

Faith Baptist Church  
Princeton, TX  
Wedding Policy

Church Philosophy:

We believe the wedding ceremony to be one of the most sacred moments in the life of any person. It is not a gala social event, but a religious ceremony in which two people invoke the blessings of God in holy wedlock.

It is the desire of the pastor and other ministers of the church, as well as the church family, to make every such ceremony a beautiful and worshipful event and to that end, to extend to each party every possible courtesy.

In order to establish a uniform and regular practice with regard to weddings in Faith Baptist Church and to make available to all interested parties the accepted customs of the church, the following procedures have been instituted.

Ministers Philosophy:

It is the pastor's philosophy that marriage is an institution ordained by God. The pastor has deep convictions concerning this institution that will be reflected in some of his policies regarding performing weddings.

1. The pastor will marry no couple without prior counseling sessions. Because of this he needs to be consulted about wedding plans as far in advance as possible. (Pastor requests at least 60 days.)
2. In regard to wedding attire, the pastor does not own a tuxedo; therefore, if the wedding party would like the pastor to wear one, they are asked to pay the expense of renting the tuxedo.
3. For those members and non-members of Faith Baptist Church who wish another minister to perform the ceremony: the pastor of Faith Baptist Church must approve the wedding procedures before the wedding date.

Setting the Date

When you have made a decision about marriage, please contact the church office to arrange a date. Rehearsal and wedding dates must be approved by church staff and entered on the church calendar.

No weddings will be scheduled on Sundays or holidays.

Due to the important use of our buildings on Sunday, all buildings must be cleaned, set up for Sunday services and cleared no later than 10:00pm on Saturday evening.

Only one wedding per weekend will be scheduled.

Music

Music used in connection with the ceremony shall be in keeping with the sacredness and dignity of the wedding service. Since a church wedding is a religious experience, the music selected should be sacred and appropriate for worship.

Fees for a soloist or pianist should be arranged for and paid in advance. Such arrangements are private and are not the church's responsibility.

Information regarding music to be used in the service should be provided to the church at least 14 days prior to wedding date.

### Photographs/Video

The taking of pictures and or videos of the wedding are the responsibility of the wedding party and are at the discretion of the bride, groom and pastor.

### Decorations

It is required that those decorating check with the church office prior to placing any decorations in the church (including florists and caterers).

Candelabra may be used if used with drip less candles and plastic underneath or with appropriate plates to catch any wax drippings. Absolutely no wax must be allowed to fall onto furniture or carpet.

Flowers must be placed in containers so that no water damage results. No flowers may be placed in or on musical instruments. All decorations must be removed immediately following wedding ceremony unless prior arrangements have been made with the church office.

Use of glitter is discouraged and should be used at a minimum. The wedding party will be responsible for removing all traces of glitter from furniture and carpet.

Due to the varying requirements of building use, it will be necessary to make appointments in advance for setting up of decorations or other materials. The building will be opened fifteen minutes prior to rehearsal and one and one half hours prior to wedding ceremony unless other arrangements are made with church office.

Rice, birdseed and bubbles may only be distributed only upon exiting the church building. No rice, birdseed, or bubbles will be allowed in the building.

### Receptions

Be sure your caterer knows of these guidelines.

No alcoholic beverages or smoking will be allowed on the church property.

The Fellowship Hall, together with the kitchen may be available for receptions following the wedding ceremony. The church will provide the room with its regular furnishings.

If any music or sound systems will be used then volume must be kept down to a level that can only be heard inside the building.

Faith Baptist Church personnel will not do any catering or cleanup, but will be available to supervise the use of facilities and equipment.

Arrangements for receptions must be made through the church office. All facilities must be left in the same order in which they were found. This includes but is not limited to sweeping, mopping, placing trash in dumpster, and returning supplies, equipment and furniture to original locations.

#### General

Smoking and intoxicants are not permitted in any area of this property. To avoid embarrassment, it is requested that these restrictions are called to the attention of all members of the wedding party.

The church assumes no responsibility for the security of personal articles and the appointments in connection with the wedding when such articles are left unattended in the church.

Faith Baptist Church reserves the right to disallow the services of florist, caterer, photographer/videographer and the like.

The dress of the wedding party should be in good taste and conform to suitable clothing for a Christian religious ceremony.

Wedding party is responsible for cleaning any areas used and restoring them to proper order.

If there are any other questions or problems, please call the church office at 972-736-3733.

**Wedding Information Sheet**

Bride's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Groom's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Best Contact # \_\_\_\_\_

Best Contact # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Person to Contact/Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**Wedding Information**

Date of Wedding \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Wedding \_\_\_\_\_

Rehearsal Time \_\_\_\_\_

Minister Selected \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Guests Expected \_\_\_\_\_

Set up Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Music to be played during ceremony: (Must be given to the church at least 14 days prior to wedding date)**

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**Reception Information –If held at Church**

**Rehearsal Dinner Info-If held at Church**

Set up Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Set up Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Start/End Time: (duration) \_\_\_\_\_

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Room \_\_\_\_\_

Room \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Information:**

I have read the church policy and wedding policy of Faith Baptist Church, Princeton, TX and agree to abide by all policies stated therein.

Bride's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Groom's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_