

Getting Married?

Getting married? We are so excited for you! The covenant of marriage is beautiful and powerful. We believe it is the foundation of healthy families and a healthy society. God invented marriage and we are happy to help you get married. Here's how we can help:

OFFICIANT

Pastor Ron officiates all weddings at Love Joy Church. He has pastored at Love Joy for 40 years and has officiated hundreds of weddings.

We ask if you are able, to honor him with a gift. A suggested gift is \$150, but he is happy to help regardless.

If the venue is more than 30 minutes away, we ask you cover the cost of Pastor Ron's travel and provide a hotel room for him if necessary.

Pastor Ron will meet with you ahead of time to get to know more about your story, discuss the Order of the Ceremony, and work on any special details you'd like to include to personalize your wedding ceremony. He has decades of experience and is happy to help guide you through the process.

PREMARITAL COUNSELING

Before the wedding, we ask everyone to do pre-marital counseling. Gale Chapple is a Christian counselor who we recommend and work with regularly. The cost is \$405 for 6 one hour sessions or \$585 for 6 ninety minute session. These prices also include the cost of the paper materials and the notebook you will be working on. You can contact Gale at 716-864-9594. Feel free to book premarital counseling with other professional counselors if that's your preference.

VENUE

We encourage you to consider a venue other than Love Joy Church. A wedding venue will be more equipped to help make your wedding day perfect and all-inclusive, more than what we can offer here. We are happy to recommend a few wedding venues to consider that we have worked with in the past if you're unsure of where to start.

If you feel that Love Joy Church may be the venue for your ceremony, please be aware that we have the following requests and restrictions in order to serve you well, while still operating within our limitations as a staff:

1. Love Joy Church will provide a trained staff member to run sound, lighting and projection for your ceremony. We ask that you please plan to honor their time with a gift of \$50.
2. Love Joy Church will have to do an extra cleaning of the Main Auditorium, Lobby and Lobby Bathrooms after your ceremony. The charge for this additional cleaning is \$50 made out to Love Joy Church.
3. Love Joy can move any band equipment from the front of the stage. All other lighting equipment and/or instruments not in the very front of the stage, such as the keyboard and drums, cannot be moved.
4. Love Joy can provide a simple white wedding arch for decor. If you'd like to add any other decorations, you will have to coordinate with the schedule of the Love Joy Staff to find a time to decorate before the ceremony. We will need the name and contact information of the person you deem responsible for removing all decorations after the ceremony.
5. Love Joy Church is a ceremony venue only. We are unable to host receptions here so you will need to book an additional venue for any reception after your ceremony.