

Wedding Information

Congratulations on your upcoming wedding! We hope you will be blessed with many years of happiness together. You are about to enter a covenant between you, as the Bride and Groom, and God. This covenant upon which you will agree is to live faithfully as married persons and as people of God. By celebrating the beginning of your marriage with a wedding ceremony taking place in the church, you are inviting God to be present in your marriage and to bless it.

As a church, we are much more than a building where a ceremony is held. We are a family committed to doing what honors the Lord Jesus Christ and what will be most helpful to others who are seeking to honor Him as well. We believe each wedding is more than a ceremony but a joyous worship experience that involves a definite request for God's blessing. Believing that marriage is ordained by God, we want to help you honor Him in this special time in your life.

The policies and guidelines below are an effort to assist everyone to work together should you gain approval to use Church of The Way, helpfully and productively. We desire to assist each couple in starting their union in a positive, productive, and biblical way, helping them to enjoy a lasting marriage that honors the institution God created and ordained.

How does one get wedding approval for Church of The Way?

- A member of the pastoral staff and the Wedding Coordinator will be involved, at least in a supervisory role, in all weddings held at our facilities.
- The prospective bride or groom must fill out the application online.
- Proposed dates must not conflict with any potential church events.
- Pre-marital counseling is a requirement by a pastor.
- The ceremony will be placed on the church calendar following Pastoral Staff approval.
- Connection to Church of The Way personally, through a family member or friend.

Facilities Description

Auditorium Seating:

Maximum capacity of approximately 200. The center aisle length is approx. 50 ft.

Wedding Coordinator:

The church-assigned wedding coordinator is still required. The coordinator will be the liaison between you, the pastoral church staff, and the facilities coordinators. They will be at the rehearsal and available on the day of. You have the freedom to use your own wedding coordinator for your rehearsal and wedding day.

The cost is \$100 for the wedding coordinator. *

Cleaning Service:

Due to our weekly worship service schedule, additional janitorial services are needed after wedding services. The family is responsible for ensuring the facilities are left in the same condition when they arrive; however, the janitorial service will then take care of the required cleaning.

The cost is \$100.*

Audio and Media

CTW will have someone to take care of all audio and video needs if desired. There is a separate cost for each of those elements, as it takes multiple people to operate each position.

The cost is \$100 for an audio person.*

The cost is \$100 for a video person.*

CTW Officiant:

Pastoral honorariums are generally between \$300-\$500*, which include 5-6 pre-marital sessions, rehearsal, and conducting the ceremony.

Singer/Musician:

Live music is possible based on the availability and expectations of CTW's worship leader. Outside musicians and singers must be approved by CTW's worship and tech director before permission will be granted.

The cost for live music and singing varies due to request. \$250-\$500*

* All payments must be made directly to the individual via cash or check during the rehearsal. The wedding coordinator will assist in the distribution of these payments.

Additional Information

- Pre-marital counseling by CTW staff should be scheduled through the Pastor.
- No smoking in the building is permitted. No alcoholic beverages are allowed on the property at any time.
- The CTW Coordinator should be notified and given instructions concerning times the building is to be opened.
- The wedding party is responsible for all setup and clean up. Whatever items are on the stage for church purposes will remain on the stage. No instruments or stage décor may be removed at any time.
- The wedding party is responsible for replacing all items moved for the wedding and rehearsal. The church will be responsible only for vacuuming and collecting trash removal. We ask that you identify two or more people who will stay after the wedding to ensure this is done and inform the Wedding Coordinator of these selections by the final consultation before rehearsal.
- Only bubbles may be used outside the building.
- The church kitchen can be used only for light refreshments for the bridal party. Our facilities are not available for a dinner reception.
- Damaged, lost, or stolen church property will be deemed the wedding party's responsibility and will be billed at the replacement cost. Any damaged item should be reported to the church office immediately. All personal items should be removed from the building following the ceremony.
- CTW does not assume responsibility for lost or damaged personal items.

