

Community Church
WEDDING POLICY

The Value of Marriage

At Community Church we believe that marriage is a gift of God and that it is a relationship which He designed. God is the creator of marriage. We would like the wedding ceremony to reflect God's sovereign involvement in establishing a marriage relationship.

Our church has made certain decisions about the use of Community Church facilities for weddings. This process is intended to provide you with the best possible preparation not just for your wedding day, but for your marriage.

Eligibility

Regular Attender

We are committed to serving those who have been members or regular attenders of Community Church for at least six months.

Personal relationship

We believe it is important that the bride and the groom have a with God personal relationship with Jesus Christ. A Christian is one who has come to know Jesus Christ as his/her personal Savior. We desire couples to be committed to living in accordance with scriptural principles for living (i.e., maintaining sexual purity {Thessalonians 4:3-8}; living in separate residences {Hebrews 13:4}; seeking a partner with the same spiritual commitment, {2 Corinthians}; etc.).

Divorce

If either partner has been divorced, at least one to two years of legal divorce must pass before the couple considers remarriage. We believe a new relationship should not be pursued until the potential for a healthy reconciliation has been exhausted. Divorce is a process and so is recovery. A time of grieving and healing is necessary before considering remarriage. Finishing and resolving the issues will set the stage for a healthy new relationship. The pastoral staff will meet with divorcees to evaluate factors that contributed to a dissolution of a previous marriage and how these factors relate to scriptural guidelines.

Reservations

We ask that you make plans for reserving the church and beginning the marriage preparation process at least six months prior to your chosen date. This will allow plenty of time to complete the marriage preparation process.

Reservations of the church building can be made through the church office.

Wedding Coordinator

Any wedding party that uses Community Church for their wedding will need to work with our Wedding Coordinator. After you make the reservations for your wedding, the Wedding Coordinator will contact you and arrange to meet to plan the details of your wedding ceremony.

Fees

The standard fee for a wedding at Community Church is \$400.00, but any adjustments or additions to this fee will be discussed with the Wedding Coordinator during the initial meeting. A \$100.00 deposit should be paid to the church to secure your reservation of the church building. This deposit is *non-refundable* after “one month before the wedding date.” The final payment should be mailed to the Wedding Coordinator at least one month prior to the wedding date.

SERVICE	FEES
Auditorium Use (for non-members).....	\$100.00
Wedding Coordinator.....	\$150.00
Audio & Lighting Technician	\$ 50.00
Custodial Services	\$ 65.00
Premarital Counseling Inventory.....	\$ 35.00

POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL FEES

Pastor	\$100.00 (recommended)
Musicians.....	see Wedding Coordinator for options
Reception.....	contact Community Catering Coordinator
Programs (layout and printing)	see Wedding Coordinator for options

Premarital Counseling

Each couple is required to go through a premarital counseling package with Pastoral staff. The cost for the premarital assessment is \$35.00. If issues in the premarital process are sufficiently concerning, we reserve the right to postpone or decline officiating your wedding ceremony.

Ceremony

Typically one of the pastors of Community Church will officiate at your wedding. As part of the premarital counseling process, the Pastor will assist you in putting together your order of service for the wedding ceremony. If there is a request for other clergy to officiate the wedding, that must be approved through Community Church. A rehearsal will usually take place the evening before the wedding.

Reception

Our church building is well equipped for a wedding reception. If you are interested in having your reception at the church building, our Community Catering Coordinator will assist you in the planning. Alcoholic beverages and smoking are not permitted in the Community Church facility. A separate cost agreement for your reception will be drafted between you and the Community Catering Coordinator.

Facility Use

The wedding party is totally responsible for the condition of the church building. The church building and all rooms used by the wedding party must be left in a neat and clean condition and all decorations must be removed. Signing of the “Wedding Cost Agreement” form will constitute agreement to reimburse the church for any damages and/or necessary cleaning.

Community Church is a place of worship and a proper standard of conduct applies to everyone utilizing this facility.

Children in attendance must be under direct adult supervision at all times. Children are not permitted to roam freely throughout the church building.

Limitations

Smoking is not allowed inside any part of the church building. Alcoholic beverages or illegal substances are not permitted in the church building or on the grounds of the church at either the wedding or the reception. No food or drinks are allowed inside the auditorium.

Decorations

Decorations are defined as “any materials placed on walls, windows, floors and ceilings that were not included in the original building design.” Decorations include, but are not limited to: flowers, pictures, and window coverings, cardboard cutouts, hanging banners or any signs.

Use only masking tape, Scotch tape or poster putty to secure decorations. Duct tape is not allowed. The use of tacks, nails or screws is strictly prohibited.

For safety reasons, only dripless candles and candles in glass containers may be used within the church building.

Wedding parties desiring to decorate the auditorium for the wedding ceremony, must remove all decorations immediately following their event.

Audio & Lighting

The church will provide you with a trained sound & lighting technician who will coordinate all the audio/visual needs for your wedding ceremony. This person will also arrange the use of microphones and other sound equipment to assist your musicians.

Video/Photography

Please inform your photographer that they should not distract from the ceremony. *Flash* photography is discouraged during the ceremony. Video recording is permitted during the ceremony.

Music

The Pastor and Wedding Coordinator will give you suggestions as to the placement of music for your wedding ceremony. They will also need to approve all music selections for your wedding ceremony.

Community Church has a list of qualified musicians who can assist you with the music for your wedding ceremony. We have experienced and well trained vocalists, instrumentalists and pianists. If you choose to use our musicians, you would pay them directly as their fee is not part of the total wedding fee package to Community Church.
