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## WEDDING POLICY

Congratulations on your decision to marry. We want to do everything we can to help make your wedding and marriage as joyful and fulfilling as possible. We have developed some helpful guidelines for those who wish to be married at CrossPoint Church or to have one of our pastors officiate the wedding ceremony. Please take the time to read the following policies and guidelines as you determine whether or not CrossPoint is the right place for your wedding.

## OUR VIEW OF MARRIAGE

CrossPoint Church holds marriage in the highest regard as a gift from God to the human race. We consider marriage to be a permanent union between a man and woman (Genesis 2:18-25; Matthew 5:31-32). Our desire is to help every couple succeed in marriage which is why we normally insist on pre-marital counseling for anyone who wishes to be married by one of the pastors of our church. Statistics indicate that the more prepared couples are, the more likely they will succeed in marriage. If someone else is officiating your wedding, we strongly recommend that you ask that person to provide pre-marital counseling for you and your mate. If you would like someone other than one of our pastors to officiate your wedding ceremony, we require you to provide that information to us before we can commit the use of our facilities.

We believe that divorce is a tragedy to God and to those who suffer through it (Malachi 5:16-17). Our church is compassionate toward anyone who has been divorced and would be glad to provide divorce recovery counseling to anyone in need. Nonetheless, the Bible is clear that divorce is only allowed under limited conditions (Matthew 19:3-12; 1 Corinthians 7:10-17) and it is our duty to carefully consider each situation before we can commit to your wedding. Furthermore, it is the prerogative of each pastor to determine whether or not he is comfortable with marrying someone who was previously divorced.

Studies also show that couples who are abstinent before marriage enjoy their sexual relationship more once they are married. Knowing that God forbids both pre-marital and extra-marital sex, we ask that you refrain from living together prior to marriage and abstain from sexual relations (Hebrews 13:4). If you are currently living together, we ask that you honor God, yourself, and your mate by abstaining from sex and by changing your living arrangements until you are married. Finally, we believe that God prohibits marriage between a Christian and a non-Christian (2 Corinthians 6:14-18). We caution you to not overlook this important difference as it often creates hardship for couples because of potentially conflicting values.

## GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. The wedding ceremony is meant to be a celebration where you and your mate publicly declare your love for each other and vow to live together for the rest of your lives as husband and wife. While every wedding is unique, we believe that a wedding ceremony is an opportunity to worship God and seek his blessing on your marriage. If you are a follower of Jesus Christ, a wedding ceremony can also be a great opportunity to let your friends and family members know that you are making the commitment to serve God together as husband and wife.
2. If you would like to schedule your wedding at CrossPoint Church or have one of our pastors officiate the ceremony, please contact our church office to find out if the date is available on our calendar. We ask that you schedule an appointment with one of our pastors to discuss your wedding plans and to review our wedding policies. It is the prerogative of each pastor to determine whether or not he is able to officiate your ceremony or to approve the use of our facilities for your wedding.
3. It is the responsibility of the couple to provide their own wedding coordinator to organize and direct the wedding rehearsal, and to ensure that the wedding ceremony proceeds as planned. All participants in the wedding ceremony should be present for the rehearsal, including the entire wedding party, ushers, musicians, and parents, etc. The wedding rehearsal should be scheduled for the day/evening prior to the wedding unless other arrangements are made.

## FACILITY USE POLICY

Please read the following Facility Use Policy to determine if CrossPoint Church is the most suitable place to schedule your wedding. If you would like to proceed, please contact the church office and complete the attached Event Request Form.

1. Any church member or attendee and their immediate families are welcomed to use the Worship Center and/or Fellowship Hall and kitchen for a wedding ceremony and/or reception at no cost provided that the date is available on the church calendar. It is the responsibility of the church member or attendee to ensure that the facility has been cleaned and restored to its normal use including the removal of all decorations, trash, and any equipment or furniture that has been used or moved must be cleaned and returned to its proper place. The church member or attendee can forego the cleaning responsibilities only by electing to pay a \$50 custodial fee per building. There is a mandatory sound technician fee of \$75 for every wedding ceremony at CrossPoint Church.
2. Anyone not associated with CrossPoint Church may use the Worship Center and/or Fellowship Hall and kitchen for a wedding ceremony and/or reception pending prior approval by an authorized representative of CrossPoint Church and the availability of the church calendar. We do not rent our facilities or charge a mandatory fee but do suggest a donation of \$100 for the Worship Center and \$100 for the Fellowship Hall and kitchen. There is a mandatory \$50 custodial fee and \$75 sound technician fee for all wedding ceremonies and/or receptions at CrossPoint Church which must be paid at least 5 days prior to the event.
3. The Worship Center will seat approximately 150-175 guests and the Fellowship Hall will seat approximately 75 guests around tables. We do have other rooms available for overflow seating. Decorations for the ceremony and/or reception should be scheduled for the day before the wedding. All changes to the stage must be approved by the church office and only the sound technician is authorized to remove, modify, or adjust the settings of the microphones and other sound equipment. Please note on the Event Request Form how many microphones or access to other sound equipment you will need.
4. To ensure the proper protection of our facilities and equipment, we ask that you observe the following:
  - a. No rice, confetti, or birdseed may be thrown on the church property. Bubbles are approved for outside use only.
  - b. Only artificial petals are to be used by flower girls in the Worship Center.
  - c. Please request smokeless, drip-free candles from your florist.
  - d. All children must be supervised by an adult and should not be allowed to roam the building.
  - e. All candelabras, flowers, plants and greenery must have protective paper, pads or plastic underneath to avoid candle wax dripping on carpets or moisture from staining the furnishings.
  - f. Thumbtacks and tape may not be used on windows, walls or furnishings. Please use sticky-tack.
5. Those using church facilities must accept full responsibility for any damage to the building or equipment incurred during that use.
6. CrossPoint Church respectfully prohibits the use of all alcoholic beverages anywhere on our campus. We also ask that you and your guests refrain from using tobacco products inside our facilities. It is your responsibility to communicate this policy to all guests in attendance.
7. Ceremony and reception details must be discussed with the church office to ensure that music selection and all activities on the premises are conducted in a tasteful manner and conform to church standards.
8. CrossPoint Church reserves the right to terminate any reservation for violations of the above policies or for any extenuating circumstances. All donations and fees will be refunded within 5 business days.



For more information or to request a reservation, please contact the church office:

CrossPoint Church  
400 South Pleasant Hill Road  
East Peoria, IL 61611  
309-699-6768  
[office@visitcrosspoint.com](mailto:office@visitcrosspoint.com)



EVENT REQUEST FORM

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Alternate Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member or attendee of CrossPoint Church?  Yes  No

What type of event is this? Please give a brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

If this is a wedding, please state who will perform the ceremony: \_\_\_\_\_

Please state the exact dates and times you would like to use the building:  
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Which rooms are you requesting to use? Please check all that apply:

Worship Center  Fellowship Hall  Kitchen  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the equipment you will need and how many of each, where applicable:

**Electronics**

- Microphones: \_\_\_\_\_
- Wireless Microphone
- Video Projector
- CD / Cassette Player
- DVD / VHS / TV
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Furniture**

- Round Tables: \_\_\_\_\_
- Rectangular Tables: \_\_\_\_\_
- Folding Chairs: \_\_\_\_\_
- Table Cloths: \_\_\_\_\_
- Music Stands: \_\_\_\_\_
- Podium

I have read the Facilities Use Policy and agree to abide by its requirements. I accept responsibility for any damage to the building and its contents. I will pay for the repair or replacement of any lost or damaged item to its original condition.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please return the completed form to the church office:

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**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Fee Collected: \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_