

## **WEDDINGS AT FAITH**

### **Congratulations on Your Engagement!**

Soon after the engagement, please contact the pastor for an initial meeting to schedule premarital instruction and the wedding date. You must meet with the pastor at least three months before the wedding date. Couples should plan to meet with the pastor six times to receive premarital instruction; some work outside of class will be required. Additional preparation may be required for those who have been previously married and divorced.

### **Christian Marriage**

Christian marriage is a sacramental event. Marriage “signifies to us the mystery of the union between Christ and his Church, and the Holy Scripture commends it to be honored among all people.” (Book of Common Prayer, 423) Marriage is uniquely Christian when a man and woman truly seek God’s blessing on their wedding day and throughout their married life. Couples seeking marriage in the Church need to be attending Church. We adhere to the Mid-South Community Marriage Policy as found at [www.midsouthmarriages.com](http://www.midsouthmarriages.com)

### **The Clergy**

The pastor is in full control of the marriage service and rehearsal; no bridal consultant is needed. If assisting clergy from another parish or denomination is desired, be sure to discuss this with the pastor. The pastor will officially extend the invitation.

### **Music**

The couple should plan the music with the church Director of Music Ministries as soon as possible for scheduling purposes. All music must promote Christian worship. A list of suggested music is listed below.

### **Previously Married?**

If you have been divorced, you must bring a copy of your divorce decree to the first premarital instruction meeting. Readiness to remarry will be assessed by the pastor. Also, a waiting period of one year after a divorce is finalized is generally required for remarriage. According to the Anglican Mission Policy on Divorce and Remarriage:

*We do not offer to bless or solemnize third marriages at their inception. However, after the completion of one year of marriage and with evidence of the clearly Christian nature of the marriage, a priest/presbyter may make a pastoral judgment and proceed with a blessing of the marriage. The policy of Anglican Mission in the Americas is that the priest should discern with the couple and certify in a letter to the Bishop that he believes that the third marriage should be blessed.*

### **Marriage License**

Be sure to get your marriage license within 30 days of the wedding. Contact the Shelby County Clerk's office at 545-4255. The county will give you a \$60 discount on your marriage license for completing your premarital instruction. Bring your marriage license to the rehearsal.

### **Use of the Building and Fees**

The Altar Guild Directress will open the Church building two hours before the marriage service begins. The following fees may apply:

- If the reception is held at Faith, a \$100 fee is charged for cleaning up. Make your check payable to Faith Anglican Church, designated for Wedding Cleanup Fee.
- Hiring an organist/pianist and other musicians is the responsibility of the couple; our music director will be a great help. Fees will vary depending upon the musician.
- A \$35 fee is charged for the Prepare Inventory. Make your check payable to Prepare/Enrich.
- The pastor does not charge a fee, but often a gift toward his Discretionary Fund is given.

### **Photographs and Videos**

Please encourage the photographer/videographer to take many of the photos before the wedding so the reception won't be delayed. During the service photos may be taken from the rear of the church building, as long as the photographer is not moving around in front of worshipers. No flash photos may be taken during the service. After the marriage service, photos may be taken in the church building. During the service a stationary video camera may be used from the rear of the church building.

### **Alcohol Policy**

Wine or a wine punch may be served in appropriate quantities at the reception as long as a non-alcoholic alternative is available. The alcoholic beverage may only be served to those 21 years or older. If anyone should appear to have had too much to drink, the serving of alcohol will cease.

### **Reading Assignments**

Before your first premarital instruction meeting with the pastor, please purchase two copies of the book *Preparing for Marriage* by David Boehi. Read the assigned sections listed on the back, complete the exercises, and interact with your fiancé(e) to apply the material to your relationship. Come to the premarital instruction meetings with your books, prepared to share your discoveries and questions.

**Premarital Instruction Meeting Topics**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting—Introductory Meeting
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting—Christian Marriage  
Take Prepare Inventory (Bring check)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting—Review Prepare Inventory  
Readings: Intro., How to Use..., and Part One  
Review Bible Readings for Wedding
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting—The Marriage Service  
Readings: Part Two
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting—Readings: Part Three  
Review Music Selections
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting—Wedding Rehearsals

**Names and Numbers to Remember**

Celebrant:     The Rev. Herb Hand             755-4848

Church Office                                     755-4848

Music Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Caterer: \_\_\_\_\_

Photographer: \_\_\_\_\_

Florist: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dates to Remember**

Rehearsal Date and Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Date and Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Get Marriage License By: \_\_\_\_\_

### Suggested Art Classical Music

| Song                          | Composer  |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Hymne                         | Vangelis  |
| Panis Angelicus               | Franck    |
| Ave Maria                     | Schubert  |
| Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring   | Bach      |
| Ode to Joy                    | Beethoven |
| Winter: Largo                 | Vivaldi   |
| Air on a G String             | Bach      |
| Trumpet Concerto              | Torelli   |
| Messiah: Pastoral Symphony    | Handel    |
| Trumpet Voluntary             | Clarke    |
| Trumpet Tune                  | Purcell   |
| Canon in D                    | Pachelbel |
| Alleluia                      | Mozart    |
| Waltz in A Flat               | Brahms    |
| Piano Quintet in E Flat Major | Schumann  |

### Suggested Traditional Christian Music

| Song                                    | Composer         |
|---|------------------|
| O Perfect Love                          | Barnaby          |
| The Church's One Foundation             | 1982 Hymnal      |
| Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us          | 1982 Hymnal      |
| All Creatures of Our God and King       | 1982 Hymnal      |
| The Gift of Love                        | Child Ballad     |
| When Love is Found                      | Child Ballad     |
| Morning has Broken                      | 1982 Hymnal      |
| I am the Bread of Life                  | 1982 Hymnal      |
| Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus            | 1982 Hymnal      |
| On Eagles Wings                         | Joncas           |
| Let Us Break Bread Together             | Newton           |
| The Lord's Prayer                       | Robertson/Brahms |
| Now Thank We All Our God                | 1982 Hymnal      |
| For the Beauty of the Earth             | 1982 Hymnal      |
| Amazing Grace                           | 1982 Hymnal      |
| I Was There to Hear Your<br>Borning Cry | Ylvisaker        |
| How Great Thou Art                      | Hines            |

### Suggested Contemporary Christian Music

| <b>Song</b>                       | <b>Composer</b>   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| I Will Be Here                    | S. Curtis Chapman |
| In Christ Alone                   | Getty             |
| The Heart of Worship              | Redman            |
| You Raise Me Up                   | Groban            |
| How Great is Our God              | Tomlin            |
| Sanctuary                         | Scruggs           |
| I Give You My Heart               | Morgan            |
| Breathe                           | Michael W. Smith  |
| Take My Life (Holiness)           | Underwood         |
| I can Only Imagine                | Mercy Me          |
| Forever                           | Tomlin            |
| The Prayer                        | Sager/Foster      |
| How Beautiful                     | Twila Paris       |
| There is None Like You            | Leblanc           |
| Here I Am to Worship              | Hughes            |
| Beautiful One                     | Hughes            |
| Deep in Love With You             | Michael W. Smith  |
| How He Loves                      | Crowder           |
| Lord Reign In Me                  | Leblanc           |
| Potter's Hand                     | Hillsong          |
| Blessed Be the Name (in the Land) | Redman            |