

FAMILY CHRISTIAN CENTER

A Foursquare Church

Rescue, Restore, and Release – Luke 4:18-19

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WEDDING POLICY



“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.” – Hebrews 13:8

Your Marriage

When a couple requests to be married at **Toledo 3 Foursquare (dba Family Christian Center)**, it is assumed that they desire God to bless their union by being married in the church. Such a wedding is a very joyful and sacred occasion.

We are pleased that you have expressed an interest in being married at Family Christian Center (FCC). In order to process your request, please review the following procedures.

Wedding Stipulations

1. We are pleased to make FCC facilities available to all church members and long time attenders. We will selectively allow community members to use our facility, if they are known by and are being married by a FCC Pastor.
2. The pastor reserves the right to refuse weddings where one of the Christian partners was previously married and divorced. Scriptural reasons for divorce are, of course, taken into consideration. This should be discussed at the initial meeting with the pastor.
3. In keeping with scripture and the beliefs of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, we will not allow our facility to be used for polygamous or same sex marriages.
4. Only a marriage between a man and a woman (both being over the age of 18) will be considered for access to our facility.

Pre-Marriage Procedures

1. Complete and return the enclosed **wedding application only** to the church office. The application indicates the dates, times, facilities, and pastor you desire. (Do not include the Statement of Fees or a deposit.) The date is **not** confirmed until you are notified.
2. **Following confirmation of the availability of the facility and the officiating pastor**, a meeting will be arranged to discuss the Statement of Fees, facilities, available furnishings, etc. At that time, a deposit will be due to secure the reservation of the facilities.

The Meeting will allow:

- ♦ Make arrangements for the set-up of all rooms being used
 - ♦ Contact the Worship Team regarding sound technicians, platform set up, and any vocal or instrumental requests
 - ♦ Communicate with the officiating pastor's office
3. **Pre-marriage Counseling**...It will be your responsibility to contact, as soon as possible, the FCC pastor you have requested to officiate at your wedding. You will need to set up pre-marriage counseling sessions with that pastor. The purpose of these sessions will be to prepare you for your adventure in marriage and to discuss the wedding ceremony. Each Pastor has the liberty to set the agenda of the pre-marriage counseling.
 4. **A Marriage License** must be obtained and presented to the officiating pastor prior to the rehearsal.

General Policies

1. **Times:** Due to Sunday services, Saturday weddings must take place no later than 3pm and must vacate the Sanctuary by 5pm. Receptions must be over and the building vacated no later than 8pm. No weddings or wedding rehearsals may be scheduled during Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, or during major church events.
2. **Photographs/Video:** Pictures and video taping are permitted during the ceremony at the discretion of the couple and the officiating pastor. Please remember the sacredness of the occasion and work accordingly. When a reception is to follow, the bride or her parents should instruct the photographer to expedite the taking of pictures following the ceremony in order to not delay the reception.
3. **Music/Sound:** The selections of music and musicians are the responsibility of the couple. Some forms of music are not acceptable in the church setting and all music selections for the ceremony should be reviewed by the officiating pastor prior to the rehearsal. Only FCC sound technicians may operate the sound equipment.
4. **Decorations:** The couple shall be responsible for all decorating and will be required to remove all decorations from the church facilities immediately following the wedding ceremony. Trash is to be placed in the receptacle behind the building. We ask that the decorations used will not damage floors, walls or furnishings. Nails and screws can not be driven into any part of the building or furnishings. Adhesive materials, such as scotch tape, are not to be attached to painted surfaces. Carpets must be protected from damage caused by dripping candles.
5. **Church Property:**
 - ◆ No smoking, suggestive dancing, or alcoholic beverages are permitted.
 - ◆ Bubbles, balloons, doves, butterflies, or self contained streamers may be thrown or released on church premises (no rice or bird seed, please).
 - ◆ All equipment/property to be moved must be approved by church staff.
 - ◆ Pianos are not to be moved.
 - ◆ Persons using the facilities are responsible for any damages of church property incurred during the use of the building.
6. **If the reception is held at FCC, the couple provides the following:**
 - ◆ All food and refreshments
 - ◆ All paper products
 - ◆ All decorations, floral arrangements, table clothes, and any other rental items used on the tables, etc

6. If the reception is held at FCC, the church can provide the following (upon request):
- ♦ Tables and 40 plastic chairs
 - ♦ Punch bowls
 - ♦ Coffee pots / Automatic Brewer
8. **Rental Items:** It is the financial responsibility of the couple to arrange for the rental of any extra tables and chairs needed. Removal of the rented tables and chairs is also the responsibility of the couple.
9. **Personal Belongings:** FCC is not responsible for personal belongings left or lost at the church.
10. **Statement of Wedding Fees:** See the appropriate form.

Custodial Services

1. A custodian will make sure the building is open prior to your rehearsal and wedding.
2. The custodian will clean the facilities before and after the wedding.