

Premarital Planning

All couples who would like to get married at Bloomingdale Church are required to fulfill the following:

1) Meet with one of our pastoral staff to discern whether Bloomingdale Church can host your wedding.

2) Watch six premarital DVD's and meet with the pastoral staff or assigned mentor-couple six times, following these steps:

a) Watch the assigned video session as a couple together in the same room at the same time. (See schedule for sessions.) The videos are available at: www.marriage101online.com. Use the Bloomingdale Church code to get the online video sessions and PDF of the study notebook at the discounted price (\$59) on their website. The code is "SQL5S". Print out a free copy of both the Men and Women's Workbook or purchase the hard copy of the two notebooks from their website.

b) Fill in the blanks in the workbook for the assigned session.

c) Write out all the Scriptures verses in your workbook in the places that they are mentioned.

d) Call to make an appointment for the next session after you have completed the video lesson and written your answers.

e) Bring both workbooks to the pre-marital counseling session.

(or) Attend the Alpha Marriage Course at Bloomingdale Church

3. Attend weekend worship service together at least six times.
(Sign the weekly register when you attend.)

Interested in getting married at Bloomingdale Church?

Please contact the church office:
(630) 894.0090
info@bloomingdalechurch.org

Bloomingdale Church is committed to marriage as a sacred institution, ordained by God, between a man and woman. The Bible (Matthew 5 & 19) teaches that marriage is a lifetime commitment that is entered into with unhurried consideration and careful preparation. Bloomingdale Church strives to help couples build strong marriages based on the Bible's authoritative, practical teachings.



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weddings
at Bloomingdale Church



A prospective couple should make an appointment with one of the pastoral staff to determine whether the church can officiate the wedding.

Church membership is not required. All of the premarital requirements must be completed at least two weeks before the wedding. The church performs weddings for divorced persons only when there is Scriptural basis to permit it.



The elements of the wedding ceremony include the traditional wedding vows and a short personalized promise. The ceremony generally takes about 30 minutes. Other elements that the couple want to include will be considered.

A \$300 fee is required to reserve the facility for the wedding date. (This fee pays for the use of the sanctuary, utilities, setup, and cleaning.) Make checks to "Bloomingdale Church" and mark "wedding." The church is aware that this is a modest amount compared to what many charge, and does this intentionally to help the couples. In return, the church asks that the wedding party treat the facility with respect and care. Onsite receptions and rehearsal dinners are limited to official members and their children.

The couple is responsible to make their own arrangements with the musicians of their choice. There is a piano and keyboard available in the sanctuary. If using instruments, music, or if the guest list is over 150, the couple is responsible to engage an official Sound Team member and give him/her an appropriate honorarium.

A complete rehearsal on the day before the wedding and with all of the wedding party attending is required. No children may be left unattended in any area of the church during the rehearsal.

On the wedding day, the church is unlocked and available for pictures up to one hour before the ceremony. The wedding party should dress and get ready before they arrive at the church. There is a closed area (south lobby) that serves as a waiting area for the bride's party before the ceremony. The men wait in the north stairwell near their entry door to the sanctuary.

Please arrange for a host(ess) to greet guests, and remove wedding items (candles, bows, rose petals, runner, etc.) after the wedding.



Driveway entrance to sanctuary.



The main lobby provides an excellent area for the bride and groom to meet their guests.



The sanctuary comfortably seats 400 people.

Additional Information:

- The center runner should be at least 100 feet in length. Please do not use real rose pedals as they stain the carpet.
- Inform florists, musicians and photographers that the church office is open Monday-Friday 9AM-4PM & Saturday 7-10AM in order to see the sanctuary or make deliveries
- Saturday weddings must be scheduled in the morning or early afternoon. All pictures in the sanctuary must be completed by 3:30PM.
- Sunday weddings may begin after 2PM.
- Friday or weekday weddings normally can be any time.