

PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH
6380 Old Lebanon Road
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WEDDING POLICY
(Revised 6/2022)

Your wedding is a sacred occasion. Although the church cannot know the full joy that you feel as you look forward to your wedding day, it shares with you much happiness and pleasure. It will be most meaningful to you and your families and friends when there is careful planning. To that end we believe these policies to be most suitable and practical for all concerned.

These suggestions and guidelines are not made with the thought of telling you what to do, but to insure that you will have a good rehearsal and a wedding that will be one you will remember as pleasing to the Lord and a blessing to you.

Although you will find answers to most of your questions in these policies, there may be some that will not be noted. Please feel free to call on the church staff for assistance in an area where you may have such questions.

INITIAL ARRANGEMENTS:

Careful planning is necessary for all weddings. You will want to plan as early in advance as possible so that the use of the church can be arranged without conflict. The date of the wedding is set in consultation with the Pastor and/or Church Secretary who will clear the date on the calendar. At this consultation, the wedding information will be filled out.

No wedding will be scheduled on Sunday, or on Wednesday after 5:00 p.m., or on holidays, except in an instance where special circumstances exist.

PASTORAL COUNSELING:

The pastor will schedule appropriate times for the bride and groom to counsel with him relative to wedding arrangements, the ceremony, and other matters pertaining to marriage.

CONDUCT OF WEDDING:

The pastor of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, ordained members of the staff, or ordained ministers who are members of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church will conduct all weddings, except in an instance where special circumstances exist. In the case of such exceptions the bride and/or groom will consult with the pastor of the church regarding the exceptional nature of the situation. These should be made known to the church secretary when the church is booked for the wedding.

DEFINITION OF MARRIAGE

What the Bible says about marriage is clear, definitive and unchanging. We affirm biblical, traditional, natural marriage as the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. The Scriptures' teaching on marriage is not negotiable. We stake our lives upon the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus. Consequently, we will not accept, nor adhere to any legal redefinition of marriage issued by any political body including the United States Supreme Court. We will not recognize same-sex "marriage" our church will not host same-sex ceremonies, and we will not perform such ceremonies. While we affirm our love for all people, including those struggling with same-sex attraction, we cannot and will not affirm the moral acceptability of homosexual behavior or any behavior that deviates from God's design for marriage.

REHEARSAL:

The rehearsal is usually held the night before the wedding. It is suggested that all persons involved in the wedding, including the parents of both the bride and the groom, be present at the rehearsal. If the CLC is used, all fees and the CLC policy guidelines apply.

WEDDING RECEPTION:

All wedding receptions at the church will be held in the Fellowship Hall or in the Christian Life Center. If the Christian Life Center is used, refer to the policy guidelines. These will be given to you when you book the wedding if you decide to have the reception there. The fees for using the CLC will apply.

If the wedding reception is catered all items to be used must be furnished by you or the caterer with the exception of the chairs and tables.

Friends of the wedding party may decorate at the location of the reception (fellowship hall or Christian Life Center), including reception tables.

There is to be no smoking in the church building or in the Christian Life Center and alcoholic beverages cannot be served at any reception.

PHOTOGRAPHS:

The taking of pictures using flash bulbs during the ceremony should be discouraged. Pictures should be taken prior to and at the completion of the service.

MUSIC:

It is important to keep in mind that a church wedding is a worship service of the church, and the music should be in keeping with the reverence that is observed upon entering the House of the Lord.

Approval by the Minister of Music is a must if the organist or pianist is to be anyone other than the church organist or pianist.

When there is a vocalist, it will be the responsibility of the bride and/or groom to see that the soloist contacts the organist or pianist.

The sound system is to be operated by a qualified member of the church. It is the responsibility of the wedding party to contact such a person before the wedding. **(Please see fee schedule below)**

DECORATIONS:

When you talk to your florist about the wedding decorations, it is good to have in mind such items as candles, kneeling bench, aisle canvas, and pillow for the ring bearer. The church does not furnish any decorations.

All flowers and decorations should be delivered to the church. The custodian, pastor, or secretary should be notified of when the florist will arrive at the church.

The decorator should be informed that nails, tacks, or screws cannot be used in walls, furniture, or pews. Cellophane or other covering shall be used to cover certain areas so that the church property may be protected from candle drippings.

There shall be nothing removed from the walls of the sanctuary, fellowship hall, or Christian Life Center (this includes permanent fixtures as well as those which are hanging with a nail or some other means).

FEES:

There will be a fee for the use of the Sanctuary and the Reception area:

- A. For Non-Members: The fee for the use of the church sanctuary is \$500.00. There will be a cleaning fee of an additional \$100.00 if there is a reception or rehearsal dinner in the fellowship hall, the cleaning fee for the fellowship hall will be \$100.00. The fee for the use of the Christian Life Center is and the cleaning fees associated with the use ARE OUTLINED IN THE CLC POLICY.
- B. For members (including children and grandchildren of member): There will not be a fee for the use of the sanctuary. There will be a cleaning fee of \$100.00 per building unless the member/s clean the buildings themselves. Cleaning fees are to be paid to the custodians by the responsible party.
- C. An honorarium of \$100.00 should be given to the sound operator. An honorarium for the organist, pianist, soloist, or others performing in the wedding is the responsibility of the bride's parents. An honorarium for the Minister is the responsibility of the groom.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Because this is God's house, we must insist that:

1. No alcoholic beverages can be served on the church premises at any time.
2. No wedding or rehearsal will be conducted when any member of the wedding party is under the influence of alcoholic beverages or drugs.
3. No smoking will be allowed in any part of the church building or in the Christian Life Center at any time.
4. No rice will be thrown in the building.
5. The wedding dance is limited to the bride and groom, the bride and her father, and the groom and his mother. Live or recorded music should be limited to what is respectful for the house of the Lord.

Please advise all members of the wedding party of this.

Rooms will be provided for the wedding parties to dress.

There will be at least 2 members of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church who will be attending your wedding.

Wedding Policy Acknowledgement

I HAVE RECEIVED AND READ THE WEDDING POLICY AND WILL ABIDE BY THE RULES OF PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH.

Dated Rented _____

Date Signed _____

Signature _____