



CBMC WEDDING POLICY

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This policy governs any wedding ceremony which is to be held in our church premises and the utilization of the church facilities.
- 1.2 This policy also governs any wedding ceremony which is held outside CBMC's premises with one of CBMC's appointed pastors or elders as the officiant.

2. Doctrinal basis of marriage

- 2.1 The holy matrimony is the first institution established by God (Genesis 2:18-24).
- 2.2 It is a union of a man and a woman, a husband and a wife, and destined for a lifetime (Matthew 19:1-12).

3. Principles

- 3.1 It is our belief that a Christian marriage stands and is fulfilled, when the couple made the marital vow before God in a wedding ceremony, registered with the local government, and lives together as a husband and a wife.
- 3.2 When a couple intends to be married in CBMC, they should be aware of this belief and adhere to the aforementioned order.
- 3.3 All other ceremonies relate to marriage life will not be considered or termed as wedding ceremony.
- 3.4 A Christian wedding ceremony is a service before God, a sacred celebration of the union between a man and a woman who loves each other and seeks God's blessing as well as that of the congregation on their union.
- 3.5 Wedding ceremonies in CBMC are the initiations of long lasting relations with our church in the blessing and shepherding of the marrying couple.



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- 3.6 The wedding ceremony is a worship to God as well as a celebration of the union of a man and woman in God's presence, practices and music used during the ceremony are to be in a God' honoring and dignifying manner.
- 3.7 The administration of a wedding ceremony is the prerogative of the Board of Elders and the pastoral team of CBMC. The church reserves the right to refuse the exercise of this authority at any stage of the preparation up to the wedding date with or without giving any reason in marrying a couple in the church facilities.

4. Procedure

- 4.1 The church facility is reserved for the wedding use for CBMC members only. If only one partner of the couple is a CBMC member, the other partner must be a professing baptized Christian who agrees with the statement of faith of CBMC.
- 4.2 Premarital counseling is required for all couples. Half of the pre-marital counseling sessions must be finished before submitting the facilities reservation form to the Church Office. Only licensed counselors and CBMC leaders (Pastors, Elders, Deacons, and Head coaches) are recognized.
- 4.3 Proof of completion of premarital counseling is due at least two months before the wedding day.
- 4.4 If the premarital counseling is conducted by an outside counselor, the couple is required to have at least one wrap-up premarital counseling session with their fellowship head coach or the wedding officiating pastor. A proof of completion of the wrap-up session is due at least one month before the wedding day.
- 4.5 Each couple must sign the "CBMC Wedding Declaration," which should be turned in together with the proof of completion of premarital counseling.



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- 4.6 Only CBMC pastors or elders can officiate weddings in CBMC. Members from the pastoral team, elder board, deacon board and lay leadership may take part in the wedding ceremony.
- 4.7 The wedding ceremony is a worship service, all onstage helpers need to be Christians, except those helping in the wedding procession and candle lighting.
- 4.8 The wedding ceremony program and onstage helper list must be approved by the officiating pastor at least two months prior to the wedding day.
- 4.9 The wedding ceremony is a worship service; thus no secular songs or music is allowed in the service or slideshow. The selection of music should be complementary to the sacredness and harmony of the ceremony.
- 4.10 Dancing of any kind is prohibited on church premises during the wedding ceremony.
- 4.11 The hours for facilities usage are as follows:
- Sanctuary 3 hours before ceremony begins
 1 hour for the wedding ceremony
 1-1/2 hours after the ceremony ends
 - Reception 3 hours before ceremony begins
 2 hours after ceremony ends
 - Bridal Room 1 hour before ceremony begins
 1-1/2 hours after ceremony ends
 - Fellowship Center 3 hours before ceremony begins
 2 hours after ceremony ends
- 4.12 No alcohol, drugs, gambling or smoking are allowed on CBMC premises.



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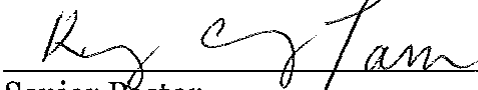
- 4.13 Only personnel who are officially trained by CBMC's AV team are allowed to operate the church's audio and/or visual equipment.
- 4.14 Only non-dripping candles are to be used in the ceremony.
- 4.15 All flowers must be removed promptly before the designated departure time unless the flowers are offered for Sunday Service.
- 4.16 All decorations must be removed from the sanctuary before the designated departure time.
- 4.17 A deposit of \$500.00 is required as a guarantee for the following:
- The wedding ceremony and reception will end on time including the cleanup process. A \$200.00 fee will be charged for overtime.
 - Cleanup of the sanctuary and reception areas are to be in compliance with the requirements on the checklist. A \$300.00 fee may be charged for non-compliance.
- 4.18 The wedding couple shall be responsible for any damage to church facilities caused by themselves, their helpers or their guests.

This policy is approved by CBMC Board of Elders and the Pastoral Team.



Chair, Board of Elders

11/31/2010
Date



Senior Pastor

2/2/2010
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Bridegroom's name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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(Couple's copy)



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