

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

Planning a wedding and staying within your budget is nothing short of a miracle. Below is a list of fees to help you examine your budgetary needs and limitations. If our church fees seem higher than you expected, we ask you to consider them in the context of the overall cost of your wedding and celebration.

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Non-Members</u>
Building Use (sanctuary)	\$250	\$500
Building Use (chapel)	\$100	\$250
Building Use (fellowship)	\$250	\$500
Candelabra Candles	\$15/pair	\$30/pair
Bulletin Preparation	\$35	\$70
Pastor	Honorarium	\$300
Pre-Marriage Counseling	\$250	\$250
Wedding Coordinator	\$175	\$175
Organist/Pianist	\$150	\$150
<i>Rehearsal (as needed)</i>	\$50	\$50
Custodian (wedding)	\$50 per hour (\$150 min.)	\$50 per hour (\$150 min.)
Custodian (reception)	\$35 per hour (\$100 min.)	\$35 per hour (\$100 min.)
Sound Technician	\$50	\$50
<i>Rehearsal (as needed)</i>	\$50	\$50

Should you be in a financial situation which would require a negotiation of any of these fees, please speak with one of the pastors.

GENERAL WEDDING POLICIES

1. *Throwing rice or confetti within the church or outside is not ecologically sound. We suggest the use of birdseed or bubbles outside.*
2. *No smoking in the church or on the church grounds.*
3. *Alcoholic beverages in the church or on the church grounds are not permitted. Pastors reserve the right not to proceed with a rehearsal or wedding if the wedding party is impaired in any way.*
4. *Flash photography during the wedding ceremony is not permitted.*

COUNSELING FOR WEDDING AND MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Marriage preparation is made up of two distinct components: wedding preparation with the pastor officiating, and marriage preparation with a licensed therapist. Both of these components are requirements for couples being married at Chapel Hill.

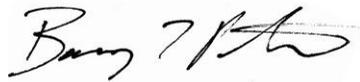
- 1) Wedding preparation with the pastor can usually be accomplished in two to three one-hour sessions. These visits include relationship building and planning for the wedding ceremony. In one of these sessions, the couple will complete a pre-marriage inventory called *Prepare-Enrich*.
- 2) Marriage preparation with a licensed therapist is accomplished in three 90-minute sessions and focuses on reviewing the results of the premarital inventory and discussing implications for the continued building of the marital relationship.

WORKING WITH CHAPEL HILL'S WEDDING COORDINATOR

We require that each couple work with our wedding coordinator in planning their wedding at Chapel Hill. The wedding coordinator helps with all of the details that exist outside of the actual ceremony itself. This includes: decorations, photographers, florists, bulletin preparation and printing, videographers, musicians, etc. All questions related to these areas should be directed to the wedding coordinator. Couples are to work with the Wedding Coordinator once a deposit is received to hold the wedding date.

Congratulations on your upcoming wedding! This brochure is designed to help you move through the process of planning your wedding ceremony. We hope you will find the information useful in creating a holy and meaningful celebration.

We wish you God's richest blessing on your upcoming marriage.



Barry T. Petrucci
Senior Pastor

WHAT DO WE DO FIRST?

Step 1:

Decide if a Christian wedding is what you really want. When you request a church wedding, you are inviting God and the faith community to play a central role in your marriage. Are the values and traditions of the Christian faith important to you? Can you include them in your wedding day with integrity?

Step 2:

Check with the church secretary or with our wedding coordinator to see if the date you requested is available. **A \$100 non-refundable deposit for non-members is required for all weddings.** As a way of honoring our church members who are reserving dates for their own weddings here, we do not book non-member wedding dates more than one year in advance.

Step 3:

If you have any questions after reading through this brochure, please contact our wedding coordinator, Marsha Costales at 269-324-0697.

Step 4:

Call one of our pastors and see if he or she is available to officiate at your wedding.

WHAT IF WE WANT OUR WEDDING RECEPTION AT THE CHURCH?

Couples planning to have their reception at the church need to clear this with the wedding coordinator. As a church, we have some specific building use policies that may influence decision making:

- 1) Closing time for receptions is 10:00 p.m. Saturday night.
- 2) No alcoholic beverages are permitted.
- 3) No smoking is permitted in the church.

RECEPTION FEES

A non-refundable deposit of \$100 for members or non-members is required. Please consult the “How much will it cost?” section for fees for building use (fellowship hall) and custodian.



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