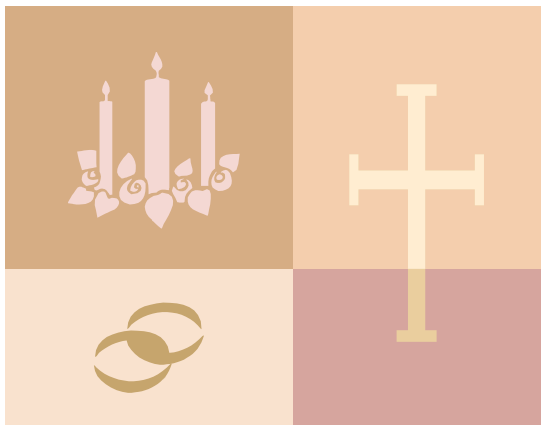


## Suggestions and Expectations

- \* A member of the ministerial staff at FBC must officiate at your wedding. If you have another ordained Christian minister you would like to be part of your ceremony, we will welcome their participation.
- \* To fully prepare each couple for marriage, a program of pre-marital counseling approved by the officiating minister is required for all couples. A minister will be assigned to each wedding based on their availability.
- \* Ceremonies at FBC will reflect each couple's style and personality, woven together with Christian worship to celebrate the marriage. Ceremonies at FBC will reflect the standard that God is the center of our lives.



# Wedding Brochure



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*"What greater thing is there for two human souls to feel that they are joined for life—strengthen each other in all labor, to rest on each other in pain, and to be with each other in silent unspeakable memories..."*

*~George Eliot*

CONGRATULATIONS on your engagement! This is an exciting time of anticipation and planning.

We are pleased that you are considering First Baptist Church for your wedding ceremony. A wedding service is a worship service in every sense of the word. It is a couple's declaration before God and the community of faith that they are committed to each other and seeking God's blessing of their union. The ceremony is comprised of prayers, Scripture and music.

### **Begin Early**

Your marriage is important to us and deserves careful planning and preparation. First you must contact the Wedding Coordinator to book a date with the initial deposit of **\$500**. Weddings must be booked at least three months in advance to allow time for premarital counseling.

### **Wedding Coordinator**

Your first point of contact, the wedding coordinator will assist you through the entire planning process. Contact Laura Preston at 216-408-3502 or [llpreston727@yahoo.com](mailto:llpreston727@yahoo.com)

Laura is available to you from your initial contact to the moment you leave the church on your wedding day. She is the link between the church and you. She will help you with booking vendors, guiding the rehearsal, planning a timeline for your wedding day and so much more.

## **Costs and Fees**

<b>Initial Deposit</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
<b>Use of the church building</b> <i>(This fee is waved for Members of FBC and all staff)</i>	<b>\$750.00</b>
<b>Minister</b>	<b>\$350.00</b>
<b>Wedding Coordinator</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>
<b>Organist/Pianist (optional)</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
<b>Sound System Technician</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Custodian</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>
<b>Candelabras (optional)</b>	<b>\$25.00 each pair</b>

A member refers to persons who are on the current membership roll at FBC and are active in the life of the church. Immediate family of members includes children, siblings, parents and grandchildren. Active non-members who are participating in classes, small groups, mission, service, worship and tithing also can have the building usage fee waved.

## **Your Wedding Timeline**

### **Rehearsal**

A rehearsal is a necessity to familiarize you and your wedding party with the ceremony. The rehearsal is usually scheduled for the day prior to the wedding, and typically lasts for one hour.

### **The Wedding Day**

Because other events may be scheduled the same day as yours, each couple will have use of the church for four hours on the day of the wedding. This includes time for decorating, photographs, the ceremony and receiving line.

### **Rehearsal Dinner/Reception**

You may want to consider using FBC as the location for your rehearsal dinner or reception. There are several rooms to choose from that are available to you at an additional cost. In order to use our large kitchen, the church cook must be present. She would be happy to meet with you and discuss planning a delicious meal for your guests. A per plate price can be decided on once you have made your selections.

