

Feather Sound Church



a place to call home

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wedding policy

CONGRATULATIONS!

We are happy to hear that you are taking such an important step in your life. Your wedding is a sacred occasion. We believe that "it is instituted by God, regulated by His commandments, blessed by our Lord, and to be held in honor among all men."

Feather Sound Community Church desires to assist you in making your wedding day as meaningful and memorable as possible. The following guidelines will help us to prepare for your special day and will add to your enjoyment by reducing unpleasant surprises.

GENERAL POLICIES

- A. The date of your wedding cannot be scheduled until after a conference with the church wedding coordinator, completion of the wedding information form, and receipt of a deposit of \$100.
- B. In case of conflicts concerning dates, members of Feather Sound Community Church and their immediate family have priority. ("Member" refers to ones who have been members of the FSCC fellowship for at least one year.)
- C. Weddings of non-members are allowed here and will carry a usage fee. However, if you are not regularly attending a church and live in the area, you will be requested to attend church at FSCC at least twice a month up until the time of the wedding.
- D. No wedding will be scheduled on Sundays, holidays, nor before 11:00 am or after 7:00 pm on Saturday, unless approved by the Pastor.
- E. **No alcoholic beverages may be consumed on church property** and smoking is not permitted anywhere inside the building.
- F. Church furniture is not to be moved unless directed by the custodian.

THE MINISTER

- A. It is the policy of Feather Sound Community Church that this church's minister will perform all wedding ceremonies. Guest ministers and other officials will not be permitted to participate unless there are special circumstances, and then only when agreed upon by the minister.

- B. It is the policy of the pastor to hold a consultation with the couple well in advance of the wedding and rehearsal. Additional conferences are required in which the Christian foundation of marriage will be discussed. Those who have been previously married, or are presently living together will be given further consideration and discussion.
- C. At the time of these conferences, details of the service will be discussed. Do not hesitate to ask questions of the pastor. It is his desire that your wedding be one of the most significant events in your life.

CHURCH WEDDING COORDINATOR

- A. A wedding coordinator from FSCC is assigned to every wedding at FSCC. The wedding coordinator assists the wedding party and the officiating pastor in the details of the wedding ceremony, both in planning the event and assisting at the rehearsal. Upon receiving the application, the wedding coordinator will contact you to set up an initial consultation. The fee for the wedding coordinator is the responsibility of the wedding party.
- B. The wedding coordinator has many responsibilities:
 - 1. Serves as the liaison between the church and the wedding.
 - 2. Processes the wedding application and discusses the detail of this Wedding Policy in advance of the wedding.
 - 3. Schedules access to the facilities.
 - 4. Supervises all pre-service arrangements, including collection of church fees.
 - 5. Oversees the wedding rehearsal (usually scheduled for the night prior to the wedding). The bride, groom, their parents/family, the attendants, the ushers, and the musicians must be present.
 - 6. Consults with bride/groom regarding clean-up, audio-visual technicians, and musicians.
 - 7. Provides information to bride/groom regarding church facilities, policies, and options for wedding set-up. (At this time, FSCC does not offer wedding equipment (i.e. candelabras, etc.) or storage space for your wedding equipment.)

THE REHEARSAL

- A. Rehearsals must be scheduled at a time when they are not in conflict with regular church activities and preferably as early in the evening as possible. The time allotted to the rehearsal must be rigidly kept due to other scheduled activities. **Beginning on time is of utmost importance!** Rehearsals last approximately one hour, but they can't begin until everyone is present. Please stress to everyone in your wedding party that punctuality is vital!
- B. The pastor is in charge of the wedding service. A wedding consultant may be employed to help if you wish but is not necessary. If you do use a consultant, please inform the pastor before the rehearsal.

THE MUSIC

- A. You may choose to use either our church pianist or organist to provide your wedding music.
- B. Under most circumstances, if organ music is desired, the FSCC organist must be used due to the complexity of our church organ. Exceptions will be made only if the preferred organist is experienced and contacts our church organist before the wedding rehearsal.
- C. A church wedding is a religious service, and the music should be in keeping with a worship service. Our pianist or organist will be happy to provide guidance in the selection of music. It is the responsibility of the couple to contact the pianist or organist to set up an appointment once having met with the pastor.
- D. If vocal music is requested for the service, all songs must be approved by the church musician and/or the pastor. If there is a need for amplification (microphones or recorded accompaniment, tape or CD) a sound technician will be necessary. An approved FSCC sound technician must be used.

DECORATIONS, FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS, ETC.

- A. The florist must advise the church office of their arrival time prior to any decoration of the church. This cannot be a "walk-in" event.
- B. Ribbons or simple arrangements of flowers may mark the seat, with care given to the wood finish on the pews.
- C. All decorations must be removed from the church immediately after the wedding.
- D. The carpet and church furnishings must be protected from wax drippings. Plastic covering must be placed under all live plants. **Dripless candles must be used exclusively for all candelabras.** The bridal couple will be charged for any additional cleaning or repairs that result from the decorations.
- E. The church does not own and cannot provide candelabra, kneeling benches, nor any other equipment used in a wedding. All candelabras (including Unity candles) must be freestanding.

PHOTOGRAPHY

It is the responsibility of the bridal couple to advise the photographer of the following policies:

- A. No flash pictures are allowed after the processional begins, with the exception of the bridal party as they come down the aisle. The photographer must stay well to the rear of the aisle. At the recessional, the photographer may stand at the rear and photograph the wedding party as they approach the door to the lobby.

- B. Posed photographs with flash may be made before or after the service in a timely manner.
- C. Video is permissible, but the positioning of the one taping must be worked out in advance with the Church Wedding Coordinator (preferably at the rehearsal).

THE WEDDING PARTY

- A. It is expected that the members of the wedding party will recognize that the church is a sacred place and will conduct themselves at all times in a manner befitting their presence in a place of worship.
- B. Bird seed, bubbles, and rice may be used; however, they may **only** be used outside the building. No paper confetti is allowed at any time within the church building.

CHILDCARE

Due to liability issues, FSCC does not provide child care during weddings. The cry room located at the rear of the sanctuary is available at all times during a rehearsal or wedding.

FEES

- A. Church Members (members for at least one year)

Sanctuary:	No fee
Custodian:	No fee
Pianist/Organist:	\$125.00
Sound technician	\$125.00
Church Wedding Coordinator	\$125.00
Minister:	Your discretion

*Member's children are considered "members" in determining fees.
- B. Non-church Members

Sanctuary:	\$500.00
Custodian:	\$100.00
Pianist/Organist:	\$125.00
Sound technician	\$125.00
Church Wedding Coordinator	\$125.00
Minister:	\$250.00 (includes pre-marital counseling)
- C. A deposit of **\$100.00**, along with a completed wedding information page, is required to enter the date on the church calendar. Please make checks out to Feather Sound Community Church.
- D. **The remaining fees are due 30 days prior to the wedding.** These should be submitted to the church office as **separate checks** left blank except for designation **in** the memo area. The church office will disperse the checks to the appropriate individuals after the wedding. **These fees are refundable if the wedding is cancelled 14 days or more before the wedding.**

wedding application



Bride's Information

Name:		
Current address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Home Phone:	Work Phone:	Cell Phone:
Date of birth:	Email address:	Previously Married:
Church Affiliation:	FSCC Member: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Groom's Information

Name:		
Current address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Home Phone:	Work Phone:	Cell Phone:
Date of birth:	Email address:	Previously Married:
Church Affiliation:	FSCC Member: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Wedding Information

Wedding Date:	Time of Wedding:	Minister:
Rehearsal Date:	Time of Rehearsal:	Number in wedding party:
Sound Technician Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Soloist Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Organist/Pianist Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Number of expected guests:	Time florist is to arrive:	
Address after the wedding:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:

Office Information

Church Use:	Minister:	Deposit Date:
Wedding Coordinator:	Pianist/Organist:	Deposit Amount:
Custodian:	Sound Technician:	Balance Due: