



WEDDING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

We are excited that you are interested in exchanging your wedding vows with Coram Deo Bible Church! It is our desire that your wedding would glorify God and be a testimony of God's faithfulness to you as a couple.

At Coram Deo Bible Church, we believe marriage is a monogamous, heterosexual union instituted and ordained by God (Genesis 2:18-25; Ephesians 5:22-33). As such, it is to be an exclusive covenantal union of one man and one woman for the purpose of a lifetime of mutual commitment and companionship. Applicants desiring to participate in our premarital class, have their wedding performed by a pastor or director employed by Coram Deo Bible Church, and/or use our church facilities for their wedding, shall affirm their agreement with the Position Statement on Marriage and Human Sexuality of Coram Deo Bible Church (coramdeobible.church/specific-issues) and shall conduct themselves in a manner consistent therewith.

The following are guidelines that Coram Deo Bible Church pastors and directors abide by:

PARTICIPANTS

1. You are both professing believers in Jesus Christ. You can both say that Jesus is your Lord and Savior, and your life displays evidence of that profession. Along with that, based on the teaching of the Bible (2 Corinthians 6:14-16), we will not officiate the wedding of a couple who is unequally yoked (i.e., only one of the two is a believer).
2. You are not living together. We believe that God's desire is that a man and a woman would not live together until after their commitment to one another has been pledged in marriage before God and friends. Because we believe God's ways are always right and best for us, we ask that couples honor this if they are to be married at Coram Deo Bible Church and/or are having one of our pastors or directors officiate. If you are living together, please discuss your situation with Pastor Garth Glenn. This conversation must be completed **before** your date can be reserved.
3. One or both of you are either a member or regular attender of Coram Deo Bible Church.
4. If one of our pastors or directors is officiating your wedding and/or you are using our church facilities, you must complete our premarital class. To register, please visit coramdeobible.church/premarital. If you have been married before, please discuss your situation with Pastor Garth Glenn. This conversation must be completed **before** your date can be reserved.

WEDDING OFFICIANT

Most weddings at Coram Deo Bible Church are officiated by one of our pastors or directors. A list of our pastors and directors is included in our Wedding Application. If any pastor or director of Coram Deo Bible Church has refused to officiate your wedding, then all our pastors and directors will be unable to do so. Guest pastors may participate in or officiate your wedding if approved ahead of time. They are required to complete our Non-Coram Deo Wedding Officiant Application and provide us with their statement of faith to be approved for participation at your wedding.

*Note: The completed Non-Coram Deo Wedding Officiant Application **must be submitted with** your Wedding Application. Guest officiants will need to be approved by Coram Deo Bible Church **before** the date can be reserved for your wedding. For a copy of this form, please contact Karri Ketelaar at karrik@cdbible.org or (563) 359-5333.*

WEDDING COORDINATOR

If you are using our church facilities for your wedding, you are required to have a Coram Deo Wedding Coordinator assigned to you. Your wedding coordinator will answer your questions regarding wedding procedures and our church facilities. If one of our pastors or directors is officiating an off-site wedding, they **may also require** the use of one of our wedding coordinators.

WEDDING FEES

A detailed list of wedding fees is included in our Wedding Application.

MUSICIANS

As shown in our Wedding Application, an additional fee is required for the use of a Coram Deo Worship Leader. You will need to coordinate song choice and instrument usage with your wedding musician(s). If you desire to bring in a guest musician, please discuss details of their instrument and equipment needs with your wedding coordinator to confirm we can accommodate their equipment.

SECURE YOUR DATE

After your Wedding Application is approved, you will receive a confirmation email. Plans for printing invitations should be made **after** you have received this confirmation and secured the date with your deposit. The remaining fee must be paid **two weeks prior** to your wedding.

CLEANING DEPOSIT

A cleaning deposit of \$200 is required if using our church facilities. After your wedding, this will be voided/returned if the building is clean and restored to original setup with no damage. If our facilities coordinator does not find the building to be in acceptable condition, you will be notified and forfeit your cleaning deposit.

CLEAN-UP

A custodian will be scheduled to do regular cleaning after your wedding. We do ask that anything you bring with you be taken out once the event is completed. No rice, glitter, birdseed, or dark-colored flower petals (they stain) are permitted to be thrown. Bubbles and helium balloons are welcome outside only, please.

COMMUNION

If you plan to have communion during your wedding ceremony, please use grape juice. Wine, or any other alcoholic beverage, is not allowed within our church premises.

DECORATIONS

Your wedding coordinator will work with you to approve your decorating plans.

THE REHEARSAL

The officiating pastor or director and wedding coordinator will direct the rehearsal.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

It is the responsibility of the couple to obtain the marriage license from the proper government offices. Please bring the marriage license to your wedding rehearsal and give it to your wedding coordinator or officiating pastor or director.

GRAPHICS AND VIDEO

If you choose to use our projector screens (to display song lyrics, a background, a picture slideshow, etc.), you will need to let your wedding coordinator know at your first meeting. Coram Deo Bible Church will not create any graphics. Video capability is available with a single camera only.