

WEDDING POLICY FOR
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
COPPELL, TEXAS

This policy listed below has been adopted by the church in the spirit of prayer, “that all things be done decently and in order.” The church wants the wedding party to feel welcome and to enjoy the facilities. We deeply appreciate your cooperation with this policy, and may God add His blessings to your marriage.

1. Weddings for church members may be scheduled for any future date. Non-church members may only schedule 8 months prior to date. Non-church members may not schedule their reception at the church’s facility.
2. Arrangements must be cleared through the church office. No wedding using church facilities will be placed on the church calendar otherwise.
3. Weddings at FBC will be limited to those which shall be conducted and performed by licensed ministers. The officiating minister will be interviewed by church staff for approval. This policy best serves the interests of our church in maintaining our Baptist beliefs and distinctives.
4. Payments of all fees must be made through the church office four weeks prior to the wedding. For a listing of fees and deposits, please see the applications online at www.fbccoppell.org/facility-usage.
5. All approval and coordination of the wedding will be handled through the Wedding Coordinator.
6. The bride is responsible for obtaining the minister, and all instrumentalist and soloist. Recommendations will be made, if requested. The wedding service is a worship service and the choice of music should be that which honors God and entrusts the marital union to His care. As a result, all music must be approved by the Wedding Coordinator.
7. The Wedding Party must respect the church property at all times: (To avoid embarrassment, it is suggested that these rules be called to attention of the wedding party)
 - a. Absolutely no smoking inside any of the buildings at any time. The wedding party is responsible to see that this policy is followed.
 - b. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages of any kind are allowed on the church premises. Again, the wedding party is responsible.

- c. No furniture or equipment which is permanently fastened down may be moved. The band equipment may be moved, by the church, for the optional fee listed on the fee sheet.
 - d. Please do not use rice or birdseed inside or outside of the building.
 - e. No tape, nails, tacks, staples, pins, or anything that will leave a mark on woodwork may be used. All candles used must be non-drip, and protective materials or glass must be used under the candelabras to protect furniture and floors.
8. We recommend that as many pictures as possible be taken before the wedding. This prevents the awkward and often lengthy delay for the wedding guests as pictures are made after the ceremony. Due to the sacredness of the ceremony, please NO FLASH PICTURES during the wedding. All photographers, professional and amateur, must help us by abiding by this policy. Time exposure shots from the back of the auditorium during the ceremony are permissible. In addition, flash photos may be taken from the back as the couple comes back up the aisle after the ceremony during the recessional.

The pastor, church staff, and the members of First Baptist Church Coppell wish for you the kind of church wedding that honors our Lord, and one you will remember with real happiness and joy through the years.