

TBC Wedding Guidelines and Policies

Congratulations on your decision to publicly proclaim your commitment to each other in marriage! We believe that marriage is rooted in creation; demonstrates a covenant between the couple and God with those witnesses present; is a call to be holy and models the mystery of Christ's love for His church.

We believe the Bible teaches that marriage refers to the covenant relationship exclusively between one man and one woman, as instituted by God in the beginning (Genesis 2:20b-24; 1 Corinthians 7:2; Hebrews 13:4). (#8, Statement of Beliefs of North American Baptists) Therefore, no same-sex marriages or marriages involving a transgender person will be performed by the pastors or allowed on any church property. For more information please access *A Christian Affirmation of Marriage* at www.nabconference.org.

Because we want couples to live in the blessings God intends for marriage, we take seriously His instructions. We also believe it is important for couples to adequately prepare for that lifetime commitment. The Elder Board of TBC requires 5-6 premarital preparation sessions for couples desiring to be married on TBC property or by its pastors. Some of these sessions may be grouped in a retreat format.

Affirmation to the above statements regarding marriage are a requirement to be considered for marriage or to use the TBC facilities. All involvement of TBC pastors and facilities must first be approved and are subject to availability. Use of the facilities by those who are not members or regular attenders of TBC (at least once/month) must be formally approved by the TBC pastoral staff and Elder Board.

Guest Officiants - Couples wishing to have someone from outside TBC perform the ceremony and/or pre-marital counseling must communicate this upfront. This individual will be required to speak with one of the pastors at TBC prior to the counseling classes to assure their statement of faith is compatible with the statements referenced above.

Scheduling Your Wedding

1. Fill out the wedding application and turn it in to the church office.
2. Meet with one of the pastors for a premarital interview
3. Upon final approval from your pastor and the receipt of your \$50 deposit, you may schedule your wedding date and on-site reception with the church office.
4. You will schedule your premarital classes with the pastor who will be marrying you.
5. You should meet with the wedding coordinator three to six months in advance of your wedding.
6. Please contact the church office, if you have any questions (701.952.0822 or office@jamestowntbc.org).
7. You will be expected to remove all food, clothing and other items following the ceremony.
8. No alcohol, smoking or wedding dances are allowed on church grounds.

Wedding Fees	Member/Regular Attendee	Non-member
Church (includes sanctuary, lobby & changing rooms)	\$0	\$300
Fellowship hall (reception)	\$0	\$200
Sound Technician	\$50*	\$50*
Custodian	\$50**	\$50**
Fees include: Facility Use and Wedding Coordinator		

*If a video person is also required, the cost will be an additional \$25.

**If cleaning requires more than 3 hours, the couple will be billed at a rate of \$16/hour.

The fee for the pastor is left to your discretion and should be paid directly to him. Fees for musicians are to be arranged and paid directly to them.

TBC Wedding Application

Wedding Day and Date: _____ Time: _____

Rehearsal Day and Date: _____ Time: _____

Reception at Church Yes No

Bride Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Current Church: _____ Member: Yes No

Previous Marriage: Yes No

Reason for end of marriage: _____

Groom Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Current Church: _____ Member: Yes No

Previous Marriage: Yes No

Reason for end of marriage: _____

TBC Pastor:

First Choice: _____

Guest Pastor: Yes No If yes:

Name of Guest Pastor: _____ Church: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Bride: Have you placed your faith in Jesus Christ and committed your life to follow Him?

Testimony: _____

Signature of Bride: _____

Groom: Have you placed your faith in Jesus Christ and committed your life to follow Him?

Testimony: _____

Signature of Groom: _____

TBC OFFICE USE	
Pastor Officiating _____	Wedding Coordinator: _____
Premarital Class Scheduled: _____	Member: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
\$50 Deposit Received _____	
Balance Due: _____	Balance Received: _____