

WEDDING MINISTRY

Frequently Asked Questions

➤ Where would the ceremony take place?

The wedding ceremonies at Harvest Bible Chapel take place in The Chapel. It is located next to the coffee lounge in the Courtyard. The Chapel is air-conditioned, seats 250 people, and has its own entrance from the main parking lot. Pew bows are allowed if attached with ribbons or rubber bands that will not cause damage to the pews. No tape or wire is allowed. The main aisle is 75' long. We will provide a small table for the unity candle. Only silk flowers are to be used by flower girls. Your wedding coordinator must approve any further decorating. We do not allow food or beverages in the Chapel area. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages are allowed in the building or in the parking lot.

➤ What is the rental fee and what does that include?

The rental fee for Harvest Bible Chapel members is \$600, for attending non-members is \$750, and for non-Harvest attendees is \$1000. The rental fee includes the use of the facility for your wedding (4 hours), a rehearsal (1 hour), two changing rooms for the bridal party, a wedding coordinator, a sound technician, and the pastor.

The sound technician is available for a maximum of 3 hours (1 hour for rehearsal and 2 hours for the wedding, including set-up and take-down). If you need additional time from the technician, you will be asked to pay an additional fee.

A refundable cleaning deposit of \$100 is due. The full amount will be refunded if no damage is done to the facility. No birdseed, rice, or confetti is permitted to be thrown outside the facility.

The rental fee and refundable deposit is due two weeks after your wedding date has been approved.

➤ Which pastor will officiate our wedding ceremony?

There are a number of pastors at Harvest that are able to be a part of your wedding ceremony. If you have a particular pastor in mind, please feel free to contact them directly. If you would like assistance in finding out more about connecting with one of the pastors on staff, please contact Steve Galt at 847-398-7024, Ext. 1243 for assistance.

➤ Can we have a pastor outside of Harvest Bible Chapel officiate the wedding ceremony?

If you would like to have a pastor outside of Harvest officiate your ceremony, he will be required to fill out a Pastor's Application and submit it to our main office for pastoral approval before moving ahead. This application can be accessed in PDF format by [clicking here](#).

➤ Is there a pre-marital class we need to take before we can be married at Harvest Bible Chapel?

Harvest Bible Chapel requires that both you and your fiancé complete our eight week Pre-marital class. This class is held several times throughout the year and is a prerequisite to being married at Harvest. To request placement in an upcoming class, contact John Parker at jparker@harvestbible.org or 847-398-7024, Ext. 1165. If you plan on taking premarital classes outside of Harvest, those classes would need to be approved by one of the pastors on staff ahead of time. Harvest Bible Chapel requires that both you and your fiancé be born again believers.

We also require you to attend one mandatory wedding orientation meeting before your ceremony. At the meeting you will have an opportunity to meet with one of our coordinators. She will go over our policies, answer questions, and inform you of what her responsibilities are at the rehearsal and ceremony. The meeting is held on the first Saturday of each month in The Chapel from 6:30-7:30 P.M.

➤ What if one of us has been married before?

Although this is a sensitive and at times controversial issue, God's Word gives clear direction and teaching on this important topic. We believe the Bible indicates situations that occur in previous marriages that allow and bring God's approval on remarriage. At the same time, there are situations that do not. If you have been married before, please make an appointment with the pastor you have chosen to officiate your wedding to discuss your situation. This must be done before your wedding date is confirmed.

➤ We are currently living together. Can we be married at Harvest Bible Chapel?

We believe that God's desire is that a man and woman would not live together until after their commitment to one another has been solemnized before God, family, and friends. Because we believe God's ways are always right and best for us, we ask that couples would honor this if you are to be married at Harvest Bible Chapel. If you are living together, please make an appointment with the pastor you have chosen to officiate your wedding or contact Steve Galt at sgalt@harvestbible.org to discuss this matter.

➤ Does Harvest Bible Chapel provide a wedding coordinator?

We are here to facilitate your wedding to the best of our ability. You will have a wedding coordinator assigned to you. Your wedding coordinator will be able to answer all of your questions regarding the facility and wedding procedures.