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The Mon-Valley Christian & Missionary Alliance Church

Wedding Policy

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Welcome!

There are few things in life more exciting than a wedding! We want to do everything we can to help make your day a joyous celebration of God's grace. In the following pages you'll find everything you need to know about hosting your wedding at Gospel Alliance Church. If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Ellsworth.

Basic Requirements

At Gospel Alliance Church we take the covenant of Christian marriage very seriously. Marriage in the Christian church is a holy covenant between a man and woman in the sight of God. It is not a civil ceremony or a legal proceeding, but rather a spiritual act of worship. As an act of worship, it is to be approached with the same integrity and reverence as other worship services, such as Baptism and the Lord's Supper or Communion.

It is not our intention to make our wedding policy too difficult, but rather to make it consistent with our understanding of God's design for marriage.

Gospel Alliance Church has the following basic requirements for weddings:

- The Bride, Groom, or their parents must be a member or regular attender at Gospel Alliance Church.
- Attend worship and a Discipleship Family Group at Gospel Alliance Church regularly for six months prior to the wedding. (If attending another church due to geographic location or out of the area – they must attend worship and Bible Study in their church.)
- Both the Bride and Groom must have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- The engaged couple must live in separate residences until the wedding day.
- The couple will make a commitment not to engage in sexual activity prior to marriage.
- The couple will successfully complete premarital counseling.
- The wedding must be in accordance with Gospel Alliance Church's Statement of Faith and related doctrinal teachings on Biblical marriage (including considerations for divorce and remarriage). [*Include church's doctrinal statement within policy or by specific reference.*]

Any questions regarding fulfillment of these requirements shall be determined by the Church's leadership, in accordance with its governance structure. Any disputes regarding the Church's wedding policy shall be resolved in accordance with the church's alternative dispute resolution policy, as set forth in Bylaws. Fees are charged solely to help cover the Church's actual wedding-related ministry and facility costs.

MAKING YOUR RESERVATION: _____

PREMARITAL COUNSELOR: _____

PASTOR CONDUCTING: _____

WEDDING MUSIC: _____

DECORATIONS: _____

CUSTODIAL HELP: _____

BRIDE CONTACT INFO: _____

GROOM CONTACT INFO: _____

WEDDING FEES: _____

OTHER INFO: _____

ACCEPTED BY: _____

BRIDE: _____

GROOM: _____

CHURCH: _____

DATE: _____