

MACEDONIA'S WEDDING AGREEMENT

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MACEDONIA'S BELIEF

The Family at Macedonia Baptist Church believes that a wedding is a celebration of two people that God has brought together. The wedding and its preparation should be done in a way that will bring honor and glory to God.

“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh”. Ephesians 5:31

One of the most important decisions in your life is the day that you are married. Next to accepting Jesus Christ as your Lord, this event will have the greatest impact upon your future.

WEDDINGS ARE FOR:

1. Sharing with loved ones and friends an unforgettably meaning moment.
2. Celebration to two hearts being joined together in the joyful presence of God.
3. The Public expression of a lifelong promise and commitment.

When a couple request to be married at Macedonia Baptist Church, they are asking not only to use our facility, but they also desire God to bless their union by being married in the Church. Such a marriage is a very joyful and sacred occasion.

We are pleased that you have expressed an interest in being married at Macedonia Baptist Church. In order to process your request, you will need to carefully comply with the following procedures.

1) MINISTERIAL SERVICES:

a) The Pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church or his approved designee must conduct all weddings at Macedonia Baptist Church. While it is Macedonia's policy that the officiating minister must be the Pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church, the wedding party may provide the name of an alternate minister to assist the Pastor. This selection must be presented at least two full months in advance of the scheduled wedding date and must be approved by the Pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church. At the Pastor's discretion and approval the other minister may solely officiate.

b) Pre-Martial Counseling:

All engaged couples to be married at Macedonia Baptist Church will be required to participate in at least two sessions with a member of Macedonia's clergy. These counseling sessions must be completed, at least six weeks prior, to the scheduled wedding date. The purpose of these counseling sessions is to guide you in the proper preparation for your marriage and will cover finances, communication, compatibility, attitude and potential problem areas. If the couple is able to provide proof of other acceptable counseling, the premarital counseling may be waived discretion of the Pastor. The couple will be charged \$50.00 for each session, payable to the minister. A down payment fee is required at the time the contract is signed. Dates will not be finalized until the required down payment is paid.

2) CONTRACTS:

a) All contracts will include:

1. The Names of the Bride and Groom
The Wedding Date
The Financial Agreement between Macedonia and the Bride and Groom

3) THE WEDDING CEREMONY:

a) The allocated time period for each wedding is one hour and thirty minutes. Should the wedding ceremony exceed the allocated time period of one hour and thirty minutes due to circumstances unrelated to Macedonia Baptist church, the bride and the groom will be charged \$200.00 for each additional 30 minutes or part thereof. This charge will be deducted from the escrow deposit. No wedding will be scheduled to start later than 3:00 pm. It is the bride and the groom's responsibility to endure that the wedding party and both sets of parents arrive on time.

- b) All members of the wedding party should arrive at the Church at least 30 minutes prior to the wedding.

4) REHERSALS:

- a) Each rehearsal must be scheduled to begin at 6:00 pm or 7:00 pm and will last a maximum of two hours. In view of the large number of individuals involved in the rehearsal, each rehearsal must begin on time and must be conducted in a prompt and efficient manner.
- b) All wedding participants including, the Bride and Groom, all Bridesmaids; all Ushers, the Flower Girl's the Ring Bearer and the Wedding Coordinator must be present for the final rehearsal.
- c) Macedonia's Church Coordinator, the Wedding Coordinator, the Musicians, Vocalists and the Sound Room Technician must also be present for the final rehearsal.

5) MUSIC:

- a) A wedding is a Worship Service. Consequently, all music **MUST** be reverent and consistent with this theme. All music must be Sacred, Contemporary Christian or Classical. All musical selections must be presented to Macedonia's Minister of Music for approval no later than thirty days in advance of the Wedding Date. Her judgment will be final and will be based upon the word content and the tempo of the music. Special requests such as Compact Disks and/or tapes must be presented to the Minister of Music thirty (30) days I advance of the Wedding Date for approval.

6) DECORATIONS:

- a) No permanent furniture or furnishings present in Macedonia's sanctuary may be moved. Macedonia's maintenance staff will move, install all temporary furnishings customarily used for weddings.
- b) Nails, tacks, staples, screws, pins, tape or other materials that may potentially mark Macedonia's pews, tables or other furniture may not be used in the sanctuary.
- c) Clear plastic must be used under all candles.
- d) Runners must be placed down each of the aisles that will be used during the wedding ceremony.

7) RULES GOVERNING THE USE OF THE SANCTUARY:

- a) Macedonia's Church Coordinator will supervise the use of the sanctuary.
- b) No Church furniture and/or Church furnishings may be moved or removed without prior permission of Macedonia's Church Coordinator.
- c) No smoking or alcohol is permitted on Macedonia's premises.
- d) At no time is food or beverages permitted within Macedonia's sanctuary.
- e) Tossing of rice, birdseed, confetti and other similar substances is forbidden on Macedonia's premises. No balloons.
- f) All cell phones should be turned off prior to entering the sanctuary.
- g) Any and all questions regarding the use of the sanctuary should be referred to Macedonia's Church Coordinator.

8) PAYMENT INFORMATION AND PROCEDURES:

- a) Items included in the Cost of the Sanctuary include:
 - i) The use of the sanctuary for wedding ceremony two-hour rehearsal
 - ii) Cleaning and maintenance of the sanctuary
 - iii) The use of the Sound Room
 - iv) The cost of Macedonia's Church Coordinator
- b) **The following items are NOT included in the Cost of the Sanctuary:**
 - i) *Ministerial Services:* Pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church or his pre-approved designee. The officiating Minister is responsible for:
 - (1) Officiating the Wedding
 - (2) Pre-Martial Counseling
 - ii) Additional two-hour rehearsal(s)
 - iii) *Wedding Coordinator:* This item is the full responsibility of the wedding party

- iv) *Musical Services:* Although the selection of the musicians, vocalists and music is the responsibility and privilege of the wedding party, these selections must be reviewed with the approved by Macedonia's Minister of Music at least one month in advance of the wedding. If needed a musician can be provided by the church at an additional cost.

9) PAYMENT SCHEDULE AND CONDITIONS:

- a) *Down Payment:* **A non-refundable down payment** of \$400.00 for the main sanctuary or \$200.00 for the small sanctuary is payable no later than two weeks following the date of the signing of the contract. If set down payment is not received by the required date, the sanctuary will be released for use by others.
- b) *Final Payment:* Is the remainder of the total price (including the escrow payment) minus the down payment and is payable one full calendar month in advance of the scheduled wedding date. Failure to make this payment by the required date will cause Macedonia to release the sanctuary for use by others. The down payment is not refundable.

Wedding Cancellation:

- ii) **Prior to the receipt of full payment:** The down payment is non-refundable and will not be returned to the wedding party.
- iii) **Following the receipt of full payment:** The cost of the use of the sanctuary is non-refundable

EXCEPTIONS

THE PASTOR MUST APPROVE EXCEPTIONS TO ANY PORTION OF THIS DOCUMENT

PRICE LIST

Item	Unit Price	Comments
Use of Main Sanctuary	\$1,250.00	Time Period: One Hour Thirty Minutes Including One Two-Hour Rehearsal
Use of Small Sanctuary	\$625.00	Time Period: One Hour Thirty Minutes Including One Two Hour Rehearsal
Overtime	\$200.00	per each additional 30 Minutes or part thereof
Rehearsals	\$100.00	for each Additional Rehearsal
Minister	\$300.00	not included in the cost Of Sanctuary
Musical Services	\$125.00-\$150.00	Not Included
Escrow	\$400.00	Escrow Payments will be Refunded when there are No overtime charges or Property damages made the during wedding ceremony or rehearsals

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I _____, request to use the **MAIN SANCTUARY** of Macedonia Baptist Church for **ONE AND HALF HOURS** for a Wedding Ceremony on _____ at _____ pm.

I understand, I must compensate the officiating minister, musician, soloist, sexton and church co-coordinator (if any) separately for a fee of _____.

I have read, understand and agree to comply with all **TERMS** and **CONDITIONS** outlined in **THE WEDDING AGREEMENT** and pay all applicable fees.

I understand that I will be charged \$200.00 for overtime usage which will be deducted from money deposited in escrow.

I further agree not to remove any furniture and or furnishings from in or around the church. Also, I will not place tape on pews when decorating (ribbons and elastic can be used). No food or beverages will be brought in the Sanctuary. No smoking on church premises.

THE MARRIAGE LICENSE MUST BE GIVEN TO THE CHURCH/PASTER THREE (3) DAYS PRIOR TO WEDDING DATE.

_____ **SIGNATURE**

_____ **APPROVAL**

_____ **DATE**