



Wedding Policy

Biblical Picture of Marriage

FBC affirms marriage as a sacred covenant between one man and one woman, designed by God Himself, resulting in a mutually loving and submissive lifelong commitment. Marriage is not just an earthly expression of love as a civil union, but a covenant made to one another before God that displays His covenantal love, demonstrated through Jesus and His bride, the Church.

Wedding Eligibility

Wedding requests must be in accordance with our Statement of Faith and related doctrinal positions on biblical marriage. Members or regular attenders of FBC and their immediate family may be married by one of FBC's pastors or other licensed members. Requests outside these parameters will not be considered.

Expectations for the Engaged Couple

We ask couples to agree to the below expectations during their engagement. These are important ways to honor God and their spouse-to-be leading up to and throughout their marriage. We ask that engaged couples will:

- be open and honest with one another and the officiating pastor throughout the premarital process
- complete the premarital preparation process recommended with or by the officiating pastor
- pursue a relationship with Jesus both individually and as a couple
- regularly worship at FBC or another gospel-centered church
- be sexually pure and live separately (if possible) from now until the wedding
- share any serious concerns with the officiating pastor about marrying your spouse-to-be

Officiating Pastor Will Provide

- Premarital preparation process
 - Prepare/Enrich premarital assessment
 - Marriage preparation resources to engage with as a couple
 - Premarital counseling meetings
 - Ceremony planning
- Conduct the wedding rehearsal
- Officiate the wedding ceremony & be present at the reception if requested

Wedding Fees

FBC Worship Center Wedding (seating up to 450 guests)

\$1,000

- Officiating Pastor, including premarital preparation
- 8 hours of facility use (2 hours for rehearsal, 6 hours for wedding)
- Use of Worship Center and preparation areas
- FBC Wedding Coordinator to help with details
- Sound and Light Technician for rehearsal and wedding
- Facilities prep and reset for rehearsal and wedding

Off-site Wedding

\$600

- Officiating Pastor, including premarital preparation
- Mileage reimbursement if over 15 miles and lodging expenses if over 60 miles from Frankenmuth

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