

## #7.2

### WEDDINGS

**PURPOSE:** To ensure a uniform and equitable wedding Policy for Members and Affiliates, participating friends, immediate families, and Non-Members.

**APPLICATION:** All weddings performed at Chapel by the Sea Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) fall under this Policy.

#### PROVISIONS:

1. Active Members and Affiliate Members may use Chapel for weddings, along with members of their "immediate family." For this purpose "immediate family" includes children, stepchildren, grandchildren and step-grandchildren.
2. At the discretion of the Pastor, local residents with a connection to Chapel may also use the Chapel as a place for their wedding.
3. All couples being married at Chapel must meet the requirements of the State of Florida and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
4. Counseling by the Pastor shall be required prior to a firm wedding date. A date and time for the wedding shall not be reserved on the Chapel calendar until the couple has met with the Pastor, and received approval to be married at Chapel. The Chapel strongly discourages Sunday wedding ceremonies.
5. The Pastor shall officiate at the wedding service. Should the couple desire another minister to conduct or participate in the wedding service, an invitation shall be extended only with the consent of the Pastor.
6. The Organist shall play for weddings. Should the Organist not be available a substitute acceptable to the Pastor shall play.
7. If a soloist is desired, arrangements shall be made for rehearsal with the Organist.
8. Music selected for the wedding is part of the worship service and shall be appropriate.
9. The couple shall consult with the Organist in the selection of music.

#### Conduct

10. Alcohol is not permitted on Chapel property. This includes limousines and party buses. If alcohol beverages are on board, the vehicle should not be parked on church property.
11. Smoking is not permitted on Chapel property.
12. Rice, confetti, birdseed, and similar material, shall not be thrown on church property.
13. Obscene language is not acceptable.
14. The Chapel sanctuary shall be used with respect at all times.

**Photography**

15. Flash photos may be taken during the processional and recessional; otherwise, only existing light photos may be taken.
16. Video cameras, if utilized, are allowed only if they are on tripods.
17. Cameras may be placed either by the side walls or in the back balcony, but not in the front choir loft.

**Costs and Reservations**

18. There are fees associated with holding a wedding and/or wedding reception at Chapel. Information may be obtained by calling our Office Administrator at (239)463-3173 (x20).
19. Once a couple has received approval from our Pastor to be married at Chapel the Office Administrator should be contacted to reserve a date and time for the wedding on the Chapel calendar.

RESPONSIBILITY: The Pastor is responsible for the decision to perform the marriage service, for counseling the couple and performing the marriage service. The Organist is responsible for ensuring that the musical selections for the service are appropriate for a Christian service. The Office Administrator is responsible for discussing and collecting fees, obtaining required applications and coordinating further arrangements pertaining to use of the building.