

# You want to get married?



*Jesus said, "...the one at the beginning 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one flesh." Matthew 19:4-6 (NRSV)*

## Information for couples interested in having a wedding at



# We Rejoice

as a congregation with you that you are ready to make the commitment to live as husband and wife. To help you in the planning process we provide this as a guide.

Marriage is a state sanctioned event. When a pastor performs a wedding, he or she does so as an agent of the state, and it is for this reason that a Justice of the Peace is able to perform the ceremony. As God's people living our faith, we recognize that much more goes into a marriage than just the vows in the wedding service. It is our desire to help prepare and strengthen marriage relationships.

*Some general guidelines:*

*Wedding services that are held at Christ the King are first of all worship. There is much to celebrate and give thanks for when a man and woman pledge their love and ask for God's blessing.*

*The church is not in the wedding business. The church is the Body of Christ gathered to grow in faith, love and obedience to the will of God. Our role in weddings is always within the context of our being the Body of Christ.*

*We want to help in the planning process. If you have any questions please call the church office.*

We pray that your wedding day will be a day of joy and thanksgiving filled with wonderful memories.

# Premarital Counseling

It is easy to focus and put much time into the wedding which lasts one day, while not preparing for the marriage which is to last a lifetime. To help couples grow and have strong marriages we provide premarital counseling for all couples being married at Christ the King. The couple is responsible for setting up an appointment with the pastor.

# Rehearsal

We encourage couples to plan a rehearsal either one or two nights before the wedding. This allows us to be sure that everyone is comfortable with their role in the service and allows them to relax and celebrate with the congregation. Please speak to the pastor about scheduling the rehearsal when you schedule your wedding.

Once your wedding is scheduled please remind all participants to plan to attend the rehearsal. A considerable amount of frustration and anguish on the wedding day could be avoided if everyone is present and paying attention at the rehearsal.

Please ask all participants to be on time. Often the pastor's schedule does not allow delaying the rehearsal for someone who is "running late."

## Music & Organist

As all weddings held in a church are worship, we ask that music either played or sung during the service be sacred in nature. If you have a question about a particular piece, please ask. If you have a favorite that you would like, but it isn't sacred, we suggest you have it sung or played at the reception.

You are responsible for arranging for an organist. We encourage you to speak to our organist, Kevin Basom, as he is most familiar with weddings at Christ the King, as well as with the instrument. The couple is responsible for paying the organist for his/her services. Any musician using Christ the King instruments must be approved by our organist.

## Scheduling a Wedding

When you are ready to schedule a wedding please contact the pastor by calling the church office. It is always wise to plan as far ahead as possible. Please keep in mind:

- ◆ We do not schedule any weddings during Holy Week or on Christmas Eve.
- ◆ The church calendar. Because of space considerations we try not to have two “big events” taking place at the same time so that neither is disturbed by the other.
- ◆ Regular worship services. While we welcome couples to consider having the wedding within a regular worship service, we do not schedule weddings within two hours of the start of a worship service.
- ◆ The pastor's schedule. Particular dates may or may not be available, depending upon other events.

## Flowers & Decorations

As a worship experience couples often wish to provide flower arrangements for the wedding. We ask that the florist you select please contact the church office regarding the placement of flowers. The color of the altar cloth is determined by the church season.

Often couples wish to use bows or other decorations on the pew ends. These may be attached using ribbons or rubber bands. We do not allow tape to be used on the pews or altar.

A white aisle runner, while not prohibited, is discouraged. If a couple chooses to have an aisle runner it must be removed prior to dismissing guests to reduce the risk of injury.

Any special candles or candelabra you may wish to use must have plastic under it to prevent wax from dripping onto the carpet.

The couple is responsible for providing a unity candle if they wish to use one during the wedding service.

## Photography

We encourage the developing of a family album, which will include not only this wedding day, but also other special events along your way.

Along with professionally taken photos, families may wish to take pictures as well. We ask, however, that no flash pictures be taken during the service. Ushers should instruct guests arriving with cameras of this request. Ample time will be provided following the service for professional and family photos.

Often times couples choose to videotape their wedding as well. We welcome this addition as it provides yet another way to remember the day. We ask that all cameras be stationary during the service and that you consult with the pastor regarding camera placement.

# Fees

The following fee structure has been established by the Church Council for cases where neither the bride nor groom is an active member. We believe it is necessary to charge a fee to couples who are not currently supporting the ministry of Christ the King that provides these services.

Use of the Sanctuary	\$300
Includes the wedding service and rehearsal	
Fellowship Hall	\$200
Organist	\$100
If additional rehearsals, solos or additional music are needed there is an additional cost of \$20. The CtK organist has first right of refusal and must approve all use of instruments by other musicians.	
Pastor <i>Includes counseling &amp; wedding</i>	\$200
<i>Weddings with non-CtK pastors don't incur a fee for the pastors but may incur a fee to staff the building.</i>	
Cleaning Fee (for either the church or the fellowship hall)	\$ 75

For members there are the following fees:

Cleaning Fee	\$ 50
Organist	\$100
If additional rehearsals, solos or additional music are needed there is an additional cost of \$20.	
Pastor (honorarium as desired)	

*All fees are payable through the church office and to Christ the King the **Tuesday prior to the day of rehearsal.***

Offsite weddings are dependent upon the schedule of CtK pastors. Couples seeking weddings other than at CtK are expected to reimburse mileage at the current IRS rate.

*For this reason a man will  
leave his father and mother*



*and be united to his wife,  
and they will become one flesh.*  
Genesis 2:24

## Miscellaneous Information

- ◆ No rice is permitted. Birdseed may be used, but it must be kept outside of the building. We ask that the birdseed not be distributed inside the church. Please ask your bridal party to hand it to guests as they leave. Couples are responsible for the clean-up of birdseed.
- ◆ No alcohol is permitted on the premises.
- ◆ Couples are asked to bring their license and fees to the church office by the Tuesday prior to the wedding.
- ◆ If you need to be in the church more than two hours before the start of a wedding, you need to make arrangements to gain entry into the building. Members may request a key. Non-members are asked to contact the church office.



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