

Midville First Baptist Church

Wedding Policies

Members of MFC ask you to look prayerfully at where you are in relationship to Jesus Christ before taking the solemn step of standing before the altar of God to commit your marriage to Him. We take Christian marriage seriously. Here are several things you need to know:

First, the Bible as the foundation for what we believe, teaches that marriage is the union of one man with one woman for life. Therefore, all marriage ceremonies conducted in the sanctuary or any other property of MFBC will unit one man with one woman with the intent of a life-long commitment.

Second, we require premarital counseling that must be completed under the oversight of the Pastor.

Third, we treat the marriage ceremony as a service of worship which has an impact on every dimension of the service including the music to be used. Therefore, every service must be approved by the Church.

General Information

- A. Persons desiring to be married at MFBC must first read and be in agreement with the wedding policies of the church.
- B. Persons must make an appointment for and initial interview with the pastor or his designee for the set-up of counseling sessions; if not using the MFBC pastor/designee, a letter from the pastor/counselor stating completion of counseling sessions should be mailed to MFBC.
- C. The date for the wedding must be approved by the church council.
- D. Failure to meet requirements constitutes an immediate forfeiture of the use of the facilities.
- E. The distribution and consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on church property. Smoking is prohibited on church property.

Fees (Non-Member):

Cleaning Deposit	\$50.00 (refundable, see G below)
Sanctuary, Rooms used for dressing, Custodian	\$150.00
Fellowship Hall/Kitchen, Custodian	\$125.00

MFBC reserves the right to adjust this fee based on the size of the party and the way that the space is being used.

Fees for pastor, pianist, etc. need to be worked out with that particular individual.

- A. No furniture can be moved except the pulpit furniture and the remembrance table. Any and all furniture that is moved must be moved by the custodian or building and grounds chairperson.
- B. Make sure that all decorations are in good taste and do not detract from the place of its purpose. The use of tacks, pins, nails, and adhesive on the walls or floors is prohibited.
- C. Make sure that candles are used appropriately. Make sure that there is appropriate material under any candles that are used.
- D. The use of rice is prohibited.
- E. Any use of flowers from the ceremony in the Sunday service of the church must be arranged through the building and grounds committee chairperson and proper placement of the flowers is the responsibility of the person making these arrangements.
- F. The custodian is available to help you, but not to do everything for you. Be good stewards and leave all areas of the church as clean as possible.
- G. Checklist (if The Fellowship Committee accepts cleaning, \$50 will be returned)
 - a. Vacuum facilities used
 - b. Mop the Fellowship Hall
 - c. Dust the Furniture
 - d. Clean the Bathrooms
 - e. Empty the Trash, in bags and take to street

Music

- A. All music, both instrumental and vocal, must be approved by the Church.
- B. Accompanist, vocalists, etc. must be secured by the couple. Fees for these services shall be negotiated with the individual.