

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**Grapeland, Texas**  
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**WEDDING POLICY**

Your wedding is a sacred occasion. It will be most meaningful to you and your families and friends when there is careful planning. For that reason, the following statements will govern your plans for your wedding here at First Baptist Church of Grapeland, Texas. We sincerely believe these policies to be the most suitable and practical for all concerned. There are, therefore, no exceptions to these provisions. Please read them fully.

**Setting the Time of Your Wedding**

Careful planning is necessary for ALL weddings. You will want to plan as early in advance as possible so that the use of the church space can be arranged without conflict. The date of the wedding is set in consultation with the Pastor who will clear the date with the church schedules. At this consultation, the wedding application form will be filled out and you will make arrangements for your conference(s) with him.

It is extremely important that the exact time dictates for the rehearsals and wedding be observed, and care should be taken to have all members of the wedding party in their place at the time indicated. The janitor will come on duty one hour before the wedding is scheduled to begin.

The Fellowship Halls are available for receptions. If the bride wishes to have it in a private home, she still needs to check with the Pastor regarding his availability.

**Your Wedding Music**

It is most important to keep in mind that church weddings are a service of the church, and the music should be in keeping with the reverence that is observed upon entering the House of the Lord. The bride may discuss with the Pastor or Music Director the music to be played. If the organist is other than church organist, it must be approved by the Pastor or Music Director.

When there is to be a soloist, it will be the responsibility of the bride to see that the soloist contacts the organist or sound operator if recorded music is to be used. In order to help insure a beautiful wedding and to maintain high musical standards, final approval of any vocalist's selections and all music to be played will be in the hands of the Pastor or Music Director of the Church.

Arrangements for live music to be played at the reception must also be approved by the Pastor or Music Director.

The wedding party is responsible for any financial obligation to the operator of the sound equipment.

**Photographers**

If pictures are desired it is the responsibility of the bride to instruct the photographer that no flash pictures are permissible in the sanctuary once the ceremony begins (picture of bride entering and leaving excepted). A time exposure of the ceremony itself may be taken unobtrusively. Pictures may be taken of the bridal party following the completion of the service or at any other time designated by the bride with approval of the Pastor.