



YOUR WEDDING

at Calvary Church



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Congratulations on your engagement! This is an exciting and important time as you prepare for your life together and learn about God's design for your marriage relationship. Here at Calvary Church, we desire to walk with you, so that your wedding day and your life together will be a blessing to you and bring honor and glory to the Lord.

Your wedding is a special day of celebration as a couple, with family and friends, and before God. Stay focused on the true meaning of the day—marriage is a sacred institution, and the wedding ceremony is a declaration of commitment and covenant with God. The reception should reflect these same values and be evident in every aspect of the celebration: fitting and meaningful music, modest and appropriate attire, wholesome and honoring activities, and an overall atmosphere that is joyful and filled with gratitude.

Frequently Asked Questions

What does it cost to get married at Calvary Church?

Calvary Church considers your wedding to be a sacred service. Therefore, we do not require payment for the use of the facility. If you wish, you may make a donation toward the church's expenses, including utilities, audio/visual technician, Wedding Liaison, and custodial services. Any donation toward these expenses is voluntary. Honoraria to musicians, pastors, and others participating are at your own discretion.

Can I use audio/visual media and will you provide a technician?

An audio/visual technician will be provided by the church. The audio technician will attend your wedding rehearsal to help arrange for needed sound equipment. Church audio/video equipment is generally only operated by trained Calvary staff and must be reserved well in advance. The audio technician does **not** run sound for the reception.

What if I desire live music?

The couple is responsible to arrange for all musicians. If you need contact information for musicians who may be available to play at your wedding, please call the church office at (717) 560-2341 and ask to be connected with the Worship Ministries Department. **Please note:** only authorized musicians may use the organs. Contact the Worship Ministries Department for a list of currently authorized organists—who may be available for weddings—or to seek authorization for an outside individual to use the organ at your wedding.

Do you have a wedding coordinator?

A Calvary Church Wedding Liaison will assist with the details of the rehearsal and wedding, but not the reception. (The church Wedding Liaison will **not** provide the services of a wedding planner or consultant. Should you decide to employ an outside wedding consultant, he/she must work with the pastor and the Calvary Church Wedding Liaison to ensure that the rehearsal and wedding run smoothly.) Please let the Calvary Church Events Coordinator, with whom you scheduled/reserved the Chapel, know if you are using an outside wedding planner. The Wedding Liaison will contact the bride one month prior to the wedding for communication about needs for your rehearsal and wedding day and to answer any questions you might have.

Will any other church staff be on site for my wedding?

A staff custodian will be on site during the rehearsal and from one hour before the ceremony until one hour afterwards.

Do you provide photography or videography?

We do not provide a photographer or videographer for the wedding. Flash photography is permitted at your discretion.

When can weddings be scheduled?

Sunday weddings are not permitted at Calvary Church. Saturday weddings or receptions should be scheduled to vacate the facility no later than 8:00pm. Later times may be scheduled by special arrangement with the Events Coordinator. On weekdays, the facilities are to be vacated by 10:00pm.

Please note: Wedding gifts and decorations are to be removed from the church immediately following the wedding or reception. Please be sure to check the dressing room areas and remove all personal belongings immediately following the wedding or reception. Gather all trash and place it outside of the door in the hallway. Our Facilities team will take care of it from there.

Do you have a candle policy?

Wax candles are only permitted for the unity candle. To avoid candle drippings on the carpet, do not use a candle as a lighter. If you do not have a lighter, one may be borrowed from the Facilities staff. (Please return it promptly and in good condition.) All other candles should be battery operated.

Do you have a policy regarding attire?

The standard for wedding attire at Calvary is modesty and discretion. This applies to the rehearsal, ceremony, and reception. Specifically, dress necklines for the bride and bridesmaids should not be revealing. If you have any doubt or concern about whether a dress would fit Calvary's standard of modesty, please submit a picture of the wedding dress to weddings@calvarychurch.org prior to purchasing.

Our Facilities



Private Bride's Dressing Room (315)
(with nearby restroom)



Private Room (408) for Groom & Groomsmen
(located on the balcony level)



Chapel

From the stage looking back, there are 15 rows on the right side and 13 rows on the left side. Downstairs comfortably seats 250, and the balcony seats 44. The center aisle is 56 ft. long (plus 14 ft. on the steps and platform). Also available for use are: an organ and piano (organ use restricted), plant stands (black and white), hurricane candle floor stands (black and white), a half-moon table for the unity candle, a small table for the unity candle (3 ft. tall x 18 in. wide x 29.5 in. tall). Pedestals and lecterns are also available, as needed.



Courtyard

Features gardens and a waterfall for photos or a garden reception.



Fellowship Hall

Reception space for up to 250 people with 6 ft. round tables that each seat eight people.

Receptions

Wedding receptions are catered by John Deitz, Calvary Church Director of Food Services. Calvary Church Food Services is available to work with you to meet your needs—tastefully presented hors d'oeuvres and an elegant banquet for up to 250 guests. Contact Renee Crowe at rcrowe@calvarychurch.org for details.

Reception Policies:

- We do **not** provide a sound technician for the reception.
- Receptions will be allowed when there is no conflict with the church schedule. Receptions are **not** held on Sundays.
- Church tables, chairs, or other equipment are not generally permitted to leave the church property.
- Glitter, confetti, and smoke are not permitted in church facilities. Nothing may be thrown or scattered inside the building. Birdseed, sparklers, and bubbles may be used outside the church. You must provide your own buckets for the used sparklers.
- Alcohol is not permitted at receptions or in any other areas of the church.
- Social dancing will be permitted at Calvary Church **only** for the bride and groom and for traditional father/bride, mother/groom dances. If you would like to include dancing in your reception in this limited way, please discuss the details with the sponsoring/marrying pastor. These dances should be to appropriate music, with wholesome lyrics, and as a public expression of tender marital and family love. (There are a wide variety of dance expressions. Some may be deemed appropriate, and others inappropriate or sexually suggestive. Because Calvary Church cannot oversee the appropriateness of types of social dancing at the events and receptions we host, we do not permit a dance floor or dances other than those stated above. Thank you for your understanding and patience.)

Our Team



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