

POLICY REGARDING REQUESTS FOR WEDDINGS

The pastors want to help people, not turn them away, but Christian pastors are obligated before God to be circumspect.

Before agreeing to do the service the pastor needs to meet with you and your fiancée to go over a questionnaire (31 questions). You will be sent the questionnaire before coming in for a 90-minute premarital counseling session. After that meeting, the pastor will decide whether or not he will do the ceremony and if additional counseling sessions are required. You will also be able to ask questions during this preliminary session. Our goal is for both you and the pastor to be able to make an informed decision. After getting acquainted, we also expect for you or the pastor to be able to decline without fear of disappointment or rejection. The worst case scenario is the couple receives a free session of premarital counselling.

If you are interested in arranging a time to meet with one of the pastors or have any questions, please contact the Clayton Community Church office at (314) 961-2232.

Costs & Facilities Particulars (If use of the building is approved):

We have three pastors who do weddings. We also have a Sanctuary that seats 200 and Fellowship Hall that seats approximately 130 for a meal.

For those who are not members of Clayton Community Church, a general fee of \$150 is charged for the use of the Sanctuary and \$200 for the use of the Fellowship Hall and Kitchen. Additional fees are charged for sound tech and musicians, and help with set up and clean up. These fees are based on the individual needs of the wedding party. All aforementioned fees should be paid to Clayton Community Church.

If you are asking one of our pastors to officiate, a monetary gift is appropriate. As you are contemplating the amount of your gift, please consider that a great deal of time and effort is involved (premarital counseling, help planning the wedding ceremony, the typing of the service, the provision of a limited number of copies of the service for keepsakes, the rehearsal, the pastor's travel costs, and the conducting the wedding ceremony itself). This gift should be paid directly to the pastor.