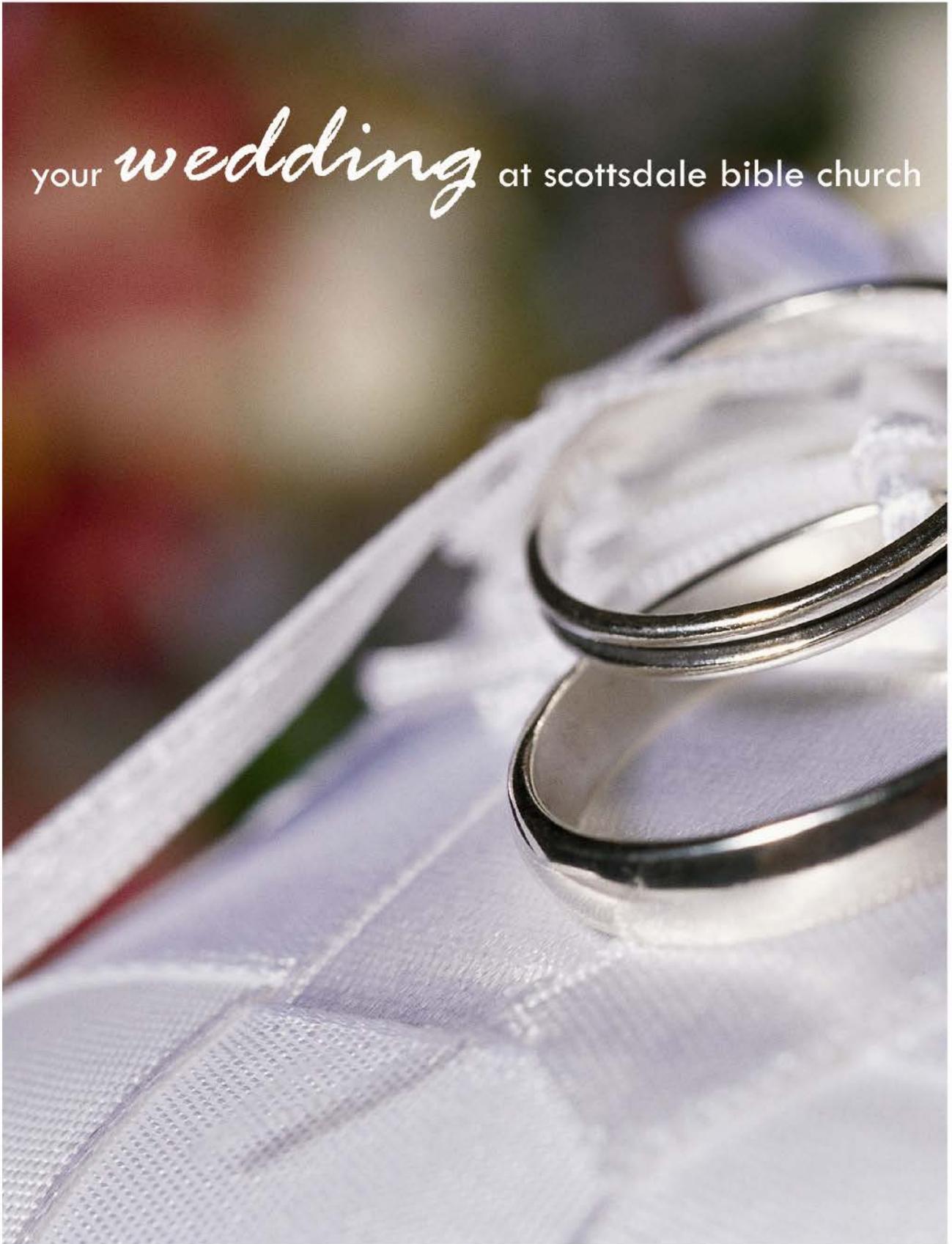


your *wedding* at scottsdale bible church



LETTER FROM THE SCOTTSDALE BIBLE CHURCH MARRIAGE MINISTRY

Greetings,

Congratulations on your decision to enter into the covenant of marriage! Marriage is a gift from the Lord, given to us in order to put His greatness on display for the world (*Ephesians 5:31-32, Matthew 5:14-16, James 1:17*).

Marriage is the most fundamental relationship God has given mankind and sits at the pinnacle of human interactions between God and mankind.

Our desire is to help you in any way we are able, to be prepared for marriage on your wedding day, to assure that your wedding day is filled with awe and wonder, and setting the stage for a lifetime of bringing glory to our God and Creator.

Whether you are marrying here at SBC, or we are providing you with premarital work, or a pastor/officiant for your ceremony, our primary concern is that you see the vision for the need and growing desire to have a marriage that consistently honors and seeks God.

The purpose of this handbook is to answer many of the questions you will have, and although it is not comprehensive, we believe it will be a good start to help with your planning for your special day. We will assign you a Wedding Coordinator, who will guide the process from start to finish. Until then, please use this handbook and become familiar with our procedures and policies contained here and use it to formulate questions for your Coordinator.

When you are ready to proceed, go to the website <http://scottsdalebible.com/marriage> and click on both the Preparing for Marriage and Weddings links on the right side of the screen. You will need to download the Wedding Application then call the Marriage office for an appointment with our Marriage Pastor. If you have questions, please call the Marriage office at 480.824.7238.

May God bless you as you prepare for both your marriage and wedding day!

In Christ,

Marriage Ministry Council
Scottsdale Bible Church

MARRIAGE IS MORE THAN A WEDDING

We believe your wedding is more than just a ceremony. Marriage is a covenant intended by God to be a lifelong relationship between a man and a woman and Himself. Marriage was God's idea and we place a high value on the marriage covenant. Marriage is sacred because God ordained it. Throughout God's Word we see over and over again the importance God places on the husband-wife relationship and the valuable benefits of that relationship. You are going from "I" to "we/us," and it will be important to learn how to make that transition easily. We want to serve you both in the planning of your wedding and also in preparing you for a strong, intimate, loving marriage. There are three things we would like to help you with in your preparation for life together.

1. *Preparing for Your Marriage.* Our Marriage Prep class will equip you both for those things we've found to be important in the transition from single to married life. Included in this class is The **Prepare-Enrich Relationship Inventory**. A review of this with a Marriage Ministry team couple will help you discover your relationship and personality strengths, equipping you to work on those areas needing growth.
2. *The wedding.* We want this day to be all you desire it to be as you celebrate your covenants and vows together with friends and family.
3. *Your marriage.* We would like to come alongside and give you the principles from God's Word that strengthen and deepen your relationship.

CONSIDER A CHURCH WEDDING

With so many couples living together without the benefits of marriage (and there are many benefits of marriage), each wedding is a reminder that God's plan is one man, one woman, united in marriage. While the number of weddings has sadly declined in America, so have the number of weddings held in a church. The trend today is a wedding held outside or at a destination resort.

The wedding itself can be an evangelistic tool. Scottsdale Bible may be just a group of buildings and "the church" is the people who are followers of Christ, and yet, the buildings are where the regular worshipping community gathers. Inviting your non-church-going family and friends helps them see clearly that "church" can be a warm and inviting place.

For centuries, weddings have taken place in church buildings. In the 21st Century it continues to help focus those who are present, on the fundamental relationship with Christ that is illustrated by God in marriage. Outdoor and resort weddings can be quite wonderful, and God is without a doubt present there as well, but the wedding set in a church is, for participants and visitors alike, a more intentional focusing on Christ.

WEDDING INSTRUCTIONS

Scottsdale Bible Church facilities are available to members (those who have attended membership classes and have been interviewed and accepted as members) and regular attendees (those who attend regularly, but have not gone through the membership process) and others who desire to make their wedding a testimony to their relationship with Jesus Christ and their desire to covenant with God in marriage. To qualify for member fees, the bride, groom or member of either immediate family (father, mother, brother or sister) must be an active member or regular attendee of Scottsdale Bible Church, or soma.

The sacredness of marriage is described throughout the Bible. In light of this, we are committed to providing a biblical foundation for each marriage through pre marriage education and counseling prior to the wedding. This is accomplished by individual counseling with the officiating pastor plus a marriage preparation class: the 12 session *Marriage Preparation Class* or an *equivalent from another church approved by the marriage pastor*. For class information and registration, please call our Marriage Ministry Office at 480.824.7238.

STEPS TO SCHEDULING YOUR WEDDING

1. *Read this Wedding Book thoroughly.* Many of your questions will be answered within these pages.
2. *Call the Marriage Ministry office (480.824.7238) and make an appointment with the marriage pastor.* In your initial interview, you and your fiancé will need to bring your wedding application and deposit.
3. The application will be processed and you will be contacted.
4. Contact the Marriage Ministry Office (480.824.7328) and *register for the next Preparing for Marriage class* offered. If you are unable to complete a course on the dates available or before your wedding, your officiating pastor will be responsible for equivalent marriage counseling. Note: *The source of your pre-marriage counseling needs to be determined before the wedding application can be approved.*
5. Upon application approval, *your Wedding Coordinator will be assigned and will contact you within two weeks.* Please

direct all wedding questions to your coordinator, as she is your liaison with the church. Should you have any questions regarding your wedding coordinator assignment, call our Marriage Ministry office at 480.824.7238. If you are having your reception on our campus, a reception coordinator will be assigned and will contact you.

6. *Facilities and room reservations are subject to availability at time of booking and are not confirmed until the application is approved.*

GENERAL WEDDING POLICIES

1. Saturday weddings in the Worship Center must be scheduled and completely vacated by 2:00 p.m and there is an additional \$100 cleaning fee to prepare for the Saturday night worship service. Saturday weddings and receptions in all other locations must be vacated by 6pm. (An after hours cleaning fee for other locations may extend it until 8pm.) Weddings and receptions on any day other than Saturday should be vacated by 9pm.
2. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited anywhere on church property; smoking is prohibited in any building and only allowed outside, at least 25 feet from the buildings; dancing is permitted during the wedding reception with music provided only by SBC-approved music providers.
3. Your wedding coordinator will explain the reception policies with you as you plan your event.
4. Only silk flowers may be dropped down the center aisle or on the Platform, even if an aisle runner is used.
5. Rice, birdseed or confetti are prohibited on church property.
6. Park all vehicles, including limousines, in the parking lot. Vehicles are prohibited from parking on the sidewalk.
7. Any decorating for the wedding or reception area, other than the floor set-up of our accessories and equipment, is the responsibility of the bridal couple. Your wedding coordinator or her designee must be present during decorating. You will be responsible for any damage incurred to our facility or furnishings that result from containers, tape, etc.
8. We want this day to be a memorable one and we will provide an audio CD of your ceremony in the Worship Center or Chapel which will be given to you or a designated family member at the end of the ceremony.
9. A sound technician will arrive at the church one hour before the ceremony to set up the necessary equipment and set sound levels for any musicians. The technician will not be present at the rehearsal, but if their presence becomes necessary, your wedding coordinator will be able to tell you about the additional fees. Sound technical services are not provided for outdoor weddings.
10. Candles used in any of our wedding accessories that are specifically designed for safety *will be provided by your wedding coordinator*. If you choose to have a unity candle, you must provide drip-less, long-burning candles to your wedding coordinator prior to the time of your rehearsal.
11. If needed, the user will be required to hire Scottsdale Bible-approved security for the time of the reception and pay a facilities person assigned to the event when kitchen and food services are provided by others. These fees will be included as part of the Reception/Dinner facility agreement.
12. There may be a requirement that licensed, professional security personnel be used during the wedding event. It will be the responsibility of the wedding couple to pay the fees associated with security.
13. Any use of the main campus kitchen will require the presence of an SBC Kitchen Staff person at \$18/hr while the kitchen is in use.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

- In order to officiate a ceremonial wedding, a marriage license issued by Maricopa County Arizona is required. A wedding will not take place without a valid marriage license.
- More information on obtaining a Arizona marriage license can be found at this website: <http://clerkofcourt.maricopa.gov/marlic.asp>
- Maricopa County Marriage Licenses are valid for a period of one year from issue date.

SCOTTSDALE BIBLE PASTORS

Whenever possible, we encourage you to select a pastor with whom you have a personal relationship. We suggest you ask your pastor prior to your meeting with the Marriage Pastor during the registration process. Pastors from outside SBC with whom you have a prior relationship are welcome to officiate, but he must be approved by the Marriage Pastor. *If you do not have a pastor to lead the wedding ceremony*, please contact the *Marriage Ministry* office, 480.824.7238, and we can refer you to one of our pastors or licensed officiant. If your officiating pastor is not from Scottsdale Bible Church, please note on your ceremony program what church or organization he is representing.

WEDDING COORDINATOR SERVICES

Provided for all weddings. Your chosen Wedding Coordinator will be your main contact for any questions and assistance for your wedding, and reception. The Coordinator's responsibilities include pre-event planning meetings, the event and post event cleanup. The wedding coordinator fee is included in the rental fee and is based on eight hours of service. There are times when couples request additional wedding coordinator services beyond eight hours. The rate is \$35 per additional hour.

The specific services provided by a Scottsdale Bible Church Wedding Coordinator:

- Meet with you to discuss the process and review all the details and plans for your event.
- Assure that all SBC policies are understood and followed
- Assist you with the approval of the event, florists, caterers, and entertainment
- Work with the Scottsdale Bible Church Facilities team
- Direct the outside vendors while here in one of Scottsdale Bible Church venues.

PASTOR/OFFICIANT'S FEE

Scottsdale Bible Church does not have a set fee for the officiating pastor, and suggest that you consult with him to see if he has a set fee. Your Wedding Coordinator is also a good resource for questions regarding honorariums. In most cases, depending on the venue, a typical honorarium of \$300 is recommended for local weddings.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASSES

Marriage Preparation Classes are offered throughout the year and completing one is a requirement of weddings held at Scottsdale Bible Church. Our guest speakers are qualified professionals. Another aspect of the class which people have found beneficial is a couple relationship assessment inventory that helps couples strengthen communication skills and discover any potential growth areas. The *Marriage Preparation* Class is provided by the Marriage Ministry. The class may include the following topics:

- Finances
- Spiritual intimacy
- Understanding needs
- Communication
- Conflict resolution
- Leaving and cleaving
- Sexual intimacy in marriage
- Personal Holiness
- Marital Roles
- His Needs – Her Needs
- Addictions and Forgiveness
- Family Dynamics

Your fee for the course which includes the Prepare-Enrich Relationship Inventory and all materials is included in the Wedding Fee. Pre-registration is required and opens about three months before the class begins. Please call early at 480.824.7238 to receive a class schedule. *Couples will cover additional topics, such as blended families and remarriage issues, if one or both have been previously married.*

MUSIC

The music for your wedding is an important element—and we are here to help! Your wedding coordinator will put you in touch with our music coordinator; if you choose, the music coordinator will help you make musical choices and select instrumentalists and soloists. The Music Coordinator must review all music—including instrumental, vocal and pre-recorded. This review should be completed at least 30 days before the wedding date.

Instrumental Music. *Most weddings include keyboard music from the piano, organ or both.* The piano serves as a more contemporary sound for pre-wedding music and vocal accompaniments while the organ provides a festive announcement for the bride's procession. Other instruments, such as trumpet, flute, violin, guitar or string quartet also enhance the wedding atmosphere. The music coordinator can give suggestions for any instrumentalists. In most cases, the musicians do not attend the rehearsal. The organ in the Worship Center may only be played by an approved organist.

Vocal Music. *The music coordinator can help you obtain a vocalist for your ceremony.* The vocalist you select may have some great music suggestions. Walk Worthy Books and Music and other area Christian bookstores are also great resources for listening to wedding music. We believe that weddings are a sacred ceremony and a testimony of our commitment to Christ, and ask that all vocal selections be approved by our music coordinator.

Recorded Music. *You may use recorded music if you desire.* It may be a substitute for live music for your processional and/or recessional and in other areas of your wedding. Your wedding coordinator will hand-deliver your CD to the sound technician the day of your wedding—be sure she has it by the time of your rehearsal.

Video Montage. *A short montage can be an interesting addition to your wedding.* Our video equipment can only accept a montage produced on a DVD. Your wedding coordinator will hand-deliver it to the sound technician one week prior to your wedding. Video formatting: Events in the Chapel need to be formatted for a 4:3 screen, those in the other venues need to be formatted in the 16:9 format. DVD's need to be in .mov format that may be imported into the SBC program. Please submit individual jpeg pictures in lieu of PowerPoint which does not work well on our equipment. Ask your Coordinator for additional details regarding media requirements.

Fees. *The payment of musicians is the responsibility of the bridal couple.* Please don't assume that anyone will perform at your wedding free of charge. The fee for the Scottsdale Bible organist/pianist is \$150. All other musicians have their own fee schedule, so you will need to contact them directly (typically \$75-\$150). Checks must be given to the wedding coordinator at the rehearsal (or before the rehearsal) to be distributed to the musicians on the wedding day. Some musicians require all payments prior to the wedding date.

REHEARSAL

Most weddings require a rehearsal and they are usually held the evening before the wedding. Plan for the rehearsal to take about one-and-a-half hours, and time the rehearsal dinner accordingly. In most cases, your wedding coordinator will conduct the rehearsal. Those who attend should include any person who is taking part in the wedding ceremony, except for the musicians and sound technician. Once you have set the time for your wedding and rehearsal, any change of any kind relating to your wedding must be made in writing (see page 3 of the Wedding Application). All decisions concerning your wedding should be made prior to the rehearsal, so there are no needless delays due to changes. The purpose of the rehearsal is to reassure all participants of their roles in the wedding ceremony, so that everything will go smoothly on this most important day.

SOUND AND LIGHTS

The rental price includes the use of in-house sound and lighting systems. We will provide a properly trained sound person for the day of the wedding. If you require a sound person to be present at the rehearsal, there is an additional charge and your coordinator will need to notify the Tech Ministry, 480.824.7331, at least three weeks in advance.

If your wedding is in the Prayer Garden, the rental price does not include the use of a sound system or sound person. The additional charge is \$350 for the day of the wedding. Your wedding coordinator will need to notify the Tech Ministry at least three weeks prior to your wedding.

CAMERAS

We recommend most pictures be taken before the wedding in order to limit the time before the reception. We ask that your photographers position themselves during the processional and recessional so that it does not distract from the bridal party or the ceremony. If you have any questions, please talk with your wedding coordinator who will help you with any positioning and guidelines that provide the best wedding pictures and experience.

DINNERS/RECEPTIONS

You may apply to have dinner and reception facilities provided for your after-wedding festivities. Your wedding coordinator will provide you with the specifications and fees for Scottsdale Bible facilities as well as the names of some local, experienced catering companies.

KITCHEN USE POLICY

Contact our wedding coordinator to book these facilities. Any use of the main campus kitchen will require the presence of at minimum one SBC Kitchen Staff person at \$18/hr while the kitchen is in use.

BUILDING DETAIL

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Worship Center, 7601 East Shea

1,800 seating capacity - 80' center aisle

Best for larger weddings



Hayden Chapel, 7901 East Shea (1 & 1/2 blocks east of the main campus)

300 seating capacity in center section with an overflow room of 125

25' center aisle - Best for mid-size to smaller weddings



BUILDING DETAIL

Grace Chapel, on the Shea campus

300 guests capacity

Beautiful center aisle - Best for mid-size to smaller weddings



BUILDING DETAIL

Prayer Garden, located on the Shea campus
60-80 guests (extra fee for sound equipment is needed)
Best for small weddings



Venue / Town Center – On the Shea campus
400 guests - 89ft center aisle; 25-35 round tables
Best for mid-size to smaller weddings and receptions



BUILDING DETAIL

High School Building – On the Shea campus

400 guests - 67ft center aisle; 25 round tables

Best for mid-size to smaller weddings and receptions



Cactus Campus – 2501 East Cactus Road – Phoenix

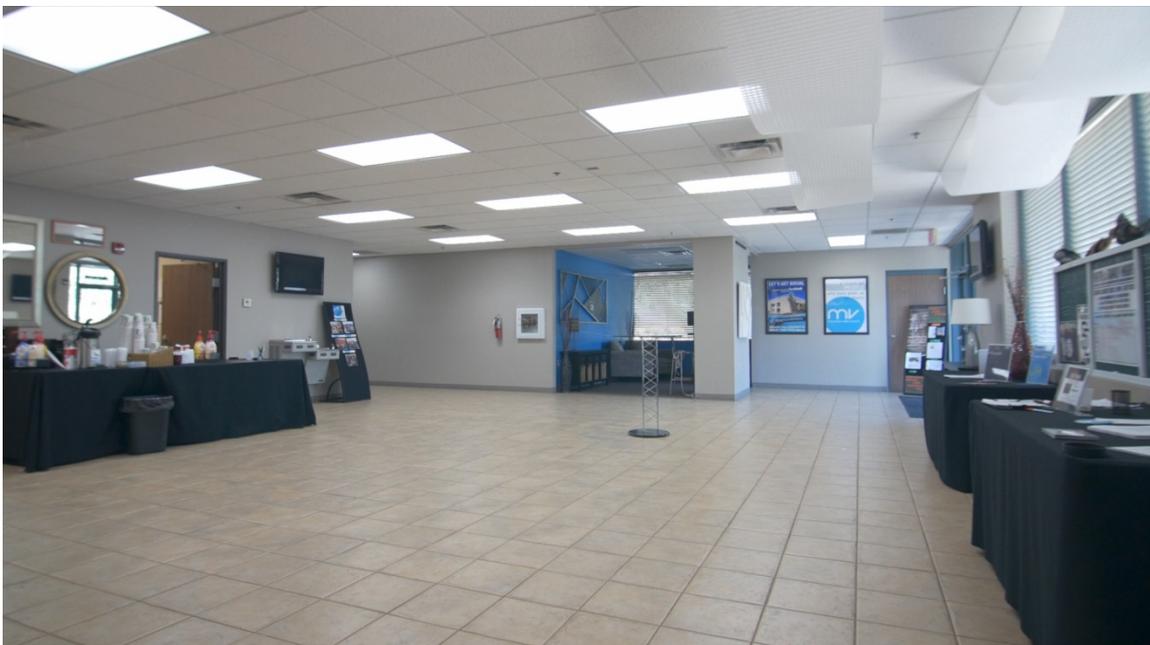
270 guests – 52 ft center aisle

Best for mid-size to smaller weddings



BUILDING DETAIL

Mountain Valley Campus – 17800 North Perimeter Drive – Scottsdale
600 guests - 67ft center aisle; 25 round tables
Best for small mid-sized weddings and receptions



THE COST OF YOUR WEDDING

The fees are outlined for the various facilities and services provided by Scottsdale Bible Church. Scottsdale Bible members and regular attendees receive discounts applied to the facilities' rental charges. (See the Wedding Fee Worksheet) Please make all payments to Scottsdale Bible Church unless otherwise specified.

A \$250 deposit is due at time of reserving facilities and submitted with the wedding application. The deposit is non-refundable unless the application is not approved. The deposit is applicable toward all other fees and must accompany the wedding application and be turned in to the Administration Front Office; write "wedding" in the memo.

Final payment of fees must be given to your wedding coordinator or mailed to Scottsdale Bible Church, 7601 East Shea Blvd., Scottsdale, AZ 85260, two weeks prior to your wedding; write "wedding final" in the memo. The pastor and musician fees are to be given to your wedding coordinator the night of your rehearsal. Facilities rental charges include:

- All facility rental fees (see breakdown below).
- Enrollment fee for Pre-Marriage Education Class.
- Eight hours of wedding coordinator services.
- Sound technician, use of lighting and sound equipment and an audio CD.

Wedding Room Use

Worship Center (support rooms included)	\$ 2,245
Hayden Chapel	\$ 1,200
Grace Chapel (available October 2014)	\$ 1,500
Prayer Garden	\$ 510 See page 4 concerning the sound system
Venue (Town Center)	\$ 1,175
High School Bldg	\$ 1,175
Cactus	\$ 1,260
Mountain Valley	\$ 1,260

Reception Facilities (*does not include Kitchen staff fees)

Hayden Chapel Patio Room and Kitchen Use	\$ 575
Prayer Garden & Kitchen	\$ 350
Town Centre and Kitchen use	\$ 975
High School Building and Kitchen Use	\$ 975
Cactus & Kitchen	\$ 775
Mountain Valley & Kitchen	\$ 775

Rehearsal Dinner (*does not include Kitchen staff fees)

Hayden Chapel Patio Room and Kitchen Use	\$ 425
Prayer Garden & Kitchen	N/A
Town Centre and Kitchen use	\$ 825
High School Building and Kitchen Use	\$ 825
Cactus or Mountain Valley & Kitchen	\$ 325

***Any Kitchen Access:** _____ hours needed x \$18/hr

Personnel and Other Services

- Organist/Keyboard (paid directly to musician) \$150
- Soloist (determined by and paid directly to musician typically \$75-\$150)
- Videos of the wedding (determined by situation – your wedding coordinator will help you with this)
- If security is requested or required, this may be provided at \$35.00 per hour (one individual)
- Pastor Honorarium (typical suggestion is \$300)
- Wedding Coordinator fee (if in excess of 8 hours) \$35 per additional hour

AFTER YOUR WEDDING

It is our desire to help you in your relationship by continuing to provide resources that will help you in your marriage journey to oneness. We want to help you build a strong marriage and establish a sound family foundation. Your relationship will take some effort and lots of understanding.

The **Marital Fitness Center** is here to provide you with ongoing resources to build an ever stronger and Christ Centered marriage. We have 17 small group, short term, **GYM (Growing Your Marriage)** studies that are available, along with the **Marriage Proactive** relationship inventory that you may take online and receive feedback on. An important component of your life-time journey to marital fitness is making time for a regular date night with your spouse. Quarterly, we'll provide you with an opportunity to deepen your connection with our **DateNight** packet of fun with an opportunity for SBC to care for your young children, if you have them, so the two of you can enjoy the material you'll find in our packet. You will find short video answers to more than 2500 of life's questions on our **Life Questions Answered** website, along with our **Suggested Reading** list of current books we think will help all marriages. If you find your marriage drifting and getting into trouble down the road, we also have a one-on-one marital crisis study for individuals seeking help – **Marriage 911**.

The Marriage Ministry motto below reflects Scottsdale Bibles commitment to seeing your marriage become even better in the years to come. Visit our website often and join us in the journey to godliness as promised by Jesus in Phil 1:6.

“Great marriages never happen by accident, but will thrive with a vision for Christ at their center, intentional effort and the right tools.” God provides the vision, you provide the effort and your Marriage Ministry will give you the tools.

Our Marriage Ministry **"First5"** Enrichment Class for couples in their first five years of marriage will provide continued connection and guidance in your marriage relationship as you two become one.

SBC also has a number of additional resources available to you to help enrich your relationship:

- Financial Management/Stewardship Classes (provided through the **Stewardship Ministry**)
- A dynamic **Men's Ministry** that helps men understand and achieve biblical manhood
- A highly relational **Woman's Ministry** that meets the connection needs women have for one another
- Powerfully engaging **Student** and **Children's Ministries** to supplement what they are taught at home.
- A **Career Assistance Ministry**
- A **Counseling Ministry** that offers multiple levels of lay and professional help and support groups
- Local, National and International Outreach where couples may often serve together

If you have questions about any of these resources, please call the Marriage Ministry Office, 480.824.7238, and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have or direct you to the right resource.

APPENDIX

TYPICAL ORDER OF SERVICE

1. Seating of Grandparents
2. Seating of Parents
3. Processional
4. Welcome
5. Giving of the Bride
6. Scripture Reading
7. Song
8. Pastoral Charge
9. Exchange of Vows
10. Giving of Rings
11. Element(s) of Unity*
12. Prayer
13. Pronouncement of marriage
14. The Kiss
15. Introduction to those gathered
16. Guest Recession

*Common Elements: Communion, Unity Candle, Sand Ceremony, Washing each others' feet, Unity Cross, Rose Ceremony, etc.

COMMON WEDDING VOW SAMPLES

#1

Do you, [groom], take [bride], to be your wife, according to God's holy decree; do you promise to be to her a loving and loyal husband, to cherish and keep her in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, to be faithful only to her as long as you both shall live? [I do.]

Do you, [bride], take [groom], to be your husband, according to God's holy decree; do you promise to be to him a loving and loyal wife, to cherish and keep him in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, to be faithful only to him as long as you both shall live? [I do.]

#2

[Bride], will you have this man to be your husband; to live together in the covenant of marriage? Will you love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to him as long as you both shall live? [I will.]

[Groom], will you have this woman to be your wife; to live together in the covenant of marriage? Will you love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her as long as you both shall live? [I will.]

#3

[Groom], the command of God to husbands is, "Husbands, love your wife as Christ loved the church and gave His own life for it." Loving as Christ is the key to the enjoyment of all that God has designed marriage to be. Therefore, do you willingly express your desire and intent to fulfill God's command to husbands and do you now commit to 'Wife' to be her husband? [I do.]

[Bride], the Scriptures teach that wives are to honor and respect their husbands, just as the church honors and respects Christ. To the wives God says, "Wives, be subject to your own husbands as to the Lord, for the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church." 'Wife', this command of God is His word designed to make your marriage relationship a thing of beauty and joy. So in acceptance of this principle of God's word, do you now commit yourself to 'Husband' to be his wife, to join your lives together in living, permanent union as Christ to His church? [I do.]

#4

I, [groom], take you [bride], to be my wedded wife. To have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness or in health, to love and to cherish 'till death do us part. (or as long as we both shall live) And hereto I pledge you my faithfulness.

I, [bride], take you [groom], to be my wedded husband. To have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, 'till death do us part. (or as long as we both shall live) And hereto I pledge you my faithfulness.

#5

I, [groom], take you [bride], to be my wedded wife, and I do promise and covenant before God and these witnesses, to be thy loving and faithful husband; in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, as long as we both shall live.

I, [bride], take you [groom], to be my wedded husband, and I do promise and covenant before God and these witnesses, to be thy loving and faithful wife; in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, as long as we both shall live.

#6

I do commit myself to you, [bride], before God, to be your faithful and loving husband for all the years of our earthly life, to seek to love you even as Christ loves the Church, which is His bride.

I do commit myself to you, [groom], before God to be your faithful and loving wife for all the years of our earthly life to cherish our relationship in Christ and God’s order for the family.

#7

I, [groom], created in God’s image solely for His glory, saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, promise to love you, [bride], not only with words, but with actions and truth so that God’s love is brought to full expression through us. I promise to be considerate and treat you with respect, to feed, care for, and manage our family well. Not to be harsh, quick-tempered, or overbearing. I will keep myself only unto you. I will put God first and you second, striving to love you better each day as your husband and your best friend. As Christ taught us to love by laying down His life I too will gladly lay down my life to protect you. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates us.

I, [bride], created in God’s image solely for His glory, saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, promise to love you, [groom], not only with words, but with actions and trust so that God’s love is brought to full expression through us. I promise to submit to you as you submit to Christ, to bring you good, not harm, to honor you with the dignity and reverence of my life keeping myself only unto you. I will put God first and you second, serving alongside you as your helper. I will strive to love you better each day as your wife and your best friend. Where you go, I will go and your God will be my God. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates us.

SCRIPTURES OFTEN USED AT WEDDINGS

Old Testament:

- Genesis 2:18-24
- Ruth 1:16-17
- Isaiah 55:12-13
- Isaiah 63:7
- Psalms 33
- Psalms 34:1-3
- Psalms 67
- Psalms 100
- Psalms 150
- Proverbs 18:22
- Song of Solomon 2:10-13
- Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

- Matthew 19:4-6
- Mark 10:6-9
- Romans 12:9-18
- 1 Corinthians 13:1-8
- Galatians 5:22-23
- Galatians 6:2
- Ephesians 3:17b-20
- Ephesians 4:1-6, 20-32
- Ephesians 5:21-33
- Philippians 2:1-4
- Colossians 3:12-17
- 1 Peter 4:8
- 1 John 3:18
- 1 John 4:7-12
- John 15:9-15

New Testament:

- Matthew 5:13-16
- Matthew 7:24-27