



Financial Responsibilities

(Bride, Groom, or parents are regular attenders of the Grand Island Evangelical Free Church)

Wedding/Counseling*	\$150
Wedding Coordinator	
reception off-site	\$100
reception at the church	\$150
Basic Sound Technician Fee	\$75
Kitchen Coordinator	
reception at the church	\$50
Weekend Janitorial Fee	\$150
Holiday Weekend Janitorial Fee	\$200

Decorations, musicians honorariums, etc. are the responsibility of the wedding couple.

*This fee includes any counseling assessment tools used by the pastor as well as copies of books, DVD's, etc. Also included are the Pastor's fee for counseling, the rehearsal, and the wedding.

As you contemplate this expense, please consider the investment you will be making in your lifelong relationship of marriage. Much more money is usually invested in the wedding ceremony, which lasts only a matter of minutes.



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Commitments Toward Marriage

Our church views the wedding itself as a ministry and not merely a ceremony, and therefore we perform weddings primarily for those who are regular attenders of our church. We also take seriously our commitment to help prepare the couple for a Christ centered marriage. This is reflected in our Wedding Policy, and we ask each couple to make the following commitments.

1. A commitment to attend at least five to eight sessions of premarital counseling with the pastor. Therefore requests for a wedding in our church should be made months in advance to be able to complete the counseling. (A 6 month advance request time is suggested).
2. A reaffirmation of your commitment before God to maintain sexual purity, restraining from sexual involvement or intercourse until following your wedding, and agreeing not to live together prior to the wedding.
3. The wedding will be characterized by the truths and principles of Christianity, and will uphold Biblical principles and standards as follows: Both persons must be confessed Christians, or both must be nonbelievers who are willing to have a God-honoring ceremony. (2 Corinthians 6:14)

General Information

1. Ceremonies in our church will be conducted by one of our credentialed pastoral staff, who may be assisted by other credentialed clergy as approved by the Board of Elders.
2. Upon receiving the "Wedding Request Form" (found at www.giefc.org) the Board of Elders will consider approval of the application based on a number of criteria, such as scheduling, pastoral availability for counseling, etc. The date is not officially placed on the church calendar until it has Elder Board approval.
3. Following approval of the Elder Board a \$100 deposit officially places the wedding date on the church calendar, the balance of fees are due at least 30 days prior to the ceremony.
4. The wedding couple is responsible for arranging any needed musicians with the guidance of the Pastor or wedding coordinator.
5. Decorating for the wedding may begin one day prior to the rehearsal.
6. Saturday weddings are to be scheduled before 6:00 p.m. (to allow for cleaning and setup of the facility for Sunday morning worship).
7. In sensitivity to the wishes of the EFC congregation, no alcoholic beverages may be served on the premises. The building is a smoke free facility. Sorry no wedding dances, throwing rice or bird seed on the premises.
8. All food items (coffee, cream, sugar, etc.), and paper items (plates, napkins, etc.), are to be furnished by the wedding party

9. The wedding party is responsible for arranging the washing and restocking of dishes and kitchen utensils, and the removal of decorations and leftover food.
10. Two weddings can be easily scheduled on the same day utilizing the Worship Center and the new Chapel.

Preparation For Marriage

Because we desire to contribute to the healthy beginning of any marital union, our church and pastoral staff require that couples commit themselves to marital counseling in the months preceding their wedding. The five to eight counseling sessions may include relationship building assignments. The purpose of these counseling sessions are:

1. To assist the couple in assessing their readiness for marriage
2. To clarify the beliefs, values, strengths and behaviors that each individual brings to their relationship
3. To resolve any present conflicts or weaknesses, and to develop the insights and skills needed to meet potential tensions or conflicts in the future
4. To incorporate others in the process who may support and enrich the couple's marriage