



CENTRAL

WEDDING

**POLICIES &
INFORMATION**



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Central Christian Church is committed to building strong marriages, therefore, we want to do everything possible to help a man and a woman develop a solid foundation from the very beginning of their marriage commitment. We view the agreement to perform a wedding ceremony as more of a partnership than a one-time event. Our responsibility in this partnership is to provide the tools for building a strong marriage and to give clear direction concerning the scriptural guidelines that God has established for marriage.

We believe that God created the marriage covenant, and He has given us basic principles and guidelines that will help us experience joy and fulfillment in marriage. The application of these principles, in accordance with this policy, will help participants to have a wonderful wedding experience as well as increase the potential for a strong and healthy marriage.

Accordingly, the following requirements for any man and woman desiring to be married by a Central pastor have been established.

- 1 A minimum of four months preparation time. This allows time to complete the premarital counseling class. However, four months does not allow much time for a marriage in the midst of preparing for a wedding. Therefore, it is recommended that couples commit to a longer preparation time than the four-month minimum, if possible.
- 2 Regular attendance at Central during the four-month preparation time. If a meaningful partnership is to be developed between the engaged couple and the Central family, it is important for the couple to know the church and what it stands for. Therefore, it is required that the couple attends a weekend service at least twice per month during the four-month preparation period.
- 3 Completion of the marriage preparation class called Edge of Commitment. We believe this to be a valuable experience in developing tools for a lasting, fulfilling marriage. When attending this course is not possible, speak with your officiating pastor or wedding coordinator for alternative options. See also the Premarital Preparation on the following page.
- 4 If either party is divorced, at least one year of legal divorce must pass before considering remarriage. A new relationship should not be pursued until the potential for a healthy reconciliation has been exhausted and time for personal healing and recovery has passed. (1 Corinthians 7:10-11)
- 5 A believer should only marry another believer. Scripture is very clear that those who have given their lives to Christ and live in an authentic relationship with Him should not be joined together with someone who has not also been transformed by Jesus Christ. For this reason, we will not conduct a wedding that joins a Christian together with a non-Christian. (1 Corinthians 7:39; 2 Corinthians 6:14-16; 1 John 5:1-5)

Wedding Location Options

Chapel Wedding

There is a beautiful chapel available at the Central Northeast location. The chapel seats 100-150 guests. Dressing areas are available for the bride, groom, and wedding party. This also includes the services of one of Central's Wedding Coordinators, a dress rehearsal, and an archway.

Chapel availability and fees are subject to change

Intimate Wedding

We offer intimate weddings for those who prefer a simple, inexpensive wedding ceremony. Services are performed at the Central Henderson location during normal office hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. on Saturdays. A maximum of 50 guests can be accommodated. Decorations are not permitted for intimate weddings. All arrangements will be made directly with the officiating pastor. Henderson location only.

Intimate Wedding availability and fees are subject to change.

Off-site Wedding

You may request a Central pastor to perform your wedding at an off-site location provided that the wedding is in the Las Vegas area. All arrangements will be made directly with the officiating pastor.

Off-Site Wedding fees are subject to change.

Premarital Preparation

Edge of Commitment

Edge of Commitment is for all engaged or seriously-dating couples seeking to take the next step in their relationship towards marriage. It is premarital counseling that helps couples prepare for marriage. It can help you and your partner have a strong, healthy relationship, giving you a better chance for a stable and satisfying marriage. It can also help you identify weaknesses that could become bigger problems during marriage. Most importantly, Edge of Commitment is designed for you and your partner to gain greater insight into a Christ-centered marriage that prepares you both for the journey on which you are about to embark with one another. There are two options to help you:

Edge of Commitment groups are offered periodically throughout the year. You and your partner will join other couples on a 5-week journey of discovery and preparation. The meetings are fun, engaging and insightful, and they're led by one of our Central pastors as well as couples trained as guides throughout the process.

Edge of Commitment is a registration-required event. Payments are accepted at the door and recommended books are available at the Central Coffee Shop. For current fee and registration information, **please email Groups@centralonline.tv**.

Additional pre-marital counseling option:

Renewing Life Center
702-434-7290 | 3243 Warm Springs Rd. | Las Vegas, NV 89120

Marriage Preparation - A personally-tailored approach to your individual needs to strengthen your marriage by covering areas like: communication, conflict resolution, personalities, faith, finances, family of origin, sexual relationships, roles & responsibilities, and expectations.

Marriage Enrichment Classes - Designed to enrich your marriage by providing tools to strengthen your marital relationship through building biblical foundations and using current marriage research. Group setting. For more information including current fees and registration, call 702-434-7290 or visit renewinglifecenter.net.

Wedding Guidelines and Agreements

Central Wedding Coordinator

The Wedding Coordinator is your key contact at Central with respect to using the church facilities and/or Central pastor.

The Wedding Coordinator will help with wedding details, including: the date, time, rooms, pastor, use of facilities, wedding accessories offered by the church, audio, order of service, rehearsal, giving on-site advice and emergency assistance, and the send-off.

Making Reservations

Due to the large number of wedding requests, the church is only able to accommodate Owners and regular attendees of Central Church.

The Northeast Campus chapel availability is subject to change. Weddings are not scheduled on the major holiday weekends of Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Eve.

Your request for reserving the chapel should be made with the Wedding Coordinator. However, dates are only confirmed after the Wedding Coordinator receives a completed contract and \$250 security deposit. The refundable security deposit is due when your application is submitted and the remaining balance is due by one month before your wedding.

We are not able to accommodate receptions, however a list of venue recommendations can be provided. For more info or to check available dates feel to contact the Wedding Coordinator at **(702) 440-8412**

Parking

Parking for a chapel wedding at the Northeast Campus is available for approximately 100 cars.

Facilities

The chapel will be available two hours before the ceremony is scheduled in order to accommodate your florist, photographer, and attendees.

- Dressing areas are available for the bride, groom and wedding party. These areas will not be locked during the ceremony and the church assumes no responsibility for lost or stolen items.
- Please help us by reminding your wedding party that smoking and alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the church property.
- Rice, confetti, birdseed, or any other material that might be thrown or dropped at the wedding may not be used inside or outside the facilities with one exception: real or faux flower petals
- may be used in the chapel. Blowing bubbles is allowed outside the facilities, but materials must be given to the Wedding Coordinator before the wedding ceremony.

Flowers and Decorations

Policies and guidelines concerning floral decorations must be strictly followed.

All florists offering their services to Central Christian Church members must have a signed statement on file with the Wedding Coordinator indicating that the florist has read the guidelines for flowers and decorations and agrees to abide by these policies. It is the responsibility of the couple to see this is accomplished at least two weeks prior to the wedding.

- The florist will have access to the sanctuary two hours before the scheduled time of your wedding. Flowers and decorations must be in place at least one hour before the service begins.
- Discretion must be used in your floral decorations. Absolutely no wire, tape, glue, staples, nails or tacks may be used to fasten any decorations to the furniture, floor, walls, or candelabras. Markers or bows must be secured with padded or plastic hooks or clips.
- All flowers and decorations must be removed from the facility immediately after the wedding ceremony by the florist or other designated person.
- Votive or dripless candles may be used in hurricane lamps. Aisle candles are permitted in hurricane lamps only. To protect the carpet and furniture, the Wedding Coordinator must place clear plastic material under all floral arrangements, candles, and candelabras.
- Plants, greenery and other furnishings within the church facilities must not be moved in order to use them as decoration for weddings. Furnishings will remain as they appear in the normal room setting.

All policies and restrictions that apply to the florist also apply to any friend or family member planning to provide floral arrangements and decorations.

Photography and Videotaping

All photographers and videographers offering their services to Central Christian Church members must have a signed statement on file with the Wedding Coordinator indicating that the photographer and videographer have read the guidelines for photography and videotaping and agree to abide by these policies. It is the responsibility of the couple to see that this is accomplished at least two weeks prior to the wedding.

- We kindly ask that the photographer and videographer to be as unobtrusive as possible, and that all the people involved in videotaping and photographing your wedding are dressed appropriately for a wedding.
- Video equipment must not be placed on the furniture. Once the ceremony has begun, photography equipment not in use must be stored out of sight.
- The photographer or videographer may not bring in any additional lighting to the wedding besides a normal flash. The photographer and videographer will be allowed to move throughout the wedding area for the entire ceremony.
- The photographer may take as many pictures before the ceremony as needed. If it is necessary to begin taking pictures any earlier than the normally allotted time of three hours prior to the ceremony, this time must be scheduled with the Wedding Coordinator.
- The wedding party is restricted to a maximum time of 30 minutes for any final pictures. This will prevent the guests from having to wait long periods of time while pictures are being made.

All policies and restrictions that apply to the photographer and videographer also apply to any friend or family member who may be planning to use his or her own camera for documenting the wedding.

Music

- As you are selecting the music for your wedding, please remember that the wedding ceremony is a service of worship. Only music that would be suitable for a church worship service may be used. All music must be submitted to the Wedding Coordinator at least two weeks prior to your wedding.
- The chapel room is equipped with a sophisticated sound system, which includes CD or MP3 player connections. Only the church-appointed audio person will operate the sound systems in all rooms.

Wedding Planners

Wedding Planners offering their services to Central Christian Church members must have a signed statement on file with the Wedding Coordinator indicating that he/she has read these guidelines and agrees to abide by the guidelines.

All policies and restrictions apply to friends or family members planning to act as the wedding planner.

Wedding Consultation

Both the bride and groom must meet with the Wedding Coordinator at least one month prior to the wedding date to consult about the desired order of the ceremony and other ceremony details.

Wedding Rehearsal (Central Northeast location chapel only)

Your wedding rehearsal will be scheduled for a maximum of 1.5 hours and is scheduled through the location wedding coordinator. It is very important that all of your wedding party attends the rehearsal and that they arrive on time. If you have ushers, please ask them to be present at the rehearsal. Parents of the bride and groom are also encouraged to attend. The Central pastor will not be present for the rehearsal.

Because Central's Wedding Coordinator is familiar with the church facilities and the Central pastors, they are responsible direct the wedding rehearsal. If you use an outside wedding planner, that person must work with Central's Wedding Coordinator to ensure that all Central's wedding procedures are followed.

You must bring your marriage license with you to the wedding rehearsal and give it to the Wedding Coordinator. Central Church is responsible for submitting your marriage license to the courthouse.

Wedding Contract

Central Church
1001 New Beginnings Dr.
Henderson, NV 89011
Phone (702) 735-4004
Fax (702) 735-4082

Bride

Address

City

Zip

State

Phone (Cell)

Email

Birth date

Have you ever been married before? Yes No

Are you an Owner at Central? Yes No

Groom

Address

City

Zip

State

Phone (Cell)

Email

Birth date

Have you ever been married before? Yes No

Are you an Owner at Central? Yes No

Address after marriage

City

State

Zip

Completed Edge of Commitment Yes No If yes, when _____ If no, starting date _____

Wedding Ceremony

Wedding Date: _____ Time: _____ Rehearsal Date: _____ Time: _____

Pastor: _____ Location: _____

Office Use Only

Deposit received Yes No Date: _____ Final payment received Yes No Date: _____

Full Payment Amount: _____ Remaining Balance Due: _____ Date: _____

Deposit Amount: _____ Date: _____

Number of people expected _____

Florist _____ Photographer: _____ Videographer: _____

Wedding Arrangements

It is imperative that all details are finalized with the Wedding Coordinator two weeks prior to the wedding date. Please advise the Wedding Coordinator of any and all changes to your ceremony prior to the wedding rehearsal. Initial _____

Wedding Payment

I understand that no date is officially confirmed and set on the church calendar until this form and a \$250 refundable security deposit are returned to the Wedding Coordinator. The remaining balance is due thirty days before the wedding ceremony. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of the wedding ceremony. Initial _____

Wedding Agreement

I agree to follow all the Central Christian Church Wedding Guidelines. Please initial the following:

- _____ Edge of Commitment premarital counseling will be completed prior to wedding date.
- _____ Rice, confetti, birdseed, or any other thrown material may not be used inside or outside the facilities.
- _____ Real or artificial petals may be thrown on the floor in the chapel.
- _____ All flowers and decorations must be removed immediately after the wedding ceremony by a designated person.
- _____ Marriage license will be brought to the rehearsal and given to the Wedding Coordinator.
- _____ Food and drinks are not permitted in the chapel except for bottled water.
- _____ Statements of Agreement for the Florists, Caterers, Wedding Planner, Photographer & Videographers must be turned in to the Wedding Coordinator two weeks prior to wedding date.
- _____ Weddings cannot start more than fifteen minutes late.
- _____ Absolutely no wire, tape, glue, staples, nails or tacks may be used to fasten any decorations to furniture, floor, or walls.

Wedding Cancellation

I also understand that failure to notify the Wedding Coordinator of any cancellation of wedding plans at least sixty days in advance will forfeit the deposit. Initial _____

Wedding Policy and Guidelines Agreement

I have read and understand the policies concerning weddings held at Central Christian Church. I agree to uphold them and ensure that contractors and members of the wedding party will abide by the policies. By our signature, we understand that the above is a binding contract between Central Christian Church and ourselves.

Bride: _____ Date: _____

Groom: _____ Date: _____

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