



# Application For Wedding Services

**Bride:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Groom:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Requested Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

First Baptist Church retains the right to address and decide its own written policies.

## **I. Selection Of Weddings**

**A.** Because weddings are a spiritual union, the Church will only do weddings for members and children and grandchildren of members. All couples wishing to be married at SBC must both be Christians with credible testimonies (2 Corinthians 6:14), must be in agreement with our statement of faith, must not be under official discipline by the Church, must not be divorced for reasons other than adultery committed by the person’s former spouse (Matthew 5:31-32; 19:3-9) and/or abandonment of the person by the former spouse (1 Corinthians 7:15), and must abide by the guidelines of purity, including abstinence from sexual activity and the appearance of evil, as set forth by the pastor performing the marriage.

**B.** The Pastor(s) retain the right to reject, at any point, to participate or host weddings.

## **II. Use Of Facilities**

**A.** All weddings held at SBC must be approved by the Senior Pastor and Deacons.

**B.** The church must be put in order before Saturday night is over. A deposit of \$150 will be made at the time of application. If the facilities are clean by the end of Saturday night, \$100 will be returned, but \$50 will be given to the custodians for touch up work. If they are not, the entire amount will be given to the custodian(s) for cleaning. It is highly inappropriate for the couple to simply fall back on the custodian(s).

**C.** There will be no alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco, or inappropriate music (determined by the Pastors) on the premises.

## **III. Personnel And Requirements**

**A.** The Senior Pastor will serve as the lead pastor in all weddings, unless he designates the wedding to another pastor. Other pastors may be involved in weddings, yet such pastors must be approved by the Senior Pastor. Appropriately, the Senior Pastor should be consulted first before wedding plans are made and all weddings will be directed under his discretion.

**B.** All couples wishing to be married will meet with the Pastor for a minimum of eight sessions of premarital counseling (though multiple sessions may be covered in one meeting). The couple will only be charged for the reimbursement of materials used.

**C.** Couples must attend our morning church services until the wedding day. Children of members who do not live close enough to attend church must disclose where they will be attending church until the wedding.

**We, the couple, agree to be bound by these guidelines.**

**Bride’s Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Groom’s Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_