# Highland Hills Baptist Church Wedding Policy





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Dear Engaged:

Congratulations on your engagement and upcoming wedding!

We are delighted to assist you in hosting your wedding. We welcome the opportunity to help you create a memorable ceremony and serve as your family of faith.

Weddings at Highland Hills Baptist Church are joyous, meaningful, and worshipful occasions. Biblical marriage (one man and one woman) is a sacred institution ordained by God. Therefore, we believe marriage should not be entered into lightly or unadvisedly. The wedding ceremony celebrates the gift of human love in the context of God's gift of love. All the words, music, and moments of the service are intended to reflect the divine dimension of a human act of commitment.

The information contained within these pages will answer most of your questions regarding our wedding policy and the expenses.

If at any point you have questions, comments or concerns you may contact the church office.

May the Lord Bless You,

Highland Hills Baptist Church

# **Planning your Wedding at HHBC**

### 1. Visit a Worship Service at Highland Hills Baptist Church.

We require that you attend at least one worship service prior to the date of your wedding for this will be helpful in understanding the layout of the building and pastoral style.

### 2. Return facility reservation form to reserve the facility on the church calendar.

The church and pastors are available only as prior scheduling permits. Please reserve the date well in advance; however, the church will not reserve a wedding date further than 11 months in advance.

When reserving your date, please also schedule the date of your rehearsal. Rehearsals are generally held the day before the wedding.

### 3. Make your wedding deposit.

A deposit of \$200.00 is necessary to reserve your wedding date on the church calendar. The deposit will be fully refunded after the wedding provided there are no damages to the facility or usage of rooms outside original agreement.

### 4. Attend Pre-Martial Counseling.

Premarital counseling and the wedding ceremony itself is a ministry of the church. We happily provide this ministry to our church members and to those in the Henderson community that do not have a regular church home. Whether your officiating pastor is from Highland Hills Baptist Church or from another church, pre-marital counseling is required. Pre-marital counseling must be scheduled at least six to eight weeks prior to your wedding.

### 5. Meet with officiating Pastor to plan your wedding.

An outside minister may conduct the wedding service if approved by HHBC. Music used during the wedding needs to be approved by the church. Counseling, worship attendance and fee payment will still be required. HHBC does not provide accompanist, vocalist, or reception hall.

### 6. All fees are due two weeks before wedding ceremony.

Your final wedding payments are due two weeks before the wedding day.

### 7. Wedding Rehearsal

Please bring your marriage license to the wedding rehearsal.

# **Wedding Fees & Honorariums**

A \$200 deposit is required to reserve your date on the calendar; the total balance is due two weeks prior to your wedding ceremony.

Standard charges	Members	Non-members
Worship Center (use of room, set up, clean up, and	\$200.00 tech. team)	\$400.00
Minister's Honorarium	(gift)	\$200.00

### ABOUT THE FACILITY

### Worship Center

- Total seating capacity is approximately 250 people

## Parking Lot

- The front lot contains 40 parking spaces including handicap parking spaces.

### The Church Does Not Provide

- Accompanist/Vocalist
- Reception Hall
- Bulletins/Printing of Bulletins
- Guest Book
- Aisle Runner
- Photographer
- Unity Candle
- Reception Table Coverings and Decorations
- Childcare

# **Facility Guidelines and Policies**

### General

The bride and groom are required to sign a Facilities Contract whereby the bride and groom agree to abide by all guidelines and policies as stated and return to the church office.

The bride and groom are responsible for any damage to the church facilities or property occurring during the rehearsal and/or the wedding ceremony. The bride and groom will be responsible for the cost of repairs and will be billed by the church if the deposit is insufficient.

The church office hours are Monday – Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm. On the day of the wedding rehearsal, the church will be open one hour before the scheduled rehearsal time and up to three hours before the wedding ceremony starts on the day of the wedding. Exact times are to be arranged with the church office.

All photographers and video operators should check in with the pastor prior to the wedding.

Highland Hills Baptist Church will not be responsible for lost or stolen items.

### **Decorations**

We request that no tacks be used on furniture.

All live flower arrangements and candles must not be placed directly on the carpet.

An aisle runner will be required if flower petals are to be dropped down the aisle.

#### **Prohibitions**

Smoking inside the church buildings is prohibited and alcoholic beverages are not permitted within our church premises.

If you still have questions please contact the church at 702.566.0200 or info@hhbcnv.org