

The Bride's Guide *Fees & Guidelines*

2017



Congratulations on your Engagement!

We are so excited you are considering A CHURCH WEDDING.

It is our hope that **The Bride's Guide** will help answer some of your questions. We know you have many decisions before you, so it is important to us that choosing A CHURCH WEDDING be an easy one.

After reading through **The Bride's Guide**, contact one of our Wedding Coordinators to schedule a FREE Tour and Initial Consultation!

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1 WEST END CHURCH Weddings

Includes: Venue Rental, Rehearsal, Dressing Rooms, Day of Coordinator, Pastor, Pre-marital Counseling, Sound-Light Tech. ***No Sunday weddings due to Church Services.

Worship Center	(seats up to 640)	\$1800
Courtyard	(seats up to 50)	\$1000

Add Ons:

Blossom House BNB	(sleeps up to 14)	\$1000/nt
Extra Venue Rental Hours		\$200/hr
Keyboard Player		\$250
Vocalist		\$250
Guitarist		\$250

2 RIVER POINTE CHURCH Weddings

Includes: Venue Rental, Rehearsal, Dressing Rooms, Day of Coordinator, Pastor, Pre-marital Counseling, Sound-Light Tech. ***No Saturday Evening or Sunday Morning weddings due to Church Services.

Worship Center	(seats up to 1400)	\$1200
Outdoor	(seats up to 350)	\$800
Lobby/Lakeside	(seats up to 150)	\$500

Add Ons:

Reception Venue	(seats up to 150)	\$1500
Extra Venue Rental Hours		\$200/hr
Keyboard Player		\$250
Vocalist		\$250

3 PRIVATE Ceremony

Just want a Pastor to perform a ceremony at the church with the two of you and a couple of guests? Talk to a Wedding Coordinator for more details and options!



4 SECURITY Deposit

A security deposit will be due at booking to hold your date. This deposit will be applied to your final payment. The deposit is non-refundable
Security Deposit is \$50



5 HONORARIUM for the Pastor

It is customary to give the Pastor performing your ceremony a gift for their time! Make sure it is in keeping with your budget and give from your heart!
Suggested Honorarium is \$250

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

1 Corinthians 13:4-9

6 WEDDING Coordinator

It is our pleasure to provide a Wedding Coordinator for all weddings. The Coordinators are experts at facilitating weddings at the church and will be able to provide a wealth of information concerning your Wedding Rehearsal and Ceremony.

Your Wedding Coordinator will be available to you from the Initial Consultation to the end of your Ceremony. Her goal is to ensure that things run smoothly and on time...allowing you to be the BRIDE on your very special day!

All weddings at the church must be overseen by one of our Wedding Coordinators. Our hope is to serve you and to be a blessing to you and your family.

7 WEDDING Officiant

The Pastoral Staff is honored to be a part of your wedding. The Officiant/Pastor's role includes meeting with you prior to your big day as well as officiating the ceremony. We have 12 Pastors on staff to choose from...or you may invite a Guest Pastor. If you invite a Guest Pastor, ensure that they provide pre-marital counseling.

After you have chosen a Pastor, you will be contacted to schedule premarital counseling and a time to discuss your ceremony details.

FYI: A pastor may be assigned to you if the requested one is not available.

Please Note...The Pastor will not attend Wedding Rehearsal.



*He who finds a wife finds
what is good and receives
favor from the Lord.
Proverbs 18:22*



8 PRE-MARITAL Counseling

We feel it's important to set you up for a successful marriage by offering Pre-marital counseling to ALL weddings that are scheduled at West End Church and River Pointe Church. We provide two ways to receive Pre-Marital Counseling...

Pastoral Counseling - Schedule a private one-on-one session with the Pastor performing your ceremony.

Pre-Marital Workshop - Attend a workshop with other couples facilitated by a certified counselor. These workshops are scheduled throughout the year.



9 PLANNING the Ceremony

Whether you have chosen an indoor or outdoor wedding – planning the ceremony is easy! The Ceremony is broken up into three different parts – the Entrance, the Service, and the Exit.

the Entrance...

The *Processional* is a formal name for Entrance. A traditional entrance can include, in order...

- Entrance of House Party
- Entrance & Seating of Grandparents
- Entrance & Seating of Parents (light Unity Candle)
- Entrance of Pastor, Groom, Best Man & Groomsmen
- Entrance of Bridesmaids
- Entrance of Honor Maid(s)
- Entrance of Ring Bearer
- Entrance of Flower Girl
- Grand Entrance of Bride & Escort (usually the Father)

the Service...

A general *Order of Service*, is as follows...

- Welcome & Prayer
- Declaration of Intent
- Giving of the Bride
- Scripture Reading
- Wedding Homily
- Vow Exchange
- Ring Exchange
- Unity Candle
- Prayer
- Pronouncement
- Kiss
- Exit...



the Exit...

The *Recessional* is a formal name for the exit. The traditional exit is the reverse of the entrance, beginning with the Bride and the Groom and ending with the Grandparents.

10 SAMPLE Reception Order

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| Cocktails/Appetizers | Dance Floor - DJ Set 1 |
| Wedding Party Entrance | Toasts |
| Bride & Groom Entrance | Bride & Groom Thank Guests |
| Prayer | Dance Floor - DJ Set 2 |
| Dining | Garter Toss |
| Cake Cutting | Bouquet Toss |
| Bride & Groom First Dance | Dance Floor - DJ Set 3 |
| Father/Daughter Dance | Guest Line Up for Departure |
| Mother/Son Dance | Bride & Groom Depart |

And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:14-20



11 PRIORITY List

Here are some of the components of a Wedding Budget you should consider. Decide which ones are important to you and **PRIORITIZE**...

Wedding Dress	Photographer	Caterer
Videographer	Cake(s)	Flowers
Ceremony	Entertainment	Reception
Decorations	Tux Rental	Rings
Transportation	Honeymoon	Gifts



*Two are better than one, because they
have a good return for their labor:
If either of them falls down,
one can help the other up.
Ecclesiastes 4:9-10*



12 WEDDING TOUR

Schedule a Wedding Tour and Initial Consultation with a Wedding Coordinator to get an inside look of the church and what it has to offer you. This is a great time to get answers to some of your questions and to hear about all the ways we can serve you! Plus you can pick the brain of your Wedding Coordinator to get you headed in the right direction.

And the best news...

IT'S **FREE!**



13 MUSIC

We are able to handle all of your sound needs...from an iTunes playlist to a full symphony. If you would like for us to provide a Pianist and/or a vocalist, we can help you for an additional fee of \$250/musician. Secular music is perfect for a wedding - just run it by a Wedding Coordinator first!

Here are some suggestions of our favorite songs played in weddings over the years...

GRAND PARENTS & PARENTS ENTRANCE:

I Will Be Here (Stephen Curtis Chapman)
Waterfall (Piano Guys)
Air from Water Music (Handel)
A Mother's Prayer (Celine Dion)
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (Bach)

WEDDING PARTY ENTRANCE

This Ring (T Carter Music)
Home (Piano Guys)
Canon in D (Pachalbel)
I Choose You (Ryann Darling)
A Thousand Years (Piano Guys)

BRIDE'S ENTRANCE

Take my Hand (Emily Hackett)
This I Promise You (Ronan Keating)
The Bridal Chorus (Wagner)
Two is Better than One (Boys Like Girls)
Just The Way You Are (Piano Guys)

WEDDING PARTY EXIT

The Wedding March (Mendelssohn)
Signed Sealed Delivered (Stevie Wonder)
Best Day of My Life (American Authors)
I Fell Good (James Brown)
500 Miles (The Proclaimers)



HERE'S SOME ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS!

Don't be bashful about asking us... We want this to be a Day to Remember! Keep in mind that our goal is to guide and direct you to make the best decisions! After all... we have tons of experience and we want to help

YOU!!!



Can I serve Mimosas to my Bridesmaids in the Dressing Rooms?

We ask that no alcohol be served on our church campus. This is to protect you and us! You can enjoy adult beverages at the RECEPTION!

Thanks for helping us with this!

Can my 2 yr old niece be my flower girl?

The short answer is YES! As long as they are carried or escorted down the aisle and they sit during the ceremony. Why escorted? Because we want to protect the sanctity of what everyone came for - the union of 2 people! Although your niece is cute - you never know how she might act or react when it comes time for her to walk. And why seated? Because it's hard enough for big people to stand up there during the ceremony, much less a 2 yr old! I'm sure you understand. **Kids must be 7 or older to walk down the aisle by themselves or stand on the stage during the ceremony.**

When can I decorate for my wedding ceremony?

You will have 2 hours prior to the wedding ceremony to decorate! It may be possible to give you more time or even the ability to decorate the day before - however it will depend on the other things we have scheduled. This is something that you can discuss with your Wedding Coordinator as time gets closer to your BIG DAY!

Will it be ok to clean up from our ceremony the following day?

We ask that all decor be picked up immediately following the ceremony. Please arrange for someone to do this for you so you and your family and your friends can enjoy the reception.

Nothing may be left overnight!

Do we have to bring in all of our own decorations?

YES! We will provide a blank canvas. Please protect our floors from dripping candles & please do not hang anything on our walls or windows! We have a few items that you can borrow: (3) Portrait Easels, (3) Table Easels, and a Unity Candle stand (you provide the candles). We also have tables and chairs that we will set up for you if needed!

Can I take my Bridal Portraits or Engagement Pictures at the Church?

ABSOLUTELY!!! We would love for you to use the church for your pictures. We hate to brag...but some of the prettiest Bridal Portraits have been taken on our grounds. If you decide to get married at the church - you can schedule a time to come out with your photographer - FOR FREE!

Can the flower girl use real petals?

No real petals please - they stain our floors. Instead use silk petals or paper confetti. Some alternative trends are: a Pomander (flower ball), a Wand with streamers, Floral Garland, a Windmill, or a Sign announcing the Bride. And here's an old tradition...ask your Flower Girl to hold your train - your guests will love it!!!



Church **A** wedding

Is it possible to have a small reception following my wedding ceremony?

There are times that we can facilitate small receptions...however we are not necessarily set up to host them. Please check with a Wedding Coordinator to discuss the options. We will be happy to suggest reception venues that some of our Bride's have recommended!

My wedding is not for another 18 months - Can I book a wedding and request a Pastor?

Absolutely - you can book a wedding now and lock into this years pricing! And we can promise you that one of our Pastor's will be available to perform your ceremony. However, due to scheduling - we are unable to confirm which pastor will be marrying you until 6 months prior to your wedding ceremony!

I heard that the Pastor does not attend the Rehearsal...Is that true?

That is correct. The rehearsal is a "cliff note" version of the actual wedding - not a complete run-through! So the Pastor is not needed. Instead it's a time for you and your wedding party to become familiar with walking down the aisle and hopefully to shake off some wedding jitters in a relaxed setting! Don't worry - Your Wedding Coordinator will be with you every step of the way on your Wedding Day instructing you on EVERYTHING you need to do - to make your day PERFECT!!

Do I have to be a member of the church to have a wedding here?

We perform only Christian Weddings on our campuses... Officiated by one of our 12 Pastors or a Guest Pastor that you choose. That said...we welcome anyone to have their wedding ceremony here - member or non-member.

Are you ready to get started?

Follow these simple steps...

1. Read through the Bride's Guide...also check us out on Instagram!
2. Request and attend a Wedding Tour and Initial Consultation.
3. Complete the Wedding Request Form, Pay Deposit & Set up Payment Plan.
4. Receive Confirmation of Date, Pastor & Payment.
5. Sign up and attend a MARRY ME. marriage prep course.
6. Meet with the Pastor who will be performing your ceremony.
7. Receive a Final Interview Questionnaire and schedule your Final Consultation.
8. Apply for your Wedding License.
9. Attend your Wedding Rehearsal. (optional - scheduled for 45 minutes the evening prior to wedding)
10. It's finally your Wedding Day - Congratulations...YOU DID IT!!!

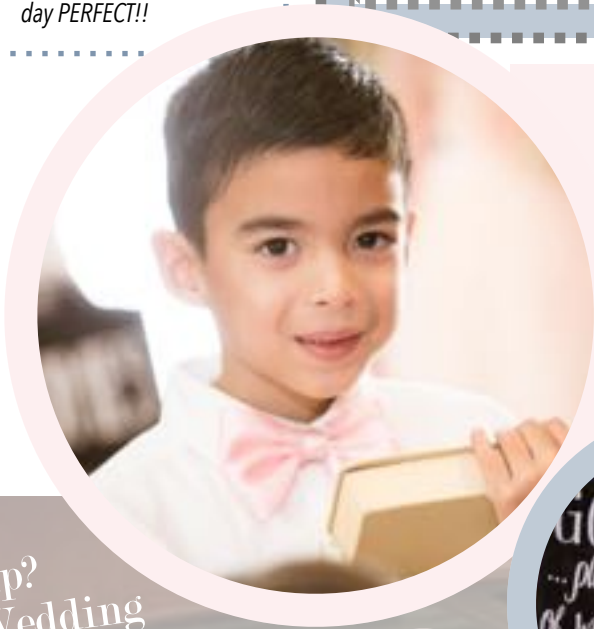
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Is it possible to set up a payment plan?

YOU BET! We understand that money seems to fly out the door when planning a wedding - we are happy to help spread out the financial obligation - just talk to a Wedding Coordinator to explore your options!

Can my pet be a part of our ceremony?

YES - pets can be a part of all outdoor weddings ONLY...as long as they have a constant companion to take care of them.



*Still need help?
Please contact a Wedding Coordinator
www.weddings@rpc.me*

HAPPILY EVER AFTER