

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Owosso, Michigan

## POLICIES REGARDING WEDDING SERVICES For Non-Members

Thank you for your interest in a wedding at First Baptist Church. In consultation with the Pastor, weddings should be scheduled as early as possible to avoid conflicts with regularly scheduled church activities. Disappointments can be avoided this way. A minimum of two months lead-time is considered desirable. Church weddings are performed by the current Pastor of the church. Other officiants are subject to the approval of the Pastor and will serve under his or her direction.

Due to our affiliation with American Baptist Churches-USA and ABC-MI, our pastor is prohibited from performing same-sex marriages.

The wedding service will be designed in consultation with the Pastor. All music must be approved by the Pastor and/or the organist. The Pastor typically requires at least four (4) conferences with all couples for pre-marital counseling.

Rehearsals, out of courtesy, are scheduled so as not to conflict with other church activities, and in keeping with the Pastor's schedule. Church functions take priority. All persons who have active participating roles in the wedding ceremony are expected to be present at the rehearsal.

### WHAT WE MAKE AVAILABLE FOR USE

- Candelabra (floor)
- Wedding banner
- Sound system, piano and/or organ by qualified church personnel

### IF DESIRED, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FURNISHING

- Candles 14-12" white dripless candles for the floor candelabras
- Aisle runner (50 feet)
- Wedding bulletins
- Prerecorded music
- Any additional items needed to personalize your service

### PHOTOS/CELL PHONES

Professional photographers may take photographs as the wedding party enters the sanctuary; however, none with flash after the ceremony has begun. Silent time-exposures are permissible. Video equipment is permissible and may be set up in the balcony or under the balcony. Scenes may be re-enacted for pictures following the service, and the pastor will be happy to be part of those pictures, if asked. It shall be the couple's responsibility to inform their guests.

### WEDDING FEES

Basic Cost.....	\$700.00
Includes: Use of Church Building.....	\$500.00
Custodial fee.....	\$ 50.00
Sound technician .....	\$ 50.00
Facility Manager.....	\$100.00
Pastor (payable to the Pastor).....	\$150.00
Organist Fee (if requested).....	\$ 75.00
Pianist Fee (if requested).....	\$ 75.00
Reception Facilitator (if applicable).....	\$100.00

*All fees and honorariums should be in cash and put in separate envelopes, and are due one week prior to the wedding. Fees must be paid for the wedding to take place.*

Church Council on \_\_\_\_\_

**RULES TO BE OBSERVED ON THE  
PREMISES**

1. *No rice, confetti or real flower petals is/are to be thrown inside or outside the building. Use of birdseed, bubbles and the like may be used outside the building.*
2. *No smoking is permitted in the building.*
3. *No alcoholic beverages will be consumed on the premises. No wedding will be performed if members of the wedding party are under the influence of alcoholic beverages.*

***YOUR WEDDING***

***AT***

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