



*Franklin Heights Baptist  
Church*

*Wedding Policy and Information*

*“For this cause a man shall leave his father and  
mother and shall cleave into his wife; and the two  
shall become one flesh”*

*At Franklin Heights Baptist Church we believe the purpose of Church-related weddings is not simply to provide a site and officiate for marriages. It is our desire to help establish Christian homes with Biblical values that both honor and serve our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Specific requirements for those wishing to be married at Franklin Heights Baptist Church**

1. Both the Bride and Groom must individually confess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. FHBC will not marry unbelievers, nor join a believer to a non-believer in marriage.
2. FHBC requires that one if not both the bride and groom be members of the Franklin Heights fellowship. FHBC does not host non-member weddings.
3. FHBC will not marry couples who are living together or who are physically intimate. Couples involved in this must move apart and covenant to abstain from a sexual relationship until their wedding day.
4. All couples are required to go through premarital counseling with their officiating pastor prior to the wedding.
5. All couples must have been dating for a minimum of six months prior to the wedding date.
6. No remarriages after divorce will be performed until at least one year from the time the divorce is legally finalized.
7. The wedding ceremony, either formal or informal will be done in a worshipful manner. The pastor working with the couple will help this happen.
8. If a wedding planner or bridal consultant is used he or she will work with the pastor on all aspects of the ceremony. At no time shall such a person feel that they have the authority to overrule a decision by the pastor.
9. If an outside pastor will be used in part of the service, he must first be approved by the FHBC pastoral staff.

**Floral and Decorations**

1. Appropriate protection must be made to keep candle wax from dripping on the carpet and furniture.
2. Sticky tape may not be used on the furniture, pews, or walls.

3. The pulpit and the pastors chairs are the only furniture items that may be moved from the platform area. All orchestra and music equipment must remain undisturbed.
4. Decorations must be removed immediately following the wedding ceremony. Any trash generated from the event must be removed as well.

### **Building use**

1. No alcoholic beverages of any kind may be consumed or served on church premises.
2. No smoking or use of tobacco products inside church facility.
3. Birdseed or rice may not be used. Some use wedding bubbles upon the exit of the bride and groom.
4. Dancing is not allowed in the church facility.
5. The organ is not available to outside musicians unless first cleared through the music department.
6. The sound system may only be run by the trained music staff of FHBC who must be paid for his/her time.

### **Fees:**

- Chapel use if available: 50.00
- Worship Center: 100.00
- FLC with kitchen 50.00

### **Additional Fees: (Contact music minister)**

- Pianist
- Organist
- Sound Technician:

Note:

While it is not mandatory, it is a generous and customary gesture to provide the officiating pastor with a monetary gift. Many couples will give between 100-200 dollars.

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