

Shasta Lake Bible Fellowship
Wedding Policies and Application
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The Shasta Lake Bible Fellowship congregation holds a high view of marriage. We understand that the Bible teaches the importance, the permanence, and the exclusivity of the marriage relationship. A man and woman who seek to have a church wedding, as opposed to just a civil ceremony, are seeking the involvement of God, their families, and the greater church community to celebrate their wedding day and the resulting marriage relationship.

We welcome the opportunity of opening the sacred space of the church to such a service, not only to our own members; but to members of our greater community who are in need of a spiritual location for a spiritual wedding ceremony.

The following Bible texts are the foundation of our beliefs for marriage: Gen. 2:23-24; Matt. 19:3-9; John 2:1-11; 2 Cor. 6:14; Eph. 5:21-33; 1 Cor. 13:4-7; Heb. 13:4; Ex. 20:14; Matt. 5:31-32; Luke 16:18; 1 Cor. 7:10, 11; Rom. 1:21-32; 1 Cor. 6:9.

Who May Be Married In The Church:

- Only members of the Seventh-day Adventist church who are also members of Shasta Lake Bible Fellowship.

Scheduling of Wedding

It is best to give a minimum of 3 months advanced notice to process your application and to make plans. Weddings will not be scheduled in our facility during the hours from Friday noon through Saturday one-half hour after sundown. No preparation or decorating will take place during the Sabbath Hours. A wedding rehearsal is encouraged to ensure that the actual ceremony takes place with smooth transitions and sacred dignity.

Service Music

In keeping with the sacred space of the church, all music for the wedding and reception shall be preapproved. Music can be either performed live by musicians or played from a CD.

Wedding Attire

Wedding attire should be modest and appropriate for a church wedding.

Decorations

- All decorations shall be such as to not leave marks or holes in church walls or furniture.
- At no time shall there be permitted the use of nails, screws, thumbtacks, or any type of fasteners that would scratch or mar any part of the building or the furnishings..
- Masking tape may be used for marking positions on the carpet. Chalk is not to be used.
- Any unusual decorating shall be subject to the approval of the wedding coordinator.
- Special protective care must be exercised by those providing flowers and plants to make sure that the carpets and furnishings are protected from water and other possible damage.
- Dripless or battery candles are required whenever candles are used.
- No rice, confetti, glitter, etc., shall be thrown anywhere inside the church, social center, or on church property. Bird seed is permissible OUTSIDE the building.
- If the need arises, the classrooms may be used for bridal party dressing. All rooms shall be left in order by the participants when they leave after the service.

Reception Hall and Kitchen

- Our church offers the use of a reception hall and kitchen for use on the day of the wedding. The hall seats approximately 100 people at tables. The church deacon will assist you as to the best arrangement for your reception. Tables and chairs are to be kept inside the church building.

- The church kitchen is a “**vegetarian kitchen**,” therefore, no meat is to be cooked in the building, on the stove or in the ovens.
- All food and drinks must stay in the reception hall. No food or drinks shall be taken elsewhere in the church facility.
- **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** are to be served or consumed on church property.

Forbidden Activities

- **Smoking** – We ask that there be no smoking in the building or on the grounds of the church. Guests who need to smoke are requested to smoke in their vehicles and use their vehicle’s ashtray.
- **Drinking alcoholic beverages**
- **Gambling**
- **Dancing**
- **Profanity, fighting, etc.** Any disruptive behavior by anyone in the bridal party or a guest will result in an immediate termination of the event and a call for law enforcement.

Shasta Lake Bible Fellowship Staff Duties

Wedding Coordinator

To ensure a beautiful and organized wedding program, every church wedding shall have a coordinator or consultant. The Shasta Lake Bible Fellowship wedding coordinator is familiar with the facilities available to you. She will be working with your personal wedding consultant regarding your wedding plans. The fellowship wedding coordinator will want to meet with you well in advance of the wedding so that all plans can be cleared in plenty of time. You should schedule a meeting with the wedding coordinator as early as possible, once the wedding has been approved by the Church Leadership Team.

Deacon

A church deacon will be on duty to make sure practical arrangements for the building are being cared for such as opening and closing the church, lights, heat, refrigeration, etc.; both during the rehearsal and the ceremony. The deacon will conduct a walk-through of the facilities with the wedding party’s coordinator before and after the wedding activities to determine that the facility is left clean and in order. If that is the case, the deacon will make the decision to refund the cleaning deposit which will be mailed to the wedding party. Your use fees provide for a financial honorarium for the deacon.

Audio Visual Tech

Our facility has equipment for public address, audio playback, and recording and video/computer projection. All of these possibilities are available for your use. We require one of our trained audio-visual operators to run this equipment. They are required to be present at your rehearsal and ceremony. Your use fees provide for a financial honorarium for this person. No unauthorized persons are to operate the PA system.

Application

It is best that the application to use SLBF facilities be submitted for approval at least 3 months before the wedding date. Shasta Lake Bible Fellowship reserves the right to approve or disapprove any application.

I. Costs: Couples where one family has membership ties to the Shasta Lake Bible Fellowship:

Sanctuary: Rehearsal and Ceremony	
Use Fee	\$100
Deacon	\$50
Audio/Visual	\$50
Wedding Coordinator	Separate Honorarium

Accompanist	Separate Honorarium
Pastor/Official	Separate Honorarium
Reception Hall/Kitchen Use Fee	\$100
<u>Refundable Cleaning Deposit</u>	<u>\$250</u>
Total	\$550

Payment Schedule:

\$200 due at application
 \$350 due two weeks before the event
 Refund returned by mail after post wedding inspection.

II. Costs: Couples where no family has membership ties to the Shasta Lake Bible Fellowship:

Sanctuary: Rehearsal and Ceremony	
Use Fee	\$250
Deacon	\$50
Audio/Visual	\$50
Wedding Coordinator	Separate Honorarium
Accompanist	Separate Honorarium
Pastor/Official	Separate Honorarium
Reception Hall/Kitchen Use Fee	\$200
<u>Refundable Cleaning Deposit</u>	<u>\$250</u>
Total	\$800

Payment Schedule:

\$400 due at application
 \$400 due two weeks before the event
 Refund returned by mail after post wedding inspection.

Note: The Shasta Lake Bible Fellowship Leadership Team reserves the right to adjust fees.