

# Holden Chapel Wedding Guidelines

*To help make your wedding experience the very sacred event God intends for it to be, and to allow us to best serve you, please follow these suggested guidelines.*

## **Scheduling:**

1. Schedule your desired wedding date at least four months in advance with one of our pastors who will officiate.
2. Schedule the use of any Chapel facilities for rehearsal, wedding, or reception at least four months in advance with the church Office Manager (508-829-4441 X221).
3. Schedule a minimum of six pre-wedding counseling planning sessions with the officiating pastor.

## **Wedding Ceremony:**

The nature and details of the Christian Wedding Ceremony will be worked out with the officiating Pastor during the pre-wedding counseling/planning sessions. Out of respect for the Lord and the sacredness of Christian marriage, the officiating Pastor will work prayerfully and honestly with each couple to prepare them and the ceremony in such a way as to honor the Spirit and Integrity of God's Word. In the event that such desired results do not seem possible in the opinion of either the Pastor or the couple, there is no obligation to continue these wedding plans.

## **Music:**

1. All music must be in keeping with the Spirit of Christianity and be approved by the officiating Pastor.
2. Organists, pianists, musicians and sound technician are the responsibility of the wedding couple in scheduling, music selections and payment.

## **Fees:**

When the bride or groom is a member of the Chapel, no charge is made for the facilities other than the custodian's fee which is arranged with the Office Manager at the time of scheduling.

The custodian's fee for members is: \$150.00 and the fee for non-members is \$300.00.

Please make checks payable to: Holden Chapel.

The family of the bride should be responsible for any fees for the musicians and/or audio/visual technicians. The bridegroom should be responsible for the minister's fee paid to the Pastor for his time spent incounseling, rehearsal and the wedding. (\$300.00)

## **Marriage License:**

The marriage license and all fees should be presented to the officiating Pastor at the time of the rehearsal.

## **Wedding Day:**

All pre-ceremony plans should be made to allow the entire wedding party to be at the Chapel an absolute minimum of fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled wedding time.

Ushers should be at the door thirty (30) minutes before the wedding.