



WEDDING POLICY

If you are choosing to be married at Avalon Church or off-site with an Avalon officiant, you are choosing a Christ-centered wedding. Avalon will marry regular attenders (those who have consistently attended 2+ services per month for the last 6 months) who both have committed their lives to following Christ. These couples choose to refrain from cohabitation and sexual intimacy until after their wedding.

If you and your significant other are currently living together and/or are sexually intimate, we'd love to have a conversation and help you toward a redemptive solution prior to your wedding.

As per our church's and denomination's beliefs: "We believe in the historically Christian view of marriage and sexual expression; namely, that marriage is a one-flesh covenant union between two sexually different persons (male and female) from different families, and that all sexual relationships outside of marriage are sin." Ephesians 5:31, Mark 10:6-9

Officiating Pastor Policy:

If you have met all requirements outlined in our premarital counseling process, Avalon Church will provide a qualified and licensed pastor to perform your ceremony. The church office will schedule pastors based on availability. The determination of the pastor will be made 3-6 months prior to the wedding date.

If you prefer, you may choose a pastor outside of the Avalon staff, even if you are using the Avalon facility. If you choose this option, you will need to provide the name and church of the officiating pastor.

Because of time involvement with pastoral responsibilities, the officiating pastor will not personally direct weddings and rehearsals.

Honorariums are considered a blessing and are never required.

Facility Usage Policy:

- \$500 fee to use the space
- Facility may not be reserved more than 6 months in advance
- Avalon Church will not schedule more than one wedding in one day
- Wedding ceremonies may only take place on Friday evening or Saturday afternoon/evening
- For Friday weddings, Thursday rehearsal times must fall between 5-7pm
- For Saturday weddings, Friday rehearsal times must fall between 5-7pm

- No space for rehearsal dinner and/or wedding reception at the facility
- No alcohol permitted on the church grounds, including the parking lot. Abuse results in forfeit of deposit

Avalon Church does not provide setup and teardown help. It is your responsibility to make sure the building is cleaned and returned exactly how it was when you arrived. Please take pictures of chair setup, table placement, etc so you know how to put things back. Please schedule a walk through with one of our staff members 1-2 weeks prior to your ceremony so that you know where things are located, how to lock up, etc.

All persons/groups using facilities must exercise caution and reasonable care to prevent defacement, damage, or breakage. The persons signing the application are responsible for costs incurred by the church for cleaning, repairing, or replacing any part of the building or its furnishings that have been carelessly or irresponsibly subjected to more than normal wear and tear by the wedding party and/or guests as determined by the Director of Operations. All damage fees must be paid within two weeks after your wedding date.

Décor Policy:

- Decorating must fall within the time period scheduled on the Wedding Request Form. Everything must be taken down and cleared out within one hour of the conclusion of the ceremony
- Friday ceremony: decoration/set-up may begin at 9:00 AM
- Saturday ceremony: decoration/set-up may begin at 1:30 PM
- All flowers, bows, garlands, etc., must arrive or be delivered between scheduled wedding hours
- Venue decorations for special services/holidays cannot be removed or changed
- Do not tape, tack, or nail decorations to walls or doors
- Provide your own aisle runner if desired
- Dripless candles may be used on stage and stands down the aisles (no candles for individual guests)
- Real flower petals not allowed; use silk petals
- Stage equipment for weekend worship services may not be moved or disconnected