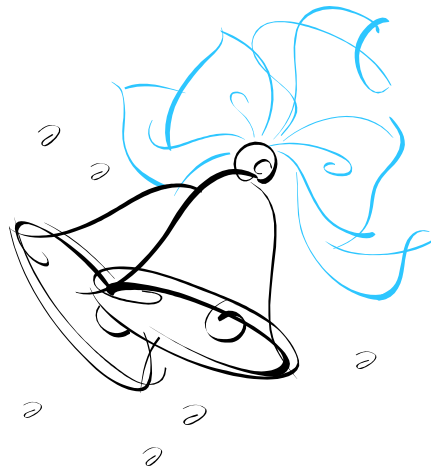


Ashland Baptist Church

Wedding Policy & Application



Wedding Policy

Our statement of faith, the Baptist Faith and Message 2000, expresses our fundamental biblical conviction that Christian marriage is, by definition, the spiritual and physical uniting of one man and one woman in an exclusive covenant commitment for their joint lifetime. Christian marriage is God's unique gift to reveal the union between Christ and His Church. As such, Ashland Baptist Church believes that wedding ceremonies on church property are spiritual observances of worship to God who created this divine institution. Our belief of biblical marriage is included within ABC's Constitution under article V "*Statement of Family and Marriage*".

All weddings on church property shall be officiated by one or more ordained ministers of the gospel, of like faith to ABC. The church may decline to make its facilities available for any wedding if it determines the officiate is not in theological agreement with the beliefs of Ashland Baptist Church, or if one or both of the parties are not biblically and/or legally qualified to marry. Such determinations may be made by the Senior Pastor with consultation with the Deacon body if necessary, subject to the direction of the church.

Scheduling the Wedding

The wedding and rehearsal dates and times are tentatively scheduled through the church office. All areas of the church to be utilized for the wedding should be reserved at the time the wedding is scheduled.

1. The wedding and rehearsal should be scheduled as far in advance as possible prior to the selected wedding date.
2. Previously scheduled church events on the church calendar have priority.
3. No wedding may start later than 7:00 PM. All wedding activities should be completed and the wedding party and guests should depart the building no later than 10:00 PM.

Application Process

1. A wedding application should be completed and submitted to the church office. This application is required for all weddings.
2. The Senior Pastor and/or Chairman of the Deacons will review the application for approval.
3. Upon approval, the date for the wedding will be reserved on the church calendar.
4. The church secretary will notify the couple regarding the approval of the application.
5. You will have 7 days, from the time of notification of approval, to submit all fees to the church secretary.

Ashland Baptist Church Wedding Guidelines

Ashland Baptist Church sanctuary seats 400+ people. We offer the use of our sanctuary to church members and to the community. We ask that you keep in mind that the church building is a place of worship and should be treated with respect at all times.

1. We ask that the church building is left in the same condition as it was found upon arrival.
2. Applicants will forfeit their refundable deposit for any damage to church property.
3. No use of tobacco products, alcoholic beverages or drugs are permitted anywhere on church property.
4. Appropriate apparel will be worn in our sanctuary.
5. No food or drink is allowed in the sanctuary.
6. Children need to be encouraged to behave appropriately. Children should be accompanied by an adult in all areas of the church building.
7. All musical instruments must be used by a trained musician. No one is allowed in the sound booth. All sound, video and lighting system controls in the sound booth must be operated by an ABC trained member.
8. No unauthorized adjustment of thermostats.
9. No unauthorized movement of choir chairs and risers or musical instruments.

The ABC Wedding Coordinator will work with you throughout the process of your wedding. The Wedding Coordinator is not responsible for planning or conducting the wedding, but will guide in the use of the building and assist in the enlistment of church personnel needed for the wedding. If you have any unanswered questions regarding our facilities, the planning process or personnel, please contact the church secretary at 573-657-4653.

Music

All instrumental and vocal selections need to be appropriate for an occasion of worship. The officiating minister will make final approval of the wedding music.

Decoration of Sanctuary

1. All flowers/decorations are not to be attached in any manner that causes damages to the furnishings of the church. (There are pew hooks available for attaching bows, etc)
2. All candles in sanctuary must be drip-less candles.
3. No burning candles in the church windows
4. All wedding decorations must be removed from the sanctuary and reception areas by someone in the wedding party by no later than 10:00 PM the day of the wedding.

Reception & Use of Fellowship Hall

The use of the Fellowship Hall for a reception is an additional fee. The church Fellowship Team Leader or designee will be required to supervise the use of the facility and the equipment. The wedding couple is responsible to provide their own preparation and serving of the food.

Will rehearsal and/or reception be at Ashland Baptist Church? Yes No

If yes, complete this form.

Groom and Bride's names _____

Rehearsal Yes No Date _____ Time _____

Reception Yes No Date _____ Time _____

I agree to follow the guidelines and regulations that have been set forth by Ashland Baptist Church. The church reserves the right to cancel this agreement in the event of the violation of any of these guidelines.

Brides Signature _____ Date _____

Grooms Signature _____ Date _____

Approval Signature _____ Date _____

Wedding Application Form

Date of Application_____

Date of wedding _____Time _____

Anticipated number of guests _____

Will the rehearsal dinner be at the church? Yes No

If so, date and time of Rehearsal_____

Anticipated number of guests _____

Will the reception be at the church? Yes No

If so, date and time of reception _____

Anticipated number of guests _____

Bride's name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____day _____evening

Cell # _____

Groom's name _____

Address_____

Phone# _____day _____evening

Cell# _____

Officiating Minister

Name_____

Phone #_____Church _____

Denomination_____

For Office Use

Bride and Groom's Name _____

Pastor _____

Wedding Coordinator _____

Musician _____

Musician _____

Musician _____

Musician _____

Sound & Lighting Person _____

Video/Computer Person _____

Emergency Contact for the Bride _____

Emergency Contact for the Groom _____

Notes

Church & Personnel Fees for Member's Wedding

Deposit (Refundable)	\$ 250
(Damage in excess of \$250 will be the responsibility of the applicants)	
Sanctuary	\$ 0
Minister (ABC Pastor)	\$ 200
ABC Wedding Coordinator	\$ 100
Custodial Fees for sanctuary	\$ 0
Sound and Lighting	\$ 50
Video/Computer	\$ 50
Fellowship Hall – Rehearsal Dinner	\$ 0
Fellowship Hall – Wedding Reception	\$ 0
Custodial Fees for Fellowship Hall	\$ 0

Deposit (Refundable) _____

Pastor Fee _____

Wedding Coordinator Fee _____

Sound/Lighting _____

Video _____

Total \$ _____

Approval Signature _____ Date _____

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

*Check for all fees should be made payable to **Ashland Baptist Church**.*