

John 2:1-10 (NLT)

... there was a wedding celebration in the village of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there & Jesus & his disciples were also invited to the celebration. The wine supply ran out during the festivities, so Jesus' mother told him, "They have no more wine." "Dear woman, that's not our problem," Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come." But his mother told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ... Jesus told the servants, "Fill the jars with water." When the jars had been filled, he said, "Now dip some out, and take it to the master of ceremonies." So the servants followed his instructions.

When the master of ceremonies tasted the water that was now wine, not knowing where it had come from (though, of course, the servants knew), he called the bridegroom over. "A host always serves the best wine first," he said. "Then, when everyone has had a lot to drink, he brings out the less expensive wine. But you have kept the best until now!"

Fishburn Church

A Guide to Planning a Wedding at Fishburn Church



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The Wedding as Worship Service

A Christian Wedding is a celebration of the covenant between two people. During this worship service we unite two people in Christian marriage. This brochure is a guide to what it means to host a wedding service at Fishburn Church.

Pastors and Location

Arrangements for the wedding service are made in conjunction with the wedding coordinator, and in consultation with the officiating pastor. You must reserve the church facilities through the church office (office@fishburnumc.org) and communicate the details with both the pastor and wedding coordinator.

Receptions

Additional space may be used after the ceremony for an additional cost. You are responsible for coordinating with the caterer and serving at the event. Fishburn only provides the space. Additional custodial fees will apply.

Service and Music

You will plan your service in consultation with the pastor. Your suggestions and desires are extremely important. Please know that we consider that hosting at Fishburn is a Christian service, and the worship of God will take the utmost priority. The officiating pastor will work with the musician of your choice. If you opt to use another musician other than Fishburn Church staff, you are responsible to make sure they contact and coordinate with the officiating pastor. You will need to meet with the pastor at least twice to plan your service: once to go over the details of worship and once to review the service prior to the worship service.

Pre-marital Counseling

We believe marriage is a lifelong commitment. To ensure the health of your marriage, pre-marital counseling is required of all couples who get married at Fishburn Church. The pastor can recommend a counselor who will provide you with a pre-marital package or you may contact a pastor of your choice. This is a non-negotiable for Christian marriage at Fishburn.

Financial Expectations

Weddings are a wonderful beginning to a new life as a couple. At Fishburn we consider marriage ceremonies a privilege. We do require honoraria for the staff necessary to operate the church during the service. Use of the facility is free for members and regular attendees.

- \$300 Facility fee, sanctuary and/or Fellowship Hall (this fee is for non-members only)
- Pastor \$200
- Wedding Coordinator \$150
- Organist \$150
- Multi-media \$75
- Custodian for Service \$70
- Custodian for Fellowship Hall \$100
- \$50 Worship Bulletins (if requested)

