WEDDING GUIDELINES DOCUMENT



Getting Married at Grace Point

The decision to get married is one of the most exciting and important decisions you will ever make! Choosing a church wedding is an important decision as getting married in a church is different from a civil ceremony. A church wedding is a worship service, and getting married in a church is a powerful and symbolic reminder that the vows you are making to one another are also being made to and before God.

It makes sense then, that those who believe in God and want to follow His principles should be married in a church, the place His children gather for corporate worship. As you consider getting married at Grace Point, you will be asked to discuss your personal spiritual journey with the Pastor. He/She would be delighted to help you better understand the Christian faith and explain the significance of Christian marriage.

How do you go about making arrangements in preparation for your wedding as it pertains to Grace Point?

- 1. Through the Office Administrator, arrange an appointment with a Pastor. At your initial meeting, he/she will explain what's all involved in getting married at Grace Point and explore whether a church wedding is right for you.
- 2. Arrange dates for the required pre-marital counseling sessions the Pastor will require you to meet with them before the wedding for counseling, and will expect you to complete marriage preparation assignments as well as participate regularly in the Grace Point Family Worship services for a minimum of six months prior to your wedding day.
- 3. Set a tentative wedding day to book your rehearsal and wedding. Costs are determined by which spaces and services you require. (e.g. Sound technician, video projection technician, custodial services)
- 4. The pastor can provide assistance in planning the service but details like decorating, music etc. are the responsibility of the bridal couple.
- 5. Weddings will be officiated by one of the Pastors on staff at Grace Point. If another Pastor is requested, they will require approval by the lead Pastor on staff.
- 6. The couple is required to obtain a marriage license and give it to the officiating Pastor at least one week before the wedding.