

Your Wedding **at Woodburn Baptist Church**

Your wedding is a sacred occasion, and it is appropriate that you would choose to get married in a house of worship. Understanding the importance of this ceremony for you, we want to ensure that all the details pertaining to church facilities are carefully laid out. The following guidelines represent wedding policy and procedures at Woodburn Baptist Church. These instructions are based on our genuine desire to welcome weddings at our church, to preserve the integrity of the church as a house of Christian worship, and to minimize costs.

Scheduling: Reserve church facilities for your wedding by contacting the church secretary (Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.). A short reservation form must be filled out and a deposit check of \$200.00 will hold your date on the calendar.

Services of the Church Staff: The pastor conducts weddings as his schedule permits. All couples who desire to be married by our pastor must contact him personally. He will require that every couple meet with him for 3-4 premarital counseling sessions. Prior to these sessions with the pastor, a relationship questionnaire will be completed by each partner and sent off for scoring by computer; the company which administers this inventory requires a \$29.99 fee per couple (payable to the church). Appointments for these sessions are to be scheduled with the pastor no sooner than one month prior to the wedding date.

In Sunday worship meetings, church instrumentalists serve the congregation as volunteers. If a couple wishes to secure church instrumentalists to play for the wedding, they must contact the church pianist or organist personally and discuss matters of scheduling, music selection, and payment. Outside instrumentalists are welcome, although arrangements must be made to secure an organ key.

Due to the complexity of our church sound system and operations, a sound technician from the church must be consulted if church equipment is to be utilized (e.g., microphones, CD or cassette player). If the technician determines that his own presence is required for any particular rehearsal or ceremony, he will discuss with the couple all matters of scheduling, operations, and payment.

At Woodburn Baptist Church, custodians are contracted to clean once weekly prior to Sunday worship services. All individuals or groups who use the building through the week are required to clean up after their own function. Naturally, this policy applies to wedding parties. The couple must designate who will be responsible for cleaning up all utilized areas after the wedding and reception. In every instance, it is expected that church facilities be returned to perfect readiness for Sunday morning. A checklist will be provided in order to determine cleaning obligations and completion.

Regulations of Building Use: Typically, the bride and bridesmaids use the larger children's classroom for dressing. The groom and his men may choose another area for their dressing. The church will in no instance be responsible for purses, clothing, or other personal possessions left unattended in dressing rooms or other areas.

The couple is welcome to use decorations and arrange sanctuary stage furnishings. A church representative or sound technician should supervise removal of the pulpit and all other items that require disconnection from the sound system. The couple is free to move or utilize church plants and furnishings provided that every item is returned to its original position after the wedding. Do not nail, glue, tape, staple, or pin decorations to the walls, pews, or other furniture. When candles are used, they must be of the mechanical or dripless variety. In every case the couple will be responsible for the cleaning of any wax from floors, carpets, walls, and furniture.

At all times, persons are expected to respect the religious function and significance of church grounds and facilities. Children are to be supervised and instructed not to run in the sanctuary and hallways. Alcoholic beverages are forbidden. Smoking is prohibited inside the facilities (including bathrooms and dressing rooms).

Fees and Deposits: A \$200 deposit is required for members and non-members alike. This deposit will gladly be refunded upon final inspection of church facilities and return of all church keys and items.

For church members, their children, and their grandchildren, there is no fee for the use of church facilities. Naturally, members are still responsible for their own wedding cleanup. For nonmembers, the fee for church usage is \$300.