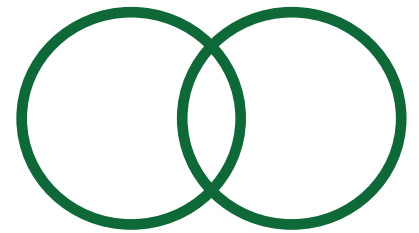


GETWELL CHURCH WEDDING POLICY



At creation God instituted marriage for the well-being of humanity (Genesis 2:20-24; Mark 10:6-9). Marriage is the joining of one man and one woman into a lifelong relationship which the Scriptures call “one flesh.” Sexual intercourse is God’s gift to humanity, for the intimate union of a man and woman within marriage. In this relationship, it is to be celebrative (Hebrew 13:4). Marriage, between one man and one woman, is therefore the only proper setting for sexual intimacy. Scripture requires purity before and faithfulness within and following marriage. Likewise, it condemns all unnatural sexual behaviors such as incestuous abuse, child molestation, homosexual activity and prostitution (1Corinthians 6:9, Romans 12:6-27). We hold that marriage can only be the union of “one man and one woman” who have made a public covenant and vow before God and the state (Genesis 2:20-24; Mark 10:6-9). Therefore, it would be a breach of the doctrine of our church for ministers or members of Getwell Church to conduct the marriage or blessing of a union between a same-sex or same gender couple. In light of our beliefs, ministers and members of Getwell Church shall not perform marriages or unions of same-sex or same gender couples.

WEDDING GUIDELINES

Getwell Church is honored to host such an important and sacred event as your wedding. Planning your wedding is the first step in your journey as a married couple. You **must** be a member of Getwell Church to have the wedding on Getwell’s campus. In order to host your wedding on the Getwell campus, it is mandatory that your event be planned with the assistance of Getwell’s Wedding Host (referred to as “Host” for the rest of this document). The Host holds authority to make decisions regarding all aspects of the wedding event in regard to the church campus. Neither the participants or any other person involved in the wedding may override the direction or decisions of the Host. The Host will represent not only your interests in planning your wedding, but will also represent the church in planning for flowers, food, audio, photography/videography, etc. It is the responsibility of both the church and the wedding participants to treat the church facility as a place of worship and to care for it appropriately.

FACILITY USE

Getwell Church offers three facilities for hosting your wedding. At the Southaven campus, you may choose the Family Life Center (FLC) or The Hub. Additionally, the Hernando campus is available. The FLC is a large, open space which will seat up to 500 guests. The Hub and the Hernando campus provide a beautiful setting for a wedding and will seat up to 120 guests. Because Sunday Services are currently held in the FLC and at our Hernando campus, no events will be scheduled in the FLC on Saturdays after 6 PM. **Getwell Church is an extremely busy church and our calendar fills up quickly. The date will not be put on the church calendar until deposit is paid and signed Wedding Application Form (see last page) is submitted. This deposit will hold the date of your wedding and guarantees that no other function will be going on during your wedding. See Fees section for details.**

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Pre-marital counseling sessions are required by Getwell Church and should be scheduled as soon as a wedding date is scheduled. Our pastors at Getwell Church have many years of experience in pre-marital counseling. **If the wedding party wishes to invite another minister outside of Getwell Church to perform their wedding ceremony, please notify the Senior Pastor for approval.** These wedding guidelines must be met in order to fulfill the event agreement between the church and the participants.

MUSIC

Getwell Church requests that all music be non-secular and appropriate for a religious occasion. Booking of all music, musicians, and soloists are the responsibility of the wedding party; however, your Host will be able to guide you in your selection. All weddings require the use of our sound technician. Music and its lyrics, poetry, musicians, or entertainment must be approved by the Getwell Church Worship Director. A list must be given to the Host two weeks prior to the event.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Rice and glitter are not permitted to be used on campus. Birdseed and bubbles are allowed outside the building only.
- No alcoholic beverages are to be consumed or served on the church premises.
- The use of cigarettes and other tobacco products is discouraged on church property and is not allowed inside any part of the facilities.
- Only dripless candles may be used. Area below unity candle (if used) or any other candle stands must be protected from possible drips.
- Photography/Videography: No flash photography or video lighting is allowed during the ceremony, and photographer(s)/videographer(s) must not be a distraction to this religious ceremony. Videography must be approved at least two weeks prior to ceremony.

GETWELL CHURCH RESPONSIBILITIES

- The Getwell Church Wedding Host will assist in proper planning as well as use of the facilities, worship experience, scheduling and general information.
- We will provide access to the facility for the wedding, rehearsals, set up and take down time as agreed upon in the scheduling of the wedding. We will be responsible for closing and securing the building after each event. Keys will not be checked out to the wedding party.
- Audio, video, lighting, and other such elements of the event will be provided by church technicians only, unless previous arrangements have been made and approved by the Getwell Church Wedding Host.

WEDDING PARTY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Bride/groom must schedule pre-marital counseling with Pastor.
- Participants will treat the facility as a place of worship and will not permit abuse of it in any way. You will not permit any behavior, language, or actions that would be inappropriate for a place of worship. This includes, but not limited to alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, items containing profanity or other inappropriate language or pictures, items, materials, or meetings that would be in conflict with the Christian faith.
- If rented or borrowed property has been used, it is the responsibility of the bride or groom's family to insure its removal immediately after the wedding. Wedding participants are responsible for all personal items brought to the church. The church will not be responsible for personal items such as wedding dresses, wraps, purses, silver and glassware brought to the church for use in the wedding reception. Nor shall the church be liable for such items lost, stolen, or damaged. However, every reasonable effort will be made to assist the wedding party in protecting such property.
- All fees must be paid to Getwell Church at least **two weeks before** the wedding day.

WEDDING FEES & SERVICES

FEES: Family Life Center - Southaven campus: \$1,500; Hub - Southaven campus: \$1,500; Hernando Campus: \$1,500. These fees include pastor, facility use, coordinator, sound operator and janitorial services. Fees for pianist or musicians, and/or singers are not included and should be paid directly to these individuals.

DEPOSIT: \$200 deposit along with signed Wedding Application Form (see next page) is required to place your wedding on the church calendar. Deposit and all other fees can be paid in the church office (Mon-Thurs, 9AM-4PM) via check or cash. Should you need to reschedule/postpone/cancel your date, deposit is refundable.

(If you choose to conduct a private wedding – involving no music, no decorations, or no reception – with only a limited attendance, these ceremonies may be arranged in consultation with the Pastor and may not be subject to included fees.)

OPTIONAL:

- Rehearsal Dinner: \$150
- Reception: \$150
- Video of wedding (single camera, no editing) in Family Life Center or Hernando (not available in Hub): \$500
- Rent Seven-Branch Candelabras (2) \$40 (Candles included)
- Rent Unity Candle Stand (Bride furnishes unity candle) \$10

***Payment in full for all fees is due 2 weeks before wedding date. Checks should be made payable to Getwell Church. REMINDER: Your Wedding date will not be put on the church calendar until deposit is paid and signed Wedding Application Form (next page) is submitted.**

NOTES/QUESTIONS

WEDDING APPLICATION FORM

WEDDING DATE REQUESTED: _____ TIME: _____
REHEARSAL DATE REQUESTED: _____ TIME: _____

HAS CHURCH CALENDAR ALREADY BEEN CHECKED FOR DATES? YES ☐ NO ☐

BRIDE NAME: _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

WORK PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

GROOM NAME: _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

WORK PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

FEES TO BE COLLECTED (choose all applicable services):

- ☐ Ceremony - circle location choice: FLC (\$1,500); Hub (\$1,500) or Hernando (\$1,500)
- ☐ Rehearsal Dinner: \$150
- ☐ Reception: \$150
- ☐ Video of wedding (single camera, no editing) in FLC or Hernando (not available in Hub): \$500
- ☐ Rent Seven-Branch Candelabras (set of 2, candles included): \$40
- ☐ Rent Unity Candle Stand (wedding party furnishes unity candle): \$10

TOTAL TO BE PAID: _____ (cash or check payable to Getwell Church)

TOTAL PAID WITH THIS APPLICATION: _____

(deposit of \$200 only, deposit plus additional amount, or pay in full)

SPECIAL REQUESTS/CONSIDERATIONS (if applicable): _____

BRIDE AND GROOM HAVE READ AND ARE IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH THE WEDDING POLICIES OF GETWELL CHURCH.

SIGN and DATE:

BRIDE: _____

GROOM: _____

WEDDING COORDINATOR: _____

If you are not working with a wedding coordinator, please indicate so above and list someone who will be a point of contact for the Host on the day of the wedding (other than the bride or groom).