicts its faith or by persons or groups holding beliefs that contradict the Church's faith.
2. To the best of my knowledge the purpose for which I am requesting use of church facilities will not contradict the church's faith, and I commit to promptly disclose any potential conflict of which I am aware or become aware to church staff.
3. I understand that the Church does not allow its facilities to be generally available to the public, and that my use of these facilities is subject to (Pastor/Deacon) approval, which is conditioned in part on my agreement to the requirements in the "Church Facility Use Policy," a copy of which I have read and understood.
4. The user will be responsible for moving or rearranging the furniture and putting everything back in order after use, as well as cleaning, vacuuming the Sanctuary, cleaning the Fellowship Hall, carrying out all trash, turning off all lights, and locking all doors. Also, the grounds are to be clean after use. All birdseed or rice, or anything else used to pummel the newly-weds, must be thrown away and/or swept from the steps and walkways of the church. The church must be ready for Sunday Services when the clean-up is completed.
5. Should candles and/or flowers be used, proper precautions should be observed to insure that water and wax do not end up on the carpets, wood, or pew cushions.

6. The Sanctuary sound system is operated by several members of Davidson Street Baptist Church. If you would like to use the sound system, one of these persons must be present. The church office will have a list of individuals qualified to run the system.
7. Please insure that any children present for the event are supervised at all times.
8. The bridal party may arrange for accompanists to be used for the rehearsal and the wedding. A list of qualified individuals from Davidson Street Baptist Church can be obtained from the church office if you need assistance with those details.
9. A 30-day notice must be given for personal events; however, a Bible Fellowship Class is only required to give a 2-week notice for class gatherings. Every event requested on Davidson Street Baptist Church facilities will go through a process of approval by the pastor and deacon.
10. A deposit of \$100.00 will be charged before any event in the Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall can be reserved. A cleaning fee/utility charge of \$50.00 will be kept, with \$50.00 returned after an inspection of the buildings and grounds has been done following the event. Under certain circumstances of church-related events, the pastor and deacons have the right to waive the fee.
11. I understand that upon approval of my facilities use request, I will need to provide a security deposit in the amount of \$100, a certificate of insurance if non-church function. Advised by Brotherhood Mutual.
12. I understand that I will be responsible for any damages to the church facilities resulting from this proposed use of facilities.
13. The church believes disputes are to be worked out between parties without recourse to the courts. See, generally, Matthew 18 and 1 Corinthians 6. Accordingly, users of the facility agree to attempt resolution of any disputes through Christian mediation.

Name _____

Date_____