

Wedding Celebration

A Wedding is one of the happiest and holiest moments in life. A man and woman join their lives together to establish a family. Mount Calvary rejoices with you and is eager to help make the occasion of your wedding a splendid event.

Mount Calvary and its staff desires to do everything possible to help your wedding be a wonderful experience. The Wedding Guidelines apply to full formal weddings, renewal of vows, office weddings and off-site weddings. This packet contains information on our guidelines and policies, scheduling procedures, special instructions, costs and commonly asked questions, as follows:

Why Pre-Marital Advisory Sessions?

The wedding ceremony is a worship experience. A Christian believer is one who has accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour has been baptized in water and is an active supporting member of a Christian church. The scripture admonishes "Don't be unequally yoked." (**II Corinthians 6:14**). The Lord will bless your vows to one another and help to make your wedding day an important step in the building up of your marriage.

Bride and groom must receive Pre-Marital Advisory Sessions before the Lead Pastor or staff minister marries them. All persons marrying at "Calvary" will be expected to engage in a minimum of three, 45-minute premarital advisory sessions. Appointments for premarital advisory sessions should be scheduled well in advance and directly with the Lead Pastor Executive Assistant. It is the responsibility of the bride and groom to schedule pre-marital advisory sessions by calling (760) 485-4962.

When is the earliest we can schedule our wedding?

The Wedding date and time must be confirmed on the Church's Calendar at least three months (90 days) before the wedding.

When Do We Rehearse?

All weddings have rehearsal. Rehearsals are normally held on the Friday night at 5:30 PM preceding the wedding. All participants (only) must attend the rehearsal. Only ninety minutes will be allowed for rehearsals.

Only children participating in the ceremony (flower girl, ring bearer) should attend the rehearsal. Unattended children will not be permitted to run and play during rehearsal. The rehearsal should be scheduled for the day before the wedding. This rehearsal is for the entrance, placements and exit. Special music and vocal rehearsal should be arranged in advance of the wedding rehearsal with the Minister of Music and/or Audio Tech. You must instruct your wedding party to be on time.

What Happens on the Wedding Day?

On the wedding day, all participants must arrive one (1) hour before the wedding is to begin. For office ceremonies, all participants must arrive 30 minutes prior to the ceremony.

Unless there are major emergency or extenuating circumstances that delay your wedding by thirty (30) minutes, the Wedding Contract with Mount Calvary becomes void. This means that after a thirty (30) minute delay, the officiating Minister will leave the premises without performing the wedding ceremony, and the Musicians, Sound Crew are released from their Agreement and will also leave the church premises. In addition, fees will not be refunded.

The ceremony is the choice of the Lead Pastor. The vows and wording may not be changed. This does not negate suggestions on the part of the persons who are exchanging vows as long as those vows are done in connection with the scriptures.

All musical selections must be approved by the Lead Pastor or Minister of Music. If you desire to have a musician from outside of the church to perform the music, the arrangement must be made in advance with the Minister of Music. The music must be in character and appropriate.

There will be no smoking of anything or any alcoholic beverages on the property of the Church.

Both bride and groom must sign the "Wedding Agreement" prior to the wedding date being confirmed on the Church's calendar. Appropriate attire must be worn in the Sanctuary.

SPECIAL NOTES:

1. No rice or birdseed shall be thrown in the building or on the church grounds.
2. The flower girl shall not throw petals on the floor unless there is a runner.

Marriage License – **Bring your marriage license to the rehearsal.** The Lead Ministry Coordinator will give it to the officiating minister who will sign on the day of your ceremony and mail it to the issuing city, town, etc.

Decorations – All decorations will be organized by the Events Coordinator unless otherwise agreed. Common sense should prevail when decorating. Please ask the Events Coordinator if you have any questions about what can and cannot be used. All decorations need to be removed the day of the wedding. The church shall not be responsible for loss or damage of any wedding decorations.

STANDARD FEES

- The honorarium for the Lead Pastor - \$500.00
- The honorarium for an Ordained Elder - \$400.00
- The honorarium for the Musician - \$150.00
- Church Building - \$200.00, *non-members*
- Audio Technician - \$75.00
- Media Technician - \$50.00 - \$100

For program/graphic designs contact:

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All fees, including honorariums, are to be paid to the Business Office the day before the Wedding service. Checks are to be made payable to Mount Calvary Holy Church.



**MOUNT CALVARY HOLY CHURCH
Wedding Request Form**

Please Print

What date would you like to get married on: _____ Time of Wedding: _____

Location of Wedding:

Address:

Place of Reception:

Address:

Would you like for the Lead Pastor or another Mount Calvary Officiant to perform your wedding? _____

Please read the Wedding Policy and Guidelines for Mount Calvary Holy Church.

After you have read the Wedding Policy and Guidelines at Mount Calvary Holy Church and have decided that you would like to have your wedding at Mount Calvary Holy Church fill out this Wedding Request form and turn it in to the Lead Ministry Coordinator. Please note that your wedding requests and scheduled date is not set until it has been approved by Pastor and Lead Ministry Coordinator. Thank you for submitting your Wedding Request the Lead Ministry Coordinator will contact you soon in regards to your request.

Name of Bride: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Telephone # _____ Email: _____

Wedding Request Form (Cont.)

Name of Groom: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Telephone # _____ Email: _____

Wedding Coordinators Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Telephone # _____ Email: _____

Signature of Groom

Signature of Bride
