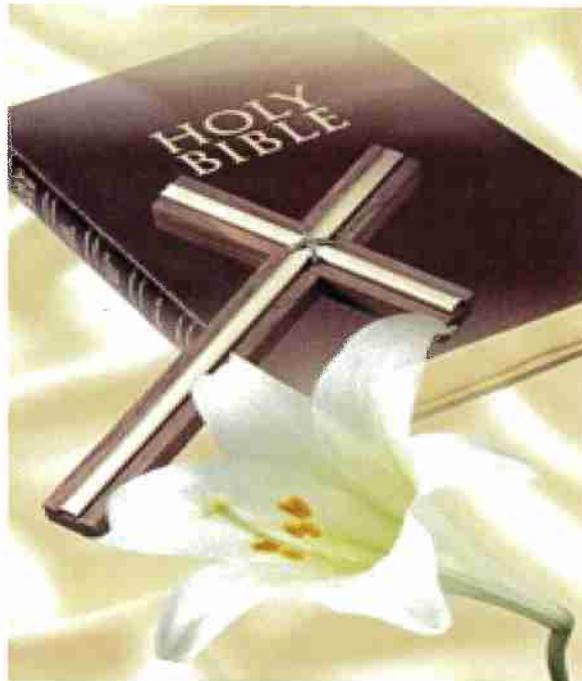


*Planning Your
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First Baptist Church Naples*



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MARRIAGE IN CHRIST

Please be reminded of and meditate upon these scripture passages and the principles about marriage we learn from them.

**Marriage is God's idea and designed by Him! It is God's answer for our need for companionship and intimacy.*

"Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone, I will make him a helper suitable for him' ...So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at the place. The Lord God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man. The man said, 'This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh. She shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man.' For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed." Genesis 2:18-25

**The marriage relationship is a picture of the relationship between Christ and the Church.*

"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This mystery is great but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church." Ephesians 5:31-32

**The marriage relationship is considered by God to be a solemn covenant commitment which is legally and spiritually binding. Marriage is intended to be a commitment for a lifetime!*

"...Because the Lord has been a witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant." Malachi 2:14

**The commitment of marriage is to be respected and to be held in high esteem by all people. In fact, sexual fulfillment is designed only for the marriage relationship.*

"Marriage is to be held in honor among all, and the marriage bed is to be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge." Hebrews 13:4

**A Christ-centered marriage begins when two believers in the Lord Jesus Christ seek to be brought together in His will and plan.*

"Do not be bound together with unbelievers for what partnership has righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever?" 2 Corinthians 6:14-15

A WORD TO THE HUSBAND-TO-BE

**The husband is held accountable by God to be the leader of the home. This leadership is to be patterned after the loving servant style leadership of our Lord and Savior.*

“For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.” Ephesians 5:23-24

**The husband has the high privilege of being called upon to love his wife in the same way Christ loved the church. His fulfillment will be found not in demanding his own way or his own satisfaction, but in laying down his own rights and needs to care for his wife! Great joy will result for him as he sees his wife flourish and grow in that kind of love.*

“Husbands, love your wives; just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water and the word, that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless. So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself for not one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church, because we are members of His body.” Ephesians 5:25-30

**The love of the husband must not be harsh or bitter. His love is not self-centered but forgiving and restoring.*

“Husbands, love your wives and do not be embittered against them.” Colossians 3:18

**A husband must treat his wife with great respect and tenderness, seeing her as an equal heir of God's grace. He is to handle her with the care given to a fragile work of art.*

“You husbands, in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.” 1 Peter 3:7

**He should also seek peace when conflict arises. In fact, both husband and wife should desire quick reconciliation to any difficulties that come.*

“Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not give the devil an opportunity.” Ephesians 4:26-27

A WORD TO THE WIFE-TO-BE

**A woman is designed by God to be a helper to the man in marriage. The word here means one who completes that which lacks in another. You are his wonderful complement and his completion!*

“Then the Lord God said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him.’” Genesis 2:18

**The wife is to graciously submit to the loving, servant leadership of her husband. Remember that obedience to God’s Word always brings the greatest freedom and that God desires only your best!*

“Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord.” Ephesians 5:22

“Wives, be subject to your husbands as is fitting in the Lord.” Colossians 3:18

“In the same way, you wives be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the Word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives, as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior.” 1 Peter 3:1-2

**A wife’s greatest beauty comes from a godly spirit inside. While the world may emphasize external beauty, God looks on your heart!*

“Your adornment must not be merely external—braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses; imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God. For in this way in former times, the holy women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands.” 1 Peter 3:3-5

**A wife of noble character is worth much! She will receive the praise of her husband and children. It is worth it all!*

“An excellent wife, who can find? For her worth is far above jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good and not evil all the days of her life.” Proverbs 31:10-11

“Her children rise up and bless her; Her husband also, and he praises her, saying: ‘Many daughters have done nobly, but you excel them all.’ Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised.’” Proverbs 31:28-30

**Marital love should produce godly children. Children born to a husband and wife who seek the Lord are great gifts to the marriage relationship.*

“God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’” Genesis 1:27-28

“THE GREATEST OF THESE”
I CORINTHIANS 13:1-13

*“If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love,
I have become a noisy gong or clanging cymbal.”*

*“If I have the gift of prophesy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all
faith so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.”*

*“And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body to be burned,
but do not have love, it profits me nothing”.*

*“Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous;
Love does not brag and is not arrogant,
Does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own,
Is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered,
Does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;
Bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”*

*“Love never fails; but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away;
if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will be done away.”*

*“For we know in part and we prophesy in part;
but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away.”*

*“When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child,
reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things.”*

*“For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face;
Now I know in part, but then I will know fully
Just as I also have been fully known.”*

*“But now FAITH, HOPE LOVE, abide these three,
But, THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE.”*

THE BEAUTY OF MARRIAGE

“Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor. For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up. Furthermore, if two lie down together they keep warm, but how can one be warm alone? And if one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three strands is not quickly torn apart.” Ecclesiastes 4:12

As each one—the husband and the wife—grow closer to the Lord, they will grow closer to each other.

SCHEDULING A WEDDING

Weddings may be scheduled for those church members who fulfill the basic Biblical requirements as expected by First Baptist Church of Naples. The couple to be married will need a minimum of 4 months to plan their wedding at First Baptist Church Naples. This is necessary due to the amount of time required for the pre-marital mentoring program and the church calendaring process. Members of First Baptist Church Naples may schedule a wedding up to one year in advance. A \$250 non-refundable deposit is required to calendar the wedding. Member is defined as the bride or groom or parents of either being a member of First Baptist Church Naples. There are no non-member weddings allowed.

1. *Contact the Church Wedding Director, Mrs. Jody Statile (239.253.0954).*
 - a. *The Wedding Director will "**temporarily**" schedule the wedding date. The date requested is "**temporarily**" placed on the main church calendar. The wedding is not considered actually calendared until approval has been received. Approval is granted by completing the following: Attending the first premarital counseling session and meeting with the Church Chef, if the reception will be held on site. Chef Herb Small may be reached at 239.596.8600 ext 212. Once approval is received, the Wedding Director will contact the couple to begin the process of permanently calendaring the wedding and rehearsal and schedule a meeting to discuss all the needed details. Attached is a Wedding Booking Sheet that must be completed and returned to her with a \$250 non-refundable deposit before the initial meeting with her may take place.*
 - b. *We participate in Marriage Savers, a pre-marital mentoring program, to help you successfully contend with the inevitable adjustments your marriage will require of both of you. This must become a priority in the busy schedule which precedes your wedding. During your initial appointment, the Counselor or officiating Pastor will give approval for the wedding to take place at First Baptist Church Naples and assign a mentoring couple to the engaged couple to complete the program. Do not consider your wedding to be **officially** scheduled until you receive this approval.*
 - c. *There will be a minimum of five counseling sessions including the first interview. A fee of \$20 will be due at the first meeting with the appointed mentoring couple. This fee is for the FOCCUS inventory that will be used in counseling.*
2. *With time permitting, each couple is also encouraged to attend marriage enrichment classes that may be offered through Bible and Life Groups classes at the church.*

MINISTER

Normally, one of the Pastors of First Baptist Church Naples officiates weddings. In the event the couple wishes to be married by a minister not related to First Baptist Church Naples, Dr. Hayes Wicker, the Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church Naples, must be consulted by calling his Ministry Assistant at 239.597.6057. Subsequent to this approval, and according to ministerial ethics, the Senior Pastor will write a letter to the minister, inviting him to officiate.

It is the policy of each Pastor to counsel with the bride and groom several times prior to the wedding, so that the true meaning of a Christian marriage may be understood. These appointments may be made by calling the Pastor's Ministry Assistant. It is his desire that the wedding be one of the most significant moments in a person's life.

WEDDING DIRECTOR

You are required to use the church Wedding Director unless you are having a small wedding with no preparation, decorations or rehearsal necessary. The church Wedding Director will schedule the decorating time, rehearsal, wedding and reception on the church calendar in order to avoid conflicts. Dates are calendared after approval has been received for the wedding to be held at First Baptist Church Naples by the officiating Pastor during the first counseling session.

After your approval has been granted, make an appointment with the Wedding Director, Mrs. Jody Statile, to go over all the details of the ceremony. She may be reached at 239.253.0954.

The Wedding Director shall direct the rehearsal and will be present at least an hour and a half before the ceremony to coordinate all the preparations and direct the wedding. Her main responsibilities before the wedding include scheduling the decorating time, rehearsal, wedding and reception (where applicable) on the church calendar; meeting with the couple regarding their wishes for the ceremony, giving ideas and suggestions as needed, scheduling church personnel for set up, clean up, sound and lighting, vocalists, etc., approve wedding attire, arrange use of dressing room(s), approve music, collect all necessary fees and distribute appropriately and explain church policies. She will direct the rehearsal and at that time, she will explain correct seating procedures and arrangements to ushers. She will also ensure that the platform is arranged according to the couple's instructions and review wedding day arrival times with the wedding party.

On the wedding day, she will assure that the flowers have arrived and pin on all corsages and boutonnieres, transfer messages, assist in dressing, ensure placement of wedding direction signs in the church parking lot, assist as necessary in lighting of candles, assist guest book attendant, assist photographer and videographer, coordinate ushers by ensuring the seating of guests and proper order of seating of grandparents and parents before the wedding and their exit afterwards, ensure program distribution to guests, assist wedding party down the aisle, and form the receiving line. She will also acquire proper signatures on the wedding license and oversee its proper documentation in the church archives and forward the license on to the state of Florida. You should expect to receive your official license from the state of Florida within 4-5 weeks. She will help plan and supervise the reception, if the reception is to be held on the church property. She is also available to handle any unexpected "emergencies" that may arise.

The following contains excerpts from a very helpful book, *The Christian Wedding Planner* by Ruth Mussy and R. Kent Hughes.

"A good wedding coordinator is invaluable; she saves the bride and her mother from unneeded apprehension; she saves the Pastor from excess time at the rehearsal; and she very often saves everyone from a large degree of confusion. She is aware of the church's policies concerning the use of candles, appropriate music, photography, and even any cleanup that is expected. The church wedding coordinator is also familiar with all of the facilities available. She will know which rooms are the best dressing rooms; and she will be able to show you the church's wedding provisions. She is a wealth of information; she'll be able to recommend photographers, florists, caterers, you name it! And she'll know the quality you can expect because she will have had previous experience with many of them.

And not only can a church wedding coordinator offer you resource lists, she can also provide the rules for proper wedding etiquette. When you initially meet with her, she will most likely bring to mind decisions that you weren't aware you'd have to make!

Besides being your preliminary consultant, another duty of the church wedding coordinator is to supervise the rehearsal. She will instruct everyone as to the mechanics involved (where to stand, when to turn, how to usher, etc.).

You, the bride, are allowed to sit back and make sure that everything is just as you want it to be for the wedding day. All decisions will be finalized. The rehearsal will be very organized, and there will be someone there to whom participants can address any questions they may have.

The goal of the wedding coordinator on the day of the wedding is to relieve the bride from as much apprehension as possible. The coordinator will have a copy of all the finalized plans, and it will be her sole purpose to see that they are carried out so that the bride can thoroughly enjoy the wedding of her dreams."

WEDDING DATES AND TIMES

Weddings will not be scheduled on Sundays, holidays, during The Annual Christmas Program (a musical presentation during the first two weeks of December) during summer Vacation Bible School or if there is already a conflicting event scheduled on the church calendar for the Wedding Day requested.

Saturday Weddings: *If you plan to utilize the Chapel or Courtyard for your ceremony, you must start at or before 2:00 p.m. The wedding party must vacate the Church property by 3:30 p.m. to allow the custodians time to set up for Saturday evening worship services, Bible and Life Groups and/or other ministry activities.*

Saturday Wedding Receptions: *Wedding receptions may be held in the Fellowship-Recreation Gymnasium, Student Center, room WC117, room DC121, Commons Area or Courtyard and must conclude by 3:30 p.m. at the latest in order to allow proper time for clean-up and reset of these areas for Saturday evening services. Saturday Wedding Receptions must schedule the wedding for the morning, no earlier than 10:00am.*

Bridal Showers and Rehearsal Dinners: *are allowed on site as long as the bride or groom (or their parents) are members of First Baptist Church Naples. All showers and/or dinners must be sponsored, approved and coordinated by a sponsoring ministry of the church, such as a Bible and Life Group, Women's Ministry, Men's Ministry, Youth, Singles Ministry, etc. The Ministry Assistant for that ministry area will be the point of contact for the event.*

CUSTODIAN

The custodian assigned to the wedding will be present at the rehearsal to open and close the church and be responsible for setting up the facilities.

On the day of the wedding, the custodian will open and close the facilities for the floral arrangements and decoration of the areas to be used.

The custodian will clean and rearrange the facilities for the next service following the wedding.

The custodian will receive instructions from the Wedding Director. Therefore, the couple should discuss the appropriate set up instructions with her.

PHOTOGRAPHERS AND VIDEOGRAPHERS

Pictures are a cherished part of weddings. Because a wedding is a sacred and worshipful occasion, we request that these procedures be followed in the taking of photographs.

Flash pictures may be taken of the processional and the recessional. No flash photographs will be taken during the ceremony. The wedding party should reassemble in the setting to recreate the scene for pictures after (or before) the ceremony according to the wishes of the couple. Photographers should remain behind the guests so as not to distract from the sacred occasion.

*Video taping without auxiliary lights and still photos without flash are allowed unobtrusively during the ceremony. No persons, however, other than the Pastor and wedding party will be allowed on the center of the platform during the ceremony. Photos/video may be taken of the wedding party and families before or after the service. Typically this should be coordinated through the Wedding Director so the church is open at the appropriate times. Photographers/Videographers are asked not to stand or walk on the Chapel chairs, or any other equipment not specifically designed for such a purpose. Photographers and videographers shall be financially responsible for any damages caused by them, their employees and/or their equipment. Photographers and videographers must sign and return the policy letter (attached) to the Wedding Director at least **two weeks** before the wedding.*

There is no restriction on taking pictures or videoing during the reception.

*First Baptist Church Naples reserves the right to restrict the privileges of any florist, photographer or videographer. All florists, decorators, photographers and videographers who desire to offer their services **MUST** have a signed statement on file with the Wedding Director stating that they have read the policies and agree to abide by these stated policies.*

PLATFORM ARRANGEMENT AND FLOWERS

In the placing of flowers, palms, or other decorations, care must be taken to insure that the floors, carpets, walls and furnishings not be damaged. Decorations must not be hung or suspended from fixtures or furnishings. Except for pew markers, no decorations shall be attached to the furniture. No nails or screws shall be used in decorating. Only masking tape can be used in attaching any type of decorations (no scotch tape). 1" Straight pearl top pins work best for affixing decorations to the upholstered chairs.

The florist engaged by the bride shall be responsible for all decorating and must remove all decorations immediately following the wedding. Flowers, plants or decorations left after the service (or reception) will be used or disposed of by the church. A custodian must be present while the florist decorates and when decorations are being removed. For a Saturday wedding, all decorating shall be completed as early as possible. For a weekday wedding, decorating should be completed by 4:00 p.m. If it is necessary for the custodian to remain past the times stated, there will be an additional charge.

All Chapel platform furniture and equipment can be removed. Floral and other decorations may not be placed on musical instruments or equipment, if it is left on the platform. Electronic equipment may only be disconnected or moved by the appropriate personnel. Appropriate wedding/screening decorations are available for your use upon request, including a kneeling bench, candelabras, marble top table for unity candle (the church does not provide the unity candle or candle holders), podium for guest book, gift table, and artificial plants. Plants in the church may be used for decorating with the exception of plants on the Worship Center platform and the large palm trees in the Commons. There is plenty of room for attractive décor.

THE WEDDING PARTY

It is expected that members of the wedding party will recognize the fact that this is a church and will conduct themselves at all times in a manner befitting the atmosphere of a place of worship.

Immediately prior to both rehearsal and wedding, it is expected that members of the wedding party will refrain from the use of any substances that might impair judgment or performance.

Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the church buildings or on the church property. It is the obligation of the bride and groom to make certain that these policies are made known to and followed by all members of the wedding party.

*Rooms are available so that the bride and her attendants may dress at the church. Arrangements for the use of these rooms must be made with the Wedding Director. If needed, special arrangements may also be made with the Wedding Director for the groom and his attendants to dress at the church. All wedding attire should be fitting for a place of worship. We request that when wedding attire is chosen (this includes all members of the wedding party) that a high standard of modesty guide you in your selections. Remember that you are planning a wedding that is a worship service in honor of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is also occurring in a room that has been set aside for teaching, preaching and worship. Please honor Him with your attire and let the attention be drawn to your countenance (face). **For assistance in this, our Wedding Director should receive from you a picture of the Bride's dress and the dress of the wedding party in advance of your wedding date and your purchase of such items for approval.***

The members of the immediate wedding party (honor attendants, bridesmaids, ushers and groomsmen) must attend the rehearsal. Parents and grandparents of the bride and groom should also attend.

*If dresses are to be delivered to the church, a member of the family or wedding party must be at the church to receive them. The church cannot be liable for any loss or damage to dresses or other items. Delivery must be coordinated with the Wedding Director. Since the church cannot be responsible for personal belongings, it is requested that all items be removed from these rooms immediately **BEFORE** the wedding.*

CHILDCARE

No on-site childcare is to be provided during weddings. Children on the church property during weddings must be under adult supervision while attending the wedding ceremony or supervised in the Fellowship Hallway, the Commons or the Courtyard.

MUSIC

It is our desire that the music selected would be in good taste and would honor the Lord by keeping with the dignity of a worship service and reflecting a spiritual focus.

Examples of appropriate vocal texts would be categorized as worship or testimony. Songs that invite the Lord into your home and marriage are encouraged. Acceptable instrumental music can be drawn from the above categories, from classics that are time honored, or from the various musical style periods.

*Secular love songs (even if they are only instrumentals) are considered inappropriate for the wedding ceremony but may be used at the reception. No exceptions. Music to be used must be cleared in advance with the Wedding Director. If needed, she will be happy to assist you in your selection. Should questions arise, the Wedding Director will serve as liaison with the Music Worship Ministry and musicians to secure final approval. Your music should be provided to the Wedding Director **4 weeks** prior to your wedding for approval.*

*Music should be given to the musicians at least **4 weeks** before the wedding date for their preparation.*

*The church will provide a sound technician for the rehearsal and wedding. The tech will be responsible for sound, microphones and lighting. CDs to be played during the ceremony should be provided to the sound tech at least **2 weeks** before the wedding.*

Arrangements for vocalists and instrumentalists should be handled privately, although our Minister of Music will be glad to suggest the names of qualified and experienced singers. It is the responsibility of the bride to see that the vocalists contact the accompanists, or sound technician to arrange a rehearsal. This rehearsal should be selected for a time other than the wedding rehearsal.

RECEPTIONS

*All receptions at the church are to be held in the Fellowship-Recreation Gymnasium, Student Center, room WC117, room DC121, Commons Area or Courtyard. **Wedding receptions which occur on Saturday, must conclude by 3:30 p.m.** to allow the custodian time to set up for Saturday evening worship service, Bible and Life Groups and other ministry activities. Arrangements for the use of these facilities must be made with the Wedding Director. Your decorations must be removed immediately after the reception.*

*All church receptions **MUST** use the in-house catering service. Call the Chef, Herb Small at 239.596.8600 ext 212 to discuss menu options and pricing.*

*The church has a strict policy of no dancing, no smoking, and no alcoholic beverages on the church property. Musical entertainment with either a live band or disc jockey is **NOT** permitted. **There will be no exceptions to this policy.***

No rice or confetti may be used. If birdseed, bubbles or sparklers are distributed, they must be used outside only.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Couples must obtain a valid marriage license application from the Collier County Government Center at 3301 East Tamiami Trail, Administrative Building, 4th Floor, Naples, FL 34112 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (except for holidays). Marriage licenses are valid for 60 days. For complete details call 239.732.2645 or view on the web at www.clerk.collier.fl.us/Marriage%20License/Marriage_License.htm. Premarital Counseling completion letters needed for the application are available from your officiating minister at the church. Please bring your marriage license application to the rehearsal. It is illegal to perform a ceremony without one.

SOME SUGGESTIONS AND MONEY SAVING TIPS

- 1. Consider using CDs for the wedding music.*
- 2. For the unity candle, buy plain white tapers and a large center candle and decorate with fresh or silk flowers.*
- 3. Make your own wedding program on the computer and copy.*
- 4. Take as many photos before the wedding so guests don't have to wait too long for your arrival at the reception. (Take bride, attendants and family, followed by groom, attendants and family. After the ceremony, group photos can be taken.)*
- 5. Consider greeting your guests table by table at the reception instead of a receiving line after the ceremony. This will allow you to get your photos taken and get to the reception in a timely manner.*
- 6. Consider getting a small wedding cake for display and purchasing a sheet cake to cut and serve from the kitchen for your guests.*
- 7. Have someone not in the wedding party remove all gifts from gift table before the ceremony begins and lock them in a vehicle to insure their safety.*
- 8. Have someone not in the wedding party remove all bride's and attendants belongings from the bride room before the ceremony to save time afterwards.*

RESTRICTIONS

*First Baptist Church –Naples is a drug, alcohol and tobacco free campus. Use of any of these substances on the church campus is **strictly prohibited**. This includes no smoking anywhere on the property, including Courtyard/fountain areas and parking lots. Any individual obviously impaired by alcohol or drugs may be asked to leave the property. Independent service providers, such as florists, photographers, videographers and their employees are also reminded to abide by this policy. All persons are asked to refrain from using any irreverent or profane language while on the church campus and in church buildings.*

Using Power Point and/or videos during the ceremony is not allowed.

WEDDING EXPENSES

*The charge for **church members** (including the bride, groom or either of their parents) is as follows:*

<i>Wedding</i>	<i>\$750</i>
<i>Reception</i>	<i>\$300 plus food service selection</i>
<i>Rehearsal Dinner</i>	<i>\$300 plus food service selection</i>

These charges are for the fees for the Wedding Director, Audio Personnel, and Custodial Service. There will be an additional fee payable to the church depending on the number of candles (\$1 each) used and/or white linen tablecloths used (\$3.50 each).

Additionally, a love gift for the officiating Pastor should be given. It is not included in the above pricing and is traditionally the groom's responsibility.

*All of these above fees are to be paid to the Wedding Director at least **2 weeks** prior to the date of the wedding. Checks should be made payable to First Baptist Church Naples.*

Lastly, separate arrangements for the Accompanist(s) and the Vocalist(s) are made by agreement. You may contact the Church Music Office at 239.596.8600 ext 229 for suggestions. You are responsible for paying these people directly.

If you have any questions regarding your wedding, please contact the Wedding Director, Jody Statile, at 239.253.0954.

CONCLUSION

Thank you for your desire to have a Christ-Centered Wedding at First Baptist Church Naples. It is our desire that God will richly bless you as you "seek first His kingdom and His righteousness" (Matthew 6:33).