

Dear Engaged Couple,

Congratulations on your decision to be married!

Christian marriage is one of the richest blessings in life. It is a celebration of the love God has for you and the love He gives you for each other. Christian marriage is more than two individuals coming together; it is inviting the Lord to be central in your lives as individuals and as a couple.

The vows you make during your wedding ceremony will begin a life-long commitment to one another and to the Lord in the presence of God, family and friends. Our prayer for you is that your life together will be a blessing to you and many others, and that together you may become a powerful witness of what a Christ-centered marriage can be.

We are privileged to share with you in your joy, and to help you prepare both spiritually and logistically for your wedding, and more importantly, your marriage. This brochure will give you just an introduction to marriage preparation and weddings at Word of Life. We intend to give you all the information necessary to make this occasion a meaningful one and assure that the wedding and surrounding tasks run smoothly. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to ask. We look forward to working with you and walking alongside you as you prepare for marriage.

Sincerely,  
D. Wendel Cover  
Senior Pastor

## WEDDING COSTS

### Nonmember Costs

Deposit due at time of reservation.

Sanctuary Deposit .....	\$700.00
Sanctuary Cost (deposit included in total cost) .....	\$1,250.00
Prayer Tower Deposit (less than 50 people) .....	\$700.00
Prayer Tower (deposit included in total cost) .....	\$700.00
Audio Technician .....	\$100.00
Church Coordinator .....	\$200.00
Minister .....	\$150.00
Church Organist/Pianist .....	\$150.00

### Rental Equipment

Candelabra .....	\$15.00
Aisle Candles .....	\$3.50
Dripless Candles .....	\$1.00 each
Unity Candle/Holder .....	\$2.00
Kneeling Bench .....	\$15.00
Column .....	\$5.00
Candle Snuffers .....	\$2.50 each
Communion .....	no charge

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# Word of Life Assembly of God Wedding Information



**About Our Church** - We believe that it is important for you to have the fellowship and support of a church community. While we do not require a couple to be members of Word of Life before they are married here, it is our expectation that you would attend services here together prior to the wedding. We would love to welcome you in to our church family and help you find activities and ministries that will strengthen you in your walk with Christ and support and nurture your marriage.

**How Do I Get Started?** - The process should begin with a conversation with the church. The church administrative assistant will make arrangements for you to get started by scheduling a meeting with our pastor who oversees all weddings. Please do not make any public commitments about the date and time of your wedding service until you have received a confirmation of the date from the church. Selecting a date includes: the availability of the facility, desire of the couple, and the consent of the pastor. Plan on at least six months between your initial contact with Word of Life and the date of your wedding.

**Wedding Coordinator** - works with the pastor and other staff members to form a team that supports the bride and groom as they plan their wedding.

**Photographers** - Pictures are important to families as years pass and memories are recalled. Pictures may be taken before, during, and after the ceremony. Also in the halls and sanctuary. Because of the numerous demands on our facility and staff, and in consideration of your guests, we ask that all photography be completed within a half hour after the ceremony is finished. Extended time for photos will incur an additional cost per half-hour.

**Florists** - Arrangements for floral decorations may be made with the florist of your choice. However, all arrangements with a florist should be verified with the wedding coordinator.

**Facilities** - Weddings may be held in the sanctuary or Prayer Tower. Please be aware that there is no smoking, no alcoholic beverages and no dancing permitted on the church grounds. Weddings cannot be held on Sundays. Saturday weddings MUST be held no later than 1:00pm. The Sanctuary is scheduled for a two hour time frame for your wedding ceremony and one hour for your rehearsal.

Additional time is \$50 per half hour. No food or drinks are allowed in the sanctuary.

**Reserving the Date and Facilities** - Weddings cannot preempt the ministries of the church. A deposit is required to reserve the wedding date, and is to be submitted with the wedding application. Wedding costs will be billed by the church and are due no later than two weeks prior the wedding. One check should be written to Word of Life Assembly of God; to include ALL costs. The fees of the soloists and musicians will be responsibility of the bride and groom and/or family. Dates are not confirmed until all forms and deposits have been received.

**Special Instructions** - We rejoice with you! But we must ask that you cooperate by not using rice, confetti, etc. inside or outside the church building. Birdseed may be used for throwing outside, as long as it is away from all entrance doors. Please do not distribute birdseed inside the facilities. It is very difficult to clean up and very dangerous when spilt inside on the floors. Live Rose/Flower Pedals are not permitted. No metal Fasteners on the pews. Use Scotch Tape only on pews. Candles must be purchased through the church.

**Rehearsal** - Wedding rehearsals must be held no later than 6:00pm on Friday, or the day before the wedding. The pastor and the wedding coordinator team will be present to assist in a complete rehearsal of the wedding. The rehearsal will last approximately one hour, and it is important that we begin promptly. *Please bring the Marriage License at this time.*

**Music** - Since a wedding is a religious service, the music, whether instrumental or vocal, should have a religious significance. If a secular or contemporary melody is used, please be sure that the lyrics are in keeping with the meaning of a Christian Marriage. Secular songs must be approved by the pastor. Because of the high quality of these instruments and the expense involved in their maintenance, we must limit their use to professional musicians. A list of musicians is available upon request. Under no circumstance should the instruments be moved.

**Remarriage** - We want to work with couples who are seeking marriage in our church even though a previous marriage may have ended in divorce. There are additional requirements that have been developed to help those who

have been divorced to build a strong Christian Foundation in their next marriage. One year must have elapsed since the final divorce decree before application for marriage is made. You must present a copy of the decree to the pastor upon completion of the counseling and other Marriage Preparation requirements.

**Counseling** - You will be required to attend pre marriage counseling. Our marriage counselor will contact you to set up the best times for counseling for you and them.

**Wedding Ceremony** - Word of Life's pastor and wedding coordinator will assist you in making your wedding a beautiful service that runs smoothly and is a blessing to you, your families and your guests. A wedding is fundamentally a worship service in which we celebrate the wonderful love of God for all those who have gathered. All weddings are supervised by the Senior Pastor. Occasionally the couple may wish to invite other clergy to participate in the service. Professional courtesy requires that an invitation to assist be offered by the Word of Life pastor.

**Wedding Vows** - There are many different vows for your wedding. You will want to consult with the pastor as you select your vows. In the event that you cannot make a choice from the selection provided, the minister will be able to offer more options when you meet with him. We offer a Christian service in which the following wedding vows are made in a context of worship, prayer, and thanksgiving.

**A typical wedding service includes:**

*A Welcome Invocation  
Words from the minister  
(about the meaning and Joy of marriage)  
The Wedding Charge  
Scripture Readings or other readings  
Song, if desired  
The Exchange of Vows  
The Exchange of Rings  
The Lighting of the Wedding Candle  
Song, if desired  
Prayer of Dedication and Benediction  
Pronouncement of Marriage*