

FCC Building Guidelines for Weddings

****IMPORTANT:** The First Christian Church building has been erected and dedicated for the purpose of honoring and serving God. All activities held in the building should be conducted in such a way as to uphold this purpose. The following guidelines have been adopted to assist those using the building and equipment in observing this purpose.

Guidelines Overview:

- Must be an active attender or member (or child or grandchild of such) with recorded attendance, minimum of 50%, for 6 months prior to booking a wedding.
- Before approval of a wedding ceremony being held at First Christian Church, you must fill out and return a Wedding Request Form
- Upon approval of request, a \$100 security deposit is required to hold your wedding date
- 2 weddings will be scheduled per month maximum; 1 wedding planned for any given date.
- No weddings reservations will be scheduled from Thanksgiving to January 2 the following year.
- Weddings reservations may only be scheduled 10 months in advance.
- Wedding ceremonies scheduled for Saturdays must be scheduled no later than 4:00 p.m.
- Wedding ceremonies scheduled for Fridays must be scheduled no later than 6:00 p.m.
- No wedding ceremonies will be scheduled on Sundays
- Wedding requests will be considered, and reviewed case by case, if a member of another, smaller, Christian Church requests the use of our building.
- Wedding Fees: \$600
 - covers the fees for the following people: Minister, Sound Technician, Wedding Coordinator
- Checks payable to: First Christian Church with your wedding name in the memo
- Full payment should be given to the Church Office no later than 1 month before wedding

Statement on Homosexuality:

We, the elders and ministry staff at First Christian Church, stand firmly on the belief that the Biblical concept of marriage is between one man and one woman in a committed, lifelong relationship. All expressions of sexual intimacy (including but not limited to premarital sex, homosexual behavior, pornography and marital unfaithfulness) that fall outside this Biblical design of the marriage relationship are sinful and as such are not condoned by the church. ***Because we define marriage and sexual immorality this way, we therefore will not allow gay marriage ceremonies to happen in the church and will not allow our ministers to be involved in gay marriage ceremonies.***

That being said, we recognize that each of us is broken, and that we are committed to creating a worshipful and learning environment in which sinners come to be cleansed and healed rather than judged. As each of us personally battle the elements of sin that would entangle our lives, we pray for the strength of God's Holy Spirit to withstand temptation and testing.

While we find ourselves at odds with the beliefs of many of our state and national leaders with regard to the Biblical foundation of marriage, we commit ourselves to prayer on behalf of our leaders at all levels, and will hold in honor the offices they occupy. We petition our Heavenly Father for wisdom, courage and commitment to His principles for this nation and for us as a church.

Genes is 2 :20 b -25 - But for Adam no suitable helper was found. So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Job 1 : 1- "I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a girl."

Romans 1 : 1 8 -32 - The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities-his eternal power and divine nature-have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator-who is forever praised. Amen. Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion. Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done. They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

Proverbs 1 : 1 0 - My son, if sinners entice you, do not give into them.

1 Corinthians 6 : 1 8 -20 - Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. 19 Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

Ephesians 5:3-4 - But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. 4 Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving.

Day of Wedding

Guidelines Overview:

- No taping or attaching decorations to walls or windows
- Chairs – The Church will create a center aisle upon your request. We will not remove or change the direction of any chairs.
- No aisle candelabras are allowed
- Decorations may be hung from the chairs
- The wedding party is in charge of removing **all** decorations after the ceremony **before going to the reception**
- Only artificial flower petals are allowed for the flower girls.
- Aisle runners are allowed

Building Rules:

- Absolutely no alcohol in building or grounds
- Smoking is strictly outside in designated areas
- You are welcome to bring food and water. **No food is allowed in the Sanctuary**
- First Christian Church does not have columns, candle lighters or full length mirrors
- We suggest that you bring cushioned slippers to wear throughout the day. Your feet will hurt.