

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH - YORK, PENNSYLVANIA
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740 W. Locust Street - York, PA 17404

WEDDING INSTRUCTIONS

MARRIAGE IS A HOLY ESTATE, ORDAINED OF GOD AND TO BE HELD IN HONOR BY ALL. IT BECOMES THOSE WHO ENTER THEREIN TO WEIGH WITH REVERENT MINDS WHAT THE WORD OF GOD TEACHES CONCERNING IT.

Your desire to have church wedding is indicative of the fact that you want to ask God's blessing upon your marriage. God will not withhold His blessing from you, if you will earnestly seek to accept the blessings He offers.

The purpose of a church wedding is to share your joy with the congregation and to enable the congregation to join you in invoking God's blessing upon your marriage. The purpose is not to "put on a show" for your friends. Following this idea does not prevent you from having a beautiful wedding, but it does set certain limitations upon what may be properly done.

GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS

It is advisable to make wedding arrangements as far in advance as possible. As soon as the date of your marriage is determined, call the administrative assistant of the church to reserve the date on the calendar.

At the time of your call, please inform the church of all that will be needed to make your day a success, (lower sanctuary, dressing rooms, kitchen, etc.).

The couple should then arrange with the Pastor for three counseling sessions. The Pastor is very busy, so these dates must be to the best of the couple's ability.

OFFICIATING CLERGY

Guest clergy of your choice are welcomed to participate in your wedding along with the Pastor of the church. Please understand that the guest clergy will perform a secondary role as it relates to the wedding ceremony. The division of the ceremony will be made by the Pastor in consultation with the guest minister.

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DECORATIONS

Decorations can be placed in the church the night prior to the wedding. No party will be permitted to alter in any way the set-up of the church. We request that no lighted candles be used during the wedding ceremony.

REHEARSAL

Where a rehearsal is necessary, approximately two hours should be allowed. All members of the wedding party should be present----PROMPTLY. The pastor will not be able to attend your rehearsal!

MUSIC

The music should be in keeping with the dignity, beauty and sacredness of a service of worship. There is much secular wedding music which, though it may be beautiful and acceptable for use at a wedding reception, is hardly in keeping with the purpose of a church wedding. If you desire one of our church musicians to play, they must be notified immediately upon your date placed on the church calendar.

PHOTOGRAPHS

The marriage ceremony will seem to pass so swiftly that it will appear that you missed all of it. Therefore, we do allow your photographer to roam during the service as long as it does not interrupt the worship experience.

RECEPTIONS

The lower sanctuary may be available for use for wedding receptions following the ceremony. We ask that as best you can, please be considerate of the cleaning staff that will clean up after the wedding is over. The use of alcoholic beverages is not allowed within the building or on its grounds. Any alcoholic beverages that are seen will ensure swift termination of the wedding reception.

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MISCELLANY

The marriage license must be in the hands of the Pastor prior to the wedding ceremony. Without the license, no wedding can take place. All financial obligations must be handled prior to the wedding ceremony. It is suggested that the couple appoint a wedding coordinator to handle these items. If an aisle runner is desired, it must be provided by the florist or caterer. If programs for the ceremony are to be done at the church, the information for such should be in the church office no later than the week prior to the ceremony. There will be no last minute printing of bulletins!

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

A \$100.00 nonrefundable deposit must be submitted with the Facility Request Form to secure your date and space.

It is not the policy of the church to look upon weddings as a source of revenue; however, there are expenses connected with the operation of the various areas used for wedding and receptions. All rental fees etc. must be submitted 10 days prior to event.

MEMBERS

<i>Baby Shower</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>
<i>Bridal Shower</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>
<i>Wedding</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>

Non-Members

<i>Baby Shower</i>	<i>\$150.00</i>
<i>Funeral</i>	<i>\$200.00</i>
<i>*Wedding</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>
<i>* Fee includes fellowship hall rental w/o Fellowship hall \$300.00</i>	

Administration Office Hours:

*Tuesday through Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Telephone Number: 854-2547 or 854-2320
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