

FARMDALE BAPTIST CHURCH WEDDING FORM

This form is used to request the use of the church for a wedding. Use of the church may be granted for a wedding of a biblical marriage as defined by our Wedding Policy (see attached) and one of the following conditions:

1. Either bride or groom is member of the Farmdale Baptist Church
2. At least one parent of bride or groom is member of Farmdale Baptist
3. Farmdale's current pastor is performing the ceremony even if condition one or two is not true.

Wedding Date

Wedding Time

Groom

Bride

Parent's name if condition two qualifies the use of the church

Pastor Performing Ceremony

Following items are required for use of church for wedding. All required actions below must be completed by 10:00 pm the night of ceremony.

- Sanctuary and stage will be vacuumed and all furniture will be returned to original location. If church vacuum is not available, user will furnish vacuum.
- If fellowship hall is used, floor must be swept, mopped, and all furniture returned to original location. User may need to furnish cleaning equipment.
- User may contract and compensate church's cleaning company/custodian to perform the cleaning. User is still responsible to ensure the company/custodian completes the cleaning.
- All equipment brought in for the ceremony will be removed from church.
- No alcoholic beverages will be allowed on church campus.
- If a rehearsal is held and a sanctuary service is scheduled before the wedding, all above cleaning requirements must be met after rehearsal and wedding. Example: Saturday rehearsal for Monday wedding.
- Wedding activities must not conflict with any church scheduled activity.
- Building and grounds or pastor will coordinate wedding access to church.
- There will not be a fee for using the church.

Authorized and Responsible Signature

FARMDALE BAPTIST CHURCH WEDDING POLICY

Our statement of faith, the Baptist Faith and Message 2000, expresses our fundamental Biblical conviction that Christian marriage is defined as “the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime” (Section XVIII of Baptist Faith and Message 2000).

We believe that Scripture teaches that sexual intimacy should only occur between a man and a woman who are married to each other and that a man and woman should not engage in intimate sexual activity outside of marriage. We believe that Scripture also teaches that any form of sexual immorality, such as adultery, fornication, homosexuality, bisexual conduct, incest, or pornography is sinful and offensive to God. We believe that according to God’s good design gender identity is determined by one’s biological sex at birth and not by one’s self-perception or self-identification. We believe that a professing believer should not marry an unbeliever.

However, we believe that Scripture requires that every person should be shown compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

As a local church, we believe that wedding ceremonies on church property are spiritual acts of worship of the God who created this divine institution. As such, weddings on church property shall be officiated by one or more ordained ministers of the gospel (see Section VI of Baptist Faith and Message 2000). The church may decline to make its facilities or ministers available for any wedding if it is determined that one or both of the parties are not biblically qualified to marry. Such determinations will be made by the pastor, deacons, and any church committee designated by the church for this purpose.

No minister or employee of the church shall officiate at any marriage ceremony unless such marriage is consistent with this policy.

Genesis 1:26-28; 2:15-25; 3:1-20; Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Joshua 24:15; 1 Samuel 1:26-28; Psalms 51:5; 78:1-8; 127; 128; 139:13-16; Proverbs 1:8; 5:15-20; 6:20-22; 12:4; 13:24; 14:1; 17:6; 18:22; 22:6,15; 23:13-14; 24:3; 29:15,17; 31:10-31; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; 9:9; Malachi 2:14-16; Matthew 5:31-32; 18:2-5; 19:3-9; Mark 10:6-12; Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 7:1-16, 39; 2 Corinthians 6:14; Ephesians 5:21-33; 6:1-4; Colossians 3:18-21; 1 Timothy 5:8,14; 2 Timothy 1:3-5; Titus 2:3-5; Hebrews 13:4; 1 Peter 3:1-7.