



# WEDDING GUIDE

*Planning and Preparing for Your Wedding Ceremony at FCC*



# Congratulations!

Your decision to get married is one of the most significant decisions you will make in the course of your life. We are happy for you and know that these next few months of planning and preparation will be packed with excitement.

Your wedding day is very special to you and to us. At First Christian Church, we want to help you not only plan for your wedding ceremony, but also prepare for a successful, Christ-centered marriage. There is a difference between the “wedding” and the “marriage.” We are committed not only to helping your wedding ceremony be a success, but to help your marriage be a success.

God created man and woman and, from the beginning, He intended that they be joined in marriage so that each might give what the other lacked alone. Since God designed the marriage relationship, it makes sense that He knows best how to build a happy marriage.

As we read God’s Word, we are able to discern foundational principles which we must build upon if we hope to experience joy and fulfillment in marriage. Ignoring these principles will result in frustration and ultimately failure in the marriage relationship.

Because we are committed to building strong marriages, we have put together this wedding guide to share some of this important information with you, as well as to answer some of the most commonly asked questions about wedding ceremonies at FCC and to help you get started in planning your wedding ceremony.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me. I’ll do my best to provide the answers you need.

Once again, congratulations on your upcoming wedding. We are excited to be a part of your special day!

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# Introduction

No matter what type of wedding you are planning - large or small, simple or elegant - the main purpose is the uniting of two lives into one through the exchanging of vows. Since the vows are made before God, they deserve the dignity of a worship service. We have developed this booklet to assist you in planning a wedding ceremony that is pleasing to you and to God.

The purpose of First Christian Church's Marriage Ministry is to prepare engaged couples for a life-long, God-glorifying marriage; to assist in the preparation of the wedding ceremony; and to provide resources after the wedding to help the couple maintain and enrich their marital relationship.

# WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT MARRIAGE

- ▶ Marriage is God's idea. (Genesis 2:18-24)
- ▶ Commitment is essential to a successful marriage. (Genesis 24:58-60)
- ▶ Romance is important. (Song of Songs 4:9-10)
- ▶ Marriage holds times of great joy. (Jeremiah 33:10-11)
- ▶ Marriage creates the best environment for raising children. (Malachi 2:14-15)
- ▶ Unfaithfulness breaks the bond of trust, the foundation of all relationships. (Matthew 5:32)
- ▶ Marriage is permanent. (Matthew 19:6)
- ▶ Only death should dissolve marriage. (Romans 7:2-3)
- ▶ Marriage is based on the principled practice of love, not feelings. (Ephesians 5:21-33)
- ▶ Marriage is a living symbol of Christ and the church. (Ephesians 5:23, 32)
- ▶ Marriage is good and honorable. (Hebrews 13:4)

# TEN TOP ISSUES FOR EARLY MARRIAGE

## **Developing the Identity of the Couple Unit**

The newly formed partnership requires a change in thinking about how each member views himself/herself. (*Genesis 2:23-25; Ephesians 5:22-23*)

## **Making the Marriage Relationship a Top Priority**

Making the lifestyle changes and developing the habits that put the marriage relationship first, including how you use leisure time and spend time with friends. (*1 Corinthians 6:12-17; Ephesians 5:22-23*)

## **Accepting the Humanness of Your Mate**

Facing the normal disappointments and disillusionments of your idealistic and unrealistic expectations. (*Romans 7:14-20; 1 Peter 23:1-9*)

## **Creating and Maintaining a Budget**

Your budget must account for each partner's needs, wishes, goals, and priorities, as well as their history of financial management. (*1 Timothy 6:3-10; 1 Peter 5:2; Hebrews 13:5*)

## **Understanding the Experience of Intimacy and Sexuality**

This is important in order for each partner to understand the other and how they differ so they can meet each other's needs. (*1 Corinthians 7:1-7; Song of Solomon*)

## **Creating Appropriate Alignment with In-laws**

It's important to allow for the priority of the marriage relationship while allowing the healthy dynamics of parent and adult child relationships to continue. (*Genesis 2:23-25*)

## **Coming to Know the Patterns and Style of Communication of Your Partner**

This includes learning how to use those patterns if they are healthy, or work around them if they are not. (*James 3, 4*)

## **Coming to a Place of Being on the Same Page Regarding Parenting Issues**

This is an immediate issue with blended families, but also important for first marriage couples to discuss prior to the arrival of children. (*Ephesians 6:1-4; Proverbs 22:6; Proverbs 20:11*)

## **Coming to Understand the Deeper Needs for Being Respected and Being Cherished**

These are a man and women's greatest needs, and it's important to understand how you as a mate can help to meet that need. (*1 Peter 3:1-7; Ephesians 5:22-23*)

## **Learning Each Others' Love Language**

You must make a genuine effort to know your mate and to fill their "love tank" after the newness wears off. (*1 John 3:11-24; Also, the book The 5 Love Languages by Gary Chapman.*)

# WEDDING POLICIES

All couples who request to be married at First Christian Church by one of our pastors must agree to the following:

1. Both the bride and groom must have a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of their lives. FCC will not marry unbelievers or join an unbeliever to a believer in marriage (2 Corinthians 6:14-18). God's Word is clear about spiritual compatibility between marriage partners.
2. The bride and groom must complete pre-marital counseling and meet any special requirements of the counselor. Pre-marital counseling must be completed through an FCC approved counselor or office. You will need to obtain a letter from the counselor stating that you have satisfactorily completed the counseling program. Pre-marital counseling is available through First Christian Church at a cost of \$150.00 (check made payable to the counselor). This includes counseling sessions, resources, and an assessment.
3. Only wedding ceremonies officiated by FCC Pastors may be held in our facility.
4. If a couple desires to have their wedding at an off-site location, but wants to use a pastor from First Christian Church, they are required to follow the same procedures as a wedding being held at First Christian Church.
5. Wedding ceremonies held in our facility must be coordinated through our Building Use agreement and Facilities Director (and/or Kitchen Director for additional food, reception or meal preparations).
6. Fees for building use, personnel, etc. should be paid no later than the time of the rehearsal. Checks for building fees should be made payable to "First Christian Church." Fees for musicians, technicians, technical director, etc. should be made payable to the individual. A non-refundable deposit of 25% of the building fee is required to hold the date for your wedding ceremony.
7. Meet with your officiating pastor for an introductory interview after you have read the information in this booklet. At this initial interview, you will be asked to sign a Declaration of Intent. Once this is completed, the date of your wedding will be confirmed on the church calendar.
8. The couple should inform your officiating pastor in the introductory interview of any circumstances that could significantly affect your marital success, such as premarital pregnancy, living together before marriage, previous marriages, etc. *These factors do not disqualify couples from being married at FCC, but must be taken into consideration according to the authority of the Bible.* This may mean that we will *strongly suggest* an immediate wedding (small event with pastor and two witnesses, and then have a larger Vow Renewal ceremony for family and friends at a later time. In the case of premarital pregnancy, the marriage may or may not be performed depending on the maturity of the persons involved and other considerations.
9. Couples living together prior to their marriage will be asked to live separately until the wedding ceremony.
10. We understand that one or both persons may have been previously married. In such cases, before a First Christian Church pastor agrees to officiating, the cause of divorce (i.e. - a. Former spouse is deceased, b. Divorce occurred prior to conversion, c. Divorce occurred because of sexual unfaithfulness by former spouse, d. Desertion by an unbelieving spouse, e. Former spouse initiated divorce and has remarried, f. Former spouse was abusive) will be discussed and, when possible,

counseled through appropriately. It is up to the pastor to determine, after this conversation, whether or not he will officiate.

11. No remarriages after divorce of a spouse will be performed until a minimum of one year has passed from the time the divorce is finalized. No exceptions will be made.
12. As a couple, you must meet with the officiating pastor at least one time.
13. The engaged couple will be expected to complete any necessary forms and comply with the guidelines established in this handbook concerning the use of FCC facilities.
14. No pastor on the First Christian Church staff will marry a couple if another pastor has refused to perform the ceremony on Scriptural, moral or ethical grounds.
15. We will not marry a couple if either person is intoxicated or under the influence of illegal controlled substances before or during the rehearsal and/or wedding. *NOTE: Any member of the wedding party who is intoxicated or under the influence of illegal controlled substances at the time of the wedding ceremony will not be permitted to participate.*
16. FCC celebrates with each couple who chooses to use our facility for their wedding and/or reception. Song lyrics and music used for dancing must be tastefully selected. Lyrics and dance styles that are suggestive or that include foul language and/or sexual themes and connotations are inappropriate. DJs or background music are welcome. Failure to comply will result in the loss of deposit.
17. Smoking is not permitted on church property, except in designated areas. No smoking is permitted at any time inside First Christian Church's building.
18. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the First Christian Church campus at any time.
19. A representative of First Christian Church will contact you one month before your wedding regarding the various elements of the ceremony. The purpose of the Wedding Coordinator is to keep the rehearsal and wedding ceremony moving smoothly and on time. The Wedding Coordinator is simply a liaison between you and First Christian Church, and is a part of every wedding held here.
20. We do not provide or allow childcare to take place in our building during the rehearsal, ceremony, or reception for liability purposes.
21. A pastor from First Christian Church must be present at all wedding ceremonies that take place on our campus. It is your responsibility to contact the pastor that you want to perform the ceremony. The church does not do that for you. A list of FCC pastors who perform weddings is provided in this booklet.
22. If you want a guest pastor to be a part of your ceremony, please call Bradley Clark at 330-456-2600 or email [bwclark@firstchristian.com](mailto:bwclark@firstchristian.com).
23. All music used during the wedding ceremony must be free of profanity and inappropriate innuendos or other adult language or themes. If your reception is held on our campus, all music used during the reception must also meet those requirements.
24. It is your responsibility to contact all musicians that you want to be a part of the wedding, including soloist(s), pianists/organists, etc. FCC has a grand piano that is available for wedding ceremonies upon advance request. FCC does not have an organ and cannot provide one.

25. Separate checks should be made out to the specific pastor, technical director, soloist, or musician for the specified amounts. These checks should be given to the Wedding Coordinator before the rehearsal begins. The Wedding Coordinator will give the checks to the appropriate parties.
26. Your marriage license is valid for 60 days. You can contact the Stark County Probate Court (330-451-7759) for instructions on what you must do to apply for your marriage license. You must submit your license to the officiating pastor at least one week in advance of your wedding ceremony.
27. **Photographs** may be taken during the processional and recessional. Photography and videography taken during the ceremony will be taken at the discretion of the bride, groom, and officiating pastor. All photo sessions prior to the ceremony must conclude no less than 30 minutes before the music begins. Photographers and videographers who will be working during the ceremony should be dressed in black, and should be quiet. They should be as "invisible" as possible so as not to disrupt the service or draw any attention to themselves. Please inform your photographer/videographer and guests of these policies.

# REHEARSAL PLANNING

Your rehearsal is a very important event. Some thought should be given to the plans so things go smoothly and you leave the rehearsal with a feeling of confidence and anticipation toward the wedding ceremony.

Your Pastor (or privately contracted Wedding Coordinator) will direct the rehearsal activities. This helps solve many issues. When there are too many well-meaning friends trying to help out at the rehearsal, we often run into problems. Time can be saved when the bride, groom, and Wedding Coordinator have a good understanding of your plans and expectations. The coordinator can take charge and keep things running smoothly.

Another matter to consider is that some may be tired near the wedding date, and better judgment in last-minute decision making may not always prevail. The time to make decisions and changes is long before the final hour arrives. Many a bride is left in tears the evening before the most anticipated day of her life because of too many last minute pressures. Letting the Pastor carry the responsibility at the rehearsal makes for a much more relaxed event. If a change is desired while the rehearsal is in progress, the bride or groom should discuss it with the Wedding Coordinator, and let them incorporate the change.

If there is any change in the scheduling of your rehearsal, be sure to contact your specific Pastor, as well as every person whose attendance you had requested (musicians, technicians, officiating pastor, etc.). It is most important to keep a list of all names. Also, if planning a rehearsal dinner or another activity, be sure to invite everyone ahead of time and state if spouses/dates are welcome to attend.

It is extremely important that the entire wedding party be present at the rehearsal and that they arrive early so they are in place and prepared to begin on time. Remember that only one hour is allotted for the rehearsal.

# FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY: WHO PAYS FOR WHAT?

*Any workable plan that the bride, groom, and their families work out is acceptable to the church. In many instances, the bridal couple shares the expenses. A traditional guideline of general customs is as follows:*

## **Groom**

- Pastor's honorarium
- The bride's rings
- The marriage license
- His gift to the bride
- Flowers for the bride, both mothers, and boutonnieres for his groomsmen
- Gifts for his groomsmen and any accommodations needed
- Bachelor dinner
- Honeymoon

## **Groom's Parents**

- Their own wedding attire
- Their travel expenses and accommodations
- The rehearsal dinner

## **Bride**

- The groom's ring
- Her gift to the groom
- Gifts to her bridesmaids and any accommodations needed
- Thank you notes

## **Bride's Parents**

- Invitations, announcements
- The bride's dress and accessories
- Photography for wedding and engagement
- Flowers for the wedding and reception
- Church rental fee
- Musicians' fees
- The reception

## **Groomsmen and Bridesmaids**

- Their wedding attire (if indicated by the bride and groom)
- Any travel costs they incur

# CEREMONY PLANNING: WHERE DO I BEGIN?

## **Step One: Do some planning and budgeting before you commit to concrete plans.**

Many times in the excitement of the moment a bride will ask too many of her friends to be attendants. Then she has the unhappy task of withdrawing that proposal. That is a difficult situation that brings undue stress upon your wedding plans. Some extra thought will usually lead to clearer thinking. We also find excited brides work out beautiful floral orders only to find out it will cost much more than they'd ever imagine. Secure estimates on wedding attire, invitations, flowers, cakes, photos, etc. After you develop a basic spending plan, you will be ready to start making some final decisions.

## **Step Two: Select your wedding party carefully.**

Be conservative when there is a choice to make. It is much easier to add someone than to ask someone to step aside. Write your choices down and think about it for a few days before asking people to be in your wedding party. Remember, when asking people to be your attendants, they should be informed at that same time which expenses will be theirs to bear. Choosing the right person to fill each position in your wedding and reception is a very exciting experience. Often, the family is overlooked while giving preference to friends of similar ages, or recent close relationships. It is good to include all these friends, but consider this: one of the most common complaints is that the bride's brother or the groom's sister (or someone else) was left out of a wedding party because there was not a close relationship at the time of the wedding. The wedding is the beginning of relationships with a whole new family and wedding memories are much more meaningful when they are shared with those that will be important to you in the years to come.

## **Step Three: Select your attire.**

Dresses for the bride and her attendants may vary greatly in style and cost. Consider that your attendants may not all be the same size. Try to choose a dress that will compliment all shapes and sizes. All dresses should be modest and discreet. Many tuxedo shops will offer the groom's tux at no cost if all the tuxedos are ordered from the same location.

## **Step Four: Book early.**

Your venue, officiant, soloists, musicians, technicians, photographer, florist, cake decorator, rehearsal dinner, reception hall, and caterer should all be booked as early as possible!

## **Step Five: Start your guest list.**

Be sure lists are made by the bride and groom as well as parents of both the bride and groom. If an "invitation only" reception is planned, be sure a definite number is set and understood by the bride and groom and their families.

# CEREMONY PLANNING: IDEAS FOR MUSIC

Music in the ceremony should direct attention to God, who sanctifies marriage, and special care should be taken to ensure that it is suitable and reverent. A wedding worship service and all music must be appropriate, with no foul language, suggestive themes, etc. Some popular music and love songs may be deemed inappropriate, so all musical selections for your ceremony should be discussed with your officiating pastor ahead of time.

## **Pre-Ceremony (*starts 20 minutes before ceremony or when first guests arrive*)**

Can be all instrumental or mixed with vocal numbers that are either solo or duet.

## **Seating of the Grandmothers (*optional*)**

Usually one piece, sometimes shortened for time. Can be instrumental, vocal, or combined.

## **Seating of the Mothers (*if included*)**

Usually one piece, sometimes shortened for time. Can be instrumental, vocal, or combined. Includes mother's seating along with lighting of the unity candles, if included in ceremony.

## **Aisle Runner**

Can be separate or a continuation of mother's piece.

## **Processional**

Usually one short piece. Usually instrumental, but can be vocal or combined.

## **Unity Candle (*if included*)**

Usually one piece. Can be instrumental, vocal, or combined. Lyrics should convey commitment.

## **Communion (*if taken*)**

Usually one piece (can be combined with music from unity candle). Can be instrumental, vocal, or combined.

## **Recessional**

Usually one piece. Usually instrumental, but can be vocal or combined.

Note: These are general suggestions. This is a conversation you should have with your officiating pastor and/or Wedding Coordinator well ahead of time!

All musicians have specialty pieces that they play. It's a good idea to ask them for their guidance before determining final selections.

# CEREMONY PLANNING: DECORATIONS

We wish to help you create a beautiful setting for your wedding. That said, there are a few things we ask of you that you should consider as you plan your decorations:

- There must be no use of nails, screws, wires, or tape on the furnishings or on the building proper.
- Your decorator needs to remove all decorations immediately following the wedding or reception.
- If you want to have an aisle runner, you must provide it yourself. Be sure to provide one with pins. FCC does not own or provide aisle runners.
- Aisle candles are not permitted.
- Please do not block the end of the rows with decorations.
- Please do not move First Christian Church's flowers or plants without permission from your Pastor or Facilities Director.
- Rice and birdseed are not permitted. Flower petals, bubbles, or balloons are allowed.

Heritage Hall seats up to 350 people.

The Worship Center auditorium seats 2,000 people. (This room is not recommended for weddings.)

If you have decorating questions, please feel free to discuss with your Pastor or Facilities Director.

# POLICIES FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS AND VIDEOGRAPHERS

We look forward to working with your photographer and videographer. We know their efforts will provide you lasting memories of your wedding day, and understand that they face a difficult and sensitive task.

To enable all involved to effectively perform their duties and services in an efficient and timely manner, the following policies must be adhered to. They have been implemented to protect the wedding party and guests, and to ensure the sanctity, reverence, and success of your wedding ceremony.

Failure to adhere to these policies may result in your photographer or videographer's access privileges being revoked. *It is your responsibility to share this information with them, and to ensure that they understand and agree to abide by it.*

1. Appropriate dress is required. We strongly suggest black attire to minimize visibility and distraction. We strongly recommend dress slacks and collared shirts. We do not permit blue jeans, shorts, sweatshirts, or athletic shoes.
2. No cable wires in the walkways or under the doors.
3. Do not stand on chairs, tables, or anything unstable to take pictures or capture video.
4. The day of the wedding, the Pastor will discuss all FCC policies with your photographer/ videographer. This includes lighting, where you may position yourself to take pictures, allotted times, etc. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to ask the coordinator.
5. Absolutely **no flash photography** is permitted during the ceremony by either the photographer or guests. It is very disturbing to the bride and groom and the pastor. We take wedding commitments very seriously and want weddings to be both a time of worship and enjoyable, positive experiences for all present.
6. It is our sincere desire to enable all involved to effectively perform their duties and services in an efficient and timely manner. The following timeframes must be strictly adhered to:
  - a. Before wedding: All photo sessions must be completed no less than 30 minutes before the music begins.
  - b. Wedding ceremony: Remember, *no flash photography* during the ceremony.
  - c. If an additional room is required for pictures, please discuss this with the bride so she can check with the church for availability of an additional room on their wedding date.

Questions from the photographer or videographer may be directed to the Wedding Coordinator or the officiating pastor.

# SUMMARY OF WEDDING FEES AND HONORARIUMS

## Personnel

In order to simplify things for you and for our team, we have set the following standard honorariums for wedding ceremony personnel:

- Pastor: \$200 (ceremony and rehearsal; does not include pre-marital counseling fee)
- Musician/Soloist: \$75
- Audio/Video/Media Technician: \$75
- Pre-marital Counseling: \$150

## Facility and Campus

The following rental and usage fees apply for reserved spaces on FCC's campus:

- Main Auditorium: \$1,500
- Heritage Hall: \$500 (ceremony rental only; this fee does not include food/per person charges for reception)
- Other Rooms: *refer to rate sheet available by contacting our Main Office (330-456-2600).*

## Other Important Information

Here are a few other things we thought you should know as you plan your wedding ceremony:

Rental fees for rooms/spaces on-campus at FCC include 2 hours of time for the rehearsal and 5 hours of time for the wedding. These fees include maintenance and standard cleaning fees. If any repairs or excessive clean-up are required, an additional fee may be charged to cover costs incurred by FCC.

Honorariums for personnel should be paid at the rehearsal. Checks should be made payable to each individual by name.

Facility rental and usage fees must be paid in full by the rehearsal date. A \$150 non-refundable deposit is due up front in order to hold your date on our calendar. Checks should be made to First Christian Church and submitted to the Executive Pastor's office.

If you would like to host your reception in Heritage Hall, you should contact Diane Chenevey directly by emailing [dclements@firstchristian.com](mailto:dclements@firstchristian.com). Separate reservation charges apply. Receptions in Heritage Hall must conclude no later than 10pm.

Smoking and alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the church building. Smoking is permitted outside only in designated areas away from building entrances.

# OFFICIATING PASTORS

To request a Pastor from First Christian Church, contact Care Pastor Bradley Clark by calling the church office (330-456-2600) or via email [bwclark@firstchristian.com](mailto:bwclark@firstchristian.com). A requested Pastor's availability for your date is not guaranteed, however a member of the Pastoral Staff Team will be contacted and scheduled for your event. This Pastor will contact you to coordinate and begin the process of planning your pre-marital counseling and wedding ceremony.

# WEDDING PLANNING CHECKLIST

We have provided this checklist to assist you in your wedding planning. The items on the list are important! Please initial this checklist as you go, stating that you have read it and shared the policies of First Christian Church with your photographer, videographer, and other essential personnel.

- Contact our Care Pastor, Bradley Clark (*bwclark@firstchristian.com*), to check the availability of your wedding ceremony date. A packet of forms and information will be sent to you. Your date cannot be considered "reserved" until you have met with your officiating pastor, submitted your Wedding Request Form and Declaration of Intent, and paid your deposit.
- Contact your officiating pastor to schedule a meeting, as a couple, to discuss your wedding. Please bring copies of all completed forms and your deposit.
- If you plan to use Heritage Hall for your reception, please contact Diane Chenevey (*dclements@firstchristian.com*) to make arrangements.
- Before meeting with your photographer, videographer, etc., please read the information in this packet and be prepared to inform them of FCC's policies.
- Complete pre-marital counseling. This **must** be done in order for your wedding to take place at First Christian Church, and in order for an FCC pastor to officiate your wedding. No exceptions! (For more information or help in scheduling pre-marital counseling, contact your officiating pastor.)
- Meet, as a couple, with your officiating pastor at least once. It is your responsibility to personally contact one of the staff pastors. This should be done as soon as possible after scheduling the wedding. The pastor performing the ceremony has the option of requiring additional counseling.
- The officiating Pastor will contact you one month prior to your wedding date to schedule a time to meet to plan the details of your wedding ceremony. Be sure that all rooms are reserved. The Wedding Coordinator is a part of every wedding held at First Christian Church.
- Obtain your marriage license and turn it in to your officiating pastor at least one week prior to your wedding ceremony date.
- Provide checks made out separately to all wedding personnel according to the fees outlined in this booklet. They should be given to your Wedding Coordinator before your rehearsal begins. The coordinator will distribute them to each individual.

# WEDDING DEPOSIT AGREEMENT

*To be submitted to your officiating pastor at your introductory interview.*

A \$150 wedding deposit must be paid to "First Christian Church" to secure the use of our facility for your wedding ceremony and/or reception. The date will not be reserved on our calendar until your wedding deposit is received in full.

If a wedding is cancelled at least six months prior to the date of the wedding, the deposit may be refunded. If the wedding is cancelled less than six months but at least 60 days prior to the date of the wedding, 50% of the deposit may be refunded. If a wedding is cancelled less than 60 days prior to the date of the wedding, the deposit is forfeited.

This deposit is a security deposit and **does not** get deducted from the total amount of the wedding fees. The deposit will be refunded to the appropriate party within seven (7) business days **after** the wedding, provided all guidelines for building use have been followed and no damage to the building or its contents has been incurred.

If refundable, the wedding deposit should be made payable and mailed to:

Made Payable to: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

We hereby agree to the above terms and the wedding policy of First Christian Church.

Bride's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Groom's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Deposit received by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit returned by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*If not returned, include details explaining why:*

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# WEDDING FEE SUMMARY

To be submitted to your officiating pastor at your introductory interview.

Name of Bride \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Groom \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Deposit .....	\$ _____
Pre-Marital Counseling Fee (if @FCC) .....	\$ _____
Room Fee .....	\$ _____
Pastor Honorarium .....	\$ _____
Musician(s) / Soloists(s) .....	\$ _____
Technician(s) .....	\$ _____

Fees for the use of **Heritage Hall** for a wedding reception or rehearsal dinner and the related catering costs will be billed by our Kitchen Ministries director, Diane Chenevey. These costs are in addition to those itemized above.

If you're planning to get married at First Christian, your **wedding deposit of \$150** should be included along with this summary and submitted to your officiating pastor at your introductory interview. Your wedding date is not considered "reserved" until this has been received in full. You should receive a written acknowledgement of receipt from your officiating pastor immediately upon submission of your deposit.