



FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH
FORT MILL

Wedding Policy

Effective April 1, 2026

The wedding ceremony is a spiritual occasion when a man and a woman enter into a covenant marriage before God and seek His blessing upon their union.

PASTOR

- Members of First Baptist Church Fort Mill (FBCFM) who desire the use of the church buildings for weddings are encouraged to request one of the pastors of the church to officiate. The pastor should be contacted to determine availability. Plans to use other pastors should be discussed with the Senior Pastor.
- Premarital counseling is required as part of the preparation for the ceremony and should be scheduled several months in advance.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Facility use for weddings is limited to active members and their immediate family members, subject to availability and approval.
- Non-members may not use the facilities for weddings.
- Premarital counseling is required and is intended to prepare the couple for marriage, not just the wedding ceremony.
- Marriage is defined by FBCFM as the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. Weddings or ceremonies inconsistent with this definition will not be permitted.
- Both individuals must profess faith in Jesus Christ and demonstrate a commitment to a Christ-centered marriage.
- The couple must not be cohabitating prior to marriage. Biblical standards regarding sexual purity will be upheld as part of the counseling and approval process.

FACILITIES

- The Chapel is the customary location for weddings.
- A [Calendar Request Form](#) should be completed and is located on the church website under Resources/Event Forms.
- Weddings may not be scheduled in conflict with the regular church activities.
- Childcare facilities and services are not available for weddings.

- The church is not responsible for any personal items or deliveries brought onto the premises.
- Access to facilities must be coordinated through the church office.

FEES

A \$200 refundable security deposit due upon approval.

Facility Rental (includes on-site custodian):

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| • Chapel Wedding and Rehearsal | \$250 |
| • Parlor Wedding and Rehearsal | \$100 |
| • Rehearsal dinner (Fellowship Hall) | \$250 |
| • Reception (Fellowship Hall) | \$250 |

Audio/Visual tech support:

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| • Wedding and Rehearsal only | \$150 |
| • Wedding, Rehearsal and Reception | \$250 |

Music:

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| • Musicians | Arranged and paid for by the couple |
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Pastor:

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| • Honorarium | \$200 suggested minimum |
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THE WEDDING PARTY

- All participants are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the sacred nature of the church.
- Alcohol is strictly prohibited on church property and may not be consumed prior to the rehearsal or ceremony.
- Confetti and rice are prohibited. Birdseed or bubbles may be used outside only.

WEDDING MUSIC

- All music must be consistent with the church's mission, values and Christian witness.
- All music selections and musicians must be approved by the Worship Pastor or the Minister of Music prior to the event.
- An [Audio Visual Request Form](#) should be completed and submitted at least two months prior to the wedding. The form is located on the church website under Resources/Event Forms.

DECORATIONS

- All candles must be dripless.
- Protective materials must be used under all decorations.
- No nails, tacks, adhesives, or materials that could damage church property may be used.
- All decorations must comply with fire safety regulations.
- The reserving party is responsible for any damage to church property and associated repair cost.

GENERAL LIABILITY

- The reserving party agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless FBCFM, its staff, and members from any liability, loss, damage, or injury arising from the use of church property.
- All facilities must be returned to their original condition following use.