

Cornerstone Bible Church

WEDDING POLICY

We are grateful for the facilities that God has given us! We do not see our building as our church since the true church is made up of the body of believers, but we look at our facilities as a platform for the ministry of making more and better disciples. To that end, we want to use the resources given to us with generosity, and simultaneously, we want to manage these ministry assets with proper stewardship and care.

Our primary purpose for building use is ministry, and CBC ministry events will always take priority on our reservation calendar. We also welcome members of CBC to use our facilities for ministry-related or other approved gatherings.

Statement on Marriage

Cornerstone Bible Church believes and teaches that marriage is a sacred covenant between a man and a woman instituted by and publicly entered into before God. God's divine design for marriage is an institution that mankind, society, culture or government does not have the liberty to change, amend or define outside of what is clearly taught in Holy Scripture. It is the Word of God that governs and establishes what the marriage covenant is. Below is a brief Biblical definition of marriage:

Marriage is Exclusively between a Man and a Woman: God describes marriage to be solely between a man and a woman. As Genesis 2:24 stipulates, "A man [masculine] shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife [feminine], and the two shall become one flesh." Heterosexuality is the only possible arrangement for marriage, as the Creator has commanded and expects married couples to "be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth" (Genesis 1:28). Hence, "same-sex marriage" is an oxymoron, a contradiction of terms. Since homosexuality involves same-sex intercourse that cannot lead to procreation, it is unnatural and cannot logically entail the possibility of marriage.

Marriage is Designed to be Permanent: The marriage covenant is intended to be never broken (Matthew 19:1-12, Luke 16:18, Mark 10:9). Although there are limited Biblical reasons for divorce, the original established intent of the covenant is that it would stay binding. Because the covenant of marriage is not only to one's marriage partner but also before God, it is a serious commitment not to be taken lightly.

Marriage is Sacred and Intimate: Marriage is more than just a covenant on paper, it is the two becoming one flesh (Genesis 2:23-25) under God's design. The married couple enjoys the blessings of an intimate relationship with each other in a spiritual, emotional, and physical sense. In fact, marriage is the most intimate of all human relationships where a bond between man and woman exists to reflect the relationship of the Godhead and glorify Jesus Christ.

Marriage is to be Protected: The marriage covenant is a selfless relationship that is mutually exclusive to each other (Ephesians 5:25-30). This means that no other human relationship must interfere with the commitment between husband and wife (Genesis 2:22-25, 1 Corinthians 7:2-5). The physical, emotion and spiritual aspects of the marriage are exclusive to one another and are not to be shared with another. Both the husband and wife are to work diligently at protecting each other and their covenant before God and man. Any marriage covenant that does not agree with God's Word as described above and furthermore in the pages of Scripture, Cornerstone Bible Church (by the direction of our Lord Jesus Christ) will not welcome into our membership. Furthermore, Cornerstone Bible Church reserves the right to not perform any marriage ceremonies (on church grounds) that do not agree with the above definition of marriage as outlined in God's Word.

Reservation Process

Please submit your request at least one month in advance of the date of the facility reservation. Requests submitted past that time frame may not find facility availability due to the internal reservation process time.

1. **Request:** Submit a Facilities Use Request with as much detail as you can about your proposed reservation.
2. **Approval:** All requests will be reviewed by our administrative staff, and elders as necessary, and if approved, you will receive an email notification within one week with a reservation summary and any additional questions necessary to secure your reservation.
3. **Coordination:** You will be connected with our wedding coordinator to further discuss details!
4. **Invoicing:** You will be sent an invoice with an online payment link. Our wedding fee is \$1,000 total and includes using our building, assistance from our wedding coordinator, and an audio/visual tech for the ceremony. Payment should be submitted 30 days prior to the rehearsal.

Guidelines for Use

BUILDING

Rooms reserved for weddings are the foyer and sanctuary. Guests can use the main entrance to come into the building!

REHEARSAL & WEDDING TIMING

Wedding parties may reserve the building for 3 hours on the day before the wedding for set-up and a rehearsal. On the day of the wedding, the reservation is a 4 hour window.

RECEPTIONS

CBC does not allow receptions to be hosted in the building. Please plan to make arrangements offsite!

AUDIO/VISUAL

Our equipment is only available for use when CBC-trained techs are present to run it. If a CBC-trained tech is available and the rehearsal/wedding is approved, you will be connected with the tech who will be present at the event to run the equipment. An A/V tech fee is included in the event reservation fee!

All use of musical instruments should be coordinated with our church office. Requests to move the piano or drum kit should be submitted at least one week prior to the event.

CBC does not record weddings, so if the bride and groom would like to have a video of their ceremony, they should plan to hire a videographer.

SET-UP & TEAR-DOWN

Set-up and tear-down are the responsibility of the bride and groom. They should make arrangements to remove any decor and reset any furniture directly following the wedding service.

Removal of chairs for a center aisle needs to be coordinated through the church office.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Reservations will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis with other ministry events and reservations, set-up needs, and AV requests also taken into consideration.
- No smoking in the building is permitted.
- No alcoholic beverages are permitted on the entire property at any time.
- Food and beverages are not allowed in the sanctuary during events.

AFTER THE EVENT

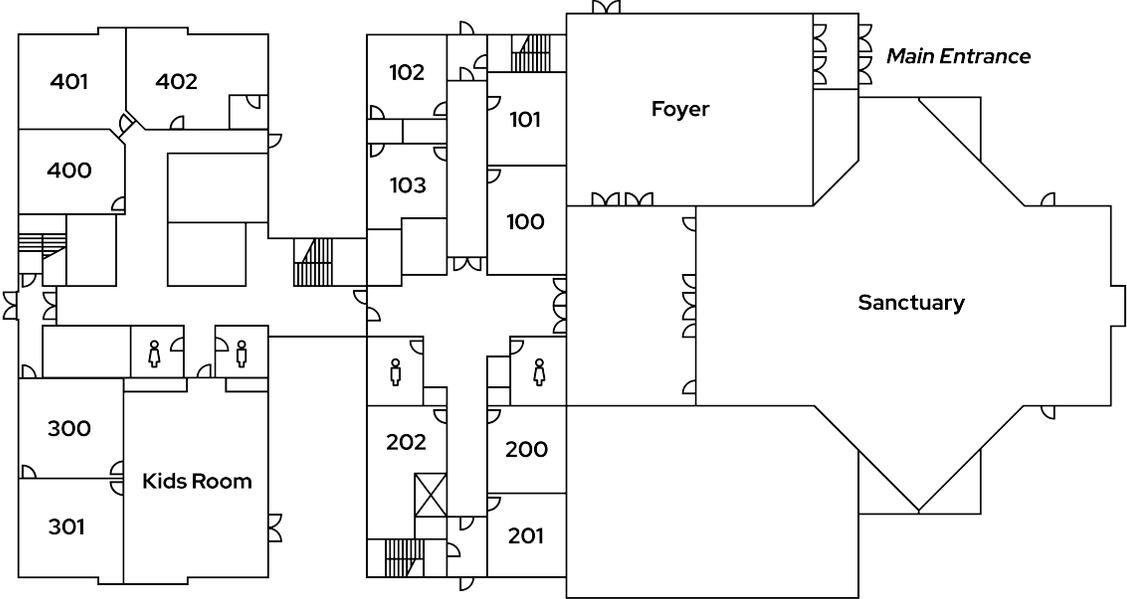
- All furniture that is moved should be returned to its original locations.
- Damaged, lost, or stolen church property will be deemed the responsibility of the applicant and will be billed at the replacement cost. Any damaged items should be reported to the church office as soon as possible.
- All personal items should be removed.

LOST & FOUND

Items can either be found hanging on the coat rack or in the cabinet to the left of the sink in the foyer. If an item is labeled, we will make every effort to contact the owner. Unlabeled and/or unclaimed items will be donated every 6 - 8 weeks.

BUILDING MAP

UPSTAIRS



DOWNSTAIRS

