



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Wedding/Reception Application and Policy

GENERAL INFORMATION

Bride's Name _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Groom's Name _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Person Responsible for Building Use _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Officiant _____

Musicians (Organist/Piano/Soloist/Recorded) _____

(All secular music for entire event must be reviewed by FBC Pastor prior to event.)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Are your parents in agreement with this marriage? Yes No
(If "No," please explain on a separate sheet of paper.)

Has either the Bride or Groom been previously married? Yes No
(If "Yes," please explain on a separate sheet of paper.)

Is the Bride and Groom currently living together or intend to prior to the wedding? Yes No

Is both the Bride and Groom committed to the long-term success of this marriage and willing to seek counseling after the wedding if problems develop? Yes No

The Bride and Groom must also include a copy of their personal testimony of salvation with application.

WEDDING AND RECEPTION POLICY

First Baptist Church of Fremont

*Approved and Adopted by Deacon Board June 1, 2014.

Purpose: We view marriage as a gift from God to His creation and as a sacred commitment between a man and a woman. We want to do everything possible to see that the institution of marriage is held in high regard and that couples that are married at First Baptist Church have the greatest opportunity for happiness and success.

Statement on Marriage and Sexuality: We believe that term "marriage" has only one meaning and that is marriage sanctioned by God which joins one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to only occur between a man and a woman who are married to each other. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.

We believe that any form of sexual immorality, such as adultery, fornication, homosexuality, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, pornography or any attempt to change one's sex, or disagreement with one's biological sex, is sinful and offensive to God.

Procedures: The pastor and the elders shall approve all weddings held at First Baptist Church. The couple must complete the wedding application form and the following standards will be reviewed:

- **Spiritual commitment:** The bride and groom must each share their personal testimony. Spiritual compatibility is critical.
- **Family blessing:** The living parents of the bride and groom must be in agreement with the marriage.
- **Premarital counseling:** The couple must agree to premarital counseling with the pastor that is performing the ceremony. If both the couple and pastor agree, the counseling may be done with another person qualified to give spiritual and premarital guidance.
 - The pastor/counselor reserves the right to express the following:**
 - a. The couple is adequately prepared for marriage.
 - b. The couple should wait before being married.
 - c. The couple should not be married.
- **Application and fees:** The couple must complete the application for the use of the facilities of First Baptist Church and pay the appropriate deposit and fees before the wedding date can be put on the church's calendar and the date officially reserved.
- **Minister performing ceremony:** We do not require that the couple being married use one of First Baptist Church's pastors, but if an outside minister is desired, he must be an evangelical minister who agrees with the marriage policy and is in general agreement with the doctrinal position of First Baptist Church. The name and phone number of the minister should be given to the senior pastor of First Baptist, and he will make this determination.
- **Conduct of the wedding party and their guests:** No one known to be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs will be allowed to participate in a rehearsal or wedding ceremony at First Baptist Church. The bride and groom are responsible for their guests and should instruct them that smoking in the church buildings and on church property is not permitted.
- **Receptions:** If the reception is held at the church, no smoking is allowed, no alcoholic beverages may be served, and no dancing is permitted.