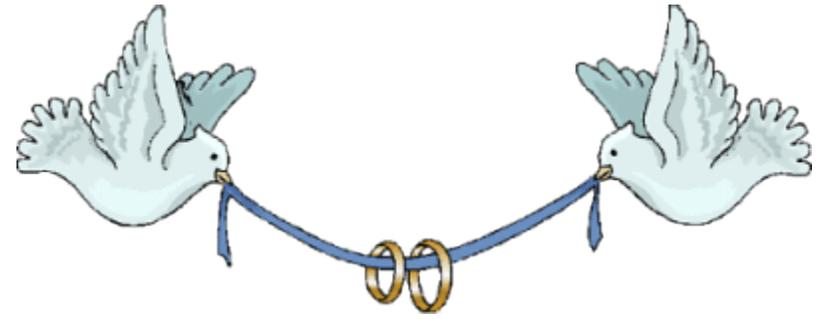


St. Timothy Community Church



*Wedding
Policy*

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We believe the wedding ceremony is one of the most sacred rites of the church. It is not a gala social event but a religious ceremony in which two persons invoke the blessing of God in Holy wedlock. It is the desire of the Pastor, as well as the church staff, to make every such ceremony a beautiful and meaningful event; therefore, we extend each wedding party every possible courtesy.

In order to establish a uniform and regular practice with regards to weddings in St. Timothy Community Church and to make this information available to all interested parties, the following policies have been adopted:

Membership: Weddings in the Sanctuary may be scheduled for couples one of whom is a contributing member for a minimum of two years to this congregation. Members should contact the church office to make arrangements for wedding dates and rehearsals.

Counseling: There is a need for marital counseling on the meaning of Christian Marriage. Each couple is required to arrange counseling sessions with the Pastor prior to the wedding.

Ministers: The Pastor has the primary responsibility of conducting the marriage service. Other ministers may participate at the bridal couple's request and in consultation with the Pastor.

Decorations: Persons responsible for decorations are required to consult with the Minister prior to decorating the church or any portions thereof, which are to be used for a wedding or reception. Only driplless candles may be used and must be placed in candelabras to prevent dripping on the floor, carpet, or furniture. All floral decorations shall be removed immediately following the ceremony unless

previous arrangements have been made with the church office.

Music: A wedding is a sacred service, as deep and meaningful as a Sunday morning worship service or Communion service. Therefore, the music should be spiritual, dignified, and well written. The bridal party shall consult the Minister of Music concerning the music to be used and use of the equipment.

Visual Media: Photography and videotaping are allowed during the ceremony, however persons should not be intrusive when doing so. All filming is at the discretion of the Pastor.

Confetti: Rice, confetti, or other such items are not to be thrown in the building.

Receptions: Receptions in the REL Ministry Center are to be scheduled through L & L Catering Service.

Fees: The Bridal party is responsible for all fees for the custodians and security services. These fees (currently \$12.50 per hour) must be paid in the church office no later than the Friday before the wedding.

Coordinators: Please read all information concerning arrangements for weddings. If you wish to request arrangements differing from these outlined, please make your request before the rehearsal and/or wedding. The caterer, security, or custodian does not have the authority to make changes from these policies authorized by the church. The Pastor shall be consulted and will assist you with any situation not covered in these instructions.