



# First Baptist Dallas Weddings

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## REQUIREMENTS

### ***Must I be a church member to hold my wedding at First Baptist Dallas?***

Yes, First Baptist Church of Dallas requires the bride, groom, their parents, or grandparents be members of the church. The use of church facilities is not a right of membership, and the lifestyle of the bride and groom must not be in conflict with the Bylaws, Articles of Faith, or Doctrinal Statements of First Baptist Church of Dallas.

### ***How far in advance can I reserve my wedding date?***

Wedding dates can be booked up to **one year in advance**.

### ***What are the steps for booking my wedding at First Baptist Dallas?***

1. Call (214.969.7731) or email ( [weddings@firstdallas.org](mailto:weddings@firstdallas.org)) the church wedding coordinator to check available dates.
2. Download the wedding application from the church website [firstdallas.org/weddings](http://firstdallas.org/weddings). You may return these documents to [weddings@firstdallas.org](mailto:weddings@firstdallas.org) or mail them to 1707 San Jacinto, Dallas TX 75201 or make arrangements with the wedding coordinator to bring them to the church.
3. Once the application has been received, we will schedule a time for you as a couple to meet with one of our ministers or counselors (Pathway Christian Counseling Center). This is required before you pay your deposit.
4. Upon approval from the minister/counselor, your 50 percent deposit will be due, and your date will be secured on the church calendar.
5. Lastly, you will meet with the church wedding coordinator to discuss wedding specifics and policies and receive your wedding notebook (you can pay your deposit at this meeting).

### ***Why do you require each couple to meet with a church minister prior to paying a deposit?***

At First Baptist Dallas, we recognize that the Bible is the very Word of the living God to us, His people. We understand the priority of knowing and obeying biblical truths. For this reason, we are deeply committed to studying and teaching Scripture with diligence

and authority. It is our prayer that marriages would be entered into with a commitment for life and would become enriched and fulfilled as husbands and wives embrace Christ and the commands of His Word.

We are a wedding ministry, not a wedding venue. We desire to help shape your marriage to come and not just your wedding day. As a result, we require you to meet with a minister on staff so that we can encourage you with the covenant you are about to make.

During this **initial consultation**, the minister or counselor may discuss the following items: your relationship with Christ, the biblical teaching of marriage as a covenant, and the importance of following a biblical standard of purity in your engagement and marriage.

### ***Are there other requirements for getting married at First Baptist Dallas?***

#### **Pre-Marital Counseling**

As a couple, we require you to have at least three additional pre-marital sessions with one of our ministers prior to your wedding date. Please contact the church coordinator to schedule these sessions.

#### **The Nearly Wed Seminar**

We also expect each couple to attend the Nearly Wed Seminar at First Baptist Dallas (or submit certification from an approved alternate course). The Nearly Wed Seminar is offered several times a year and takes place on eight consecutive Sunday mornings or as a weekend conference.

**All requirements must be completed one month prior to the requested wedding date.**

***Our passion is for God's name to be exalted and glorified. For this reason, we take all necessary steps to maintain a worshipful spirit and atmosphere for all wedding ceremonies.***

All parties involved in the wedding, including vendors and guests are prohibited from the use of cigarettes, alcohol, foul language or discourteous actions while on church property. Violation of this regulation will result in the immediate removal of the offending party or parties from church property at the time of the offense. Modest clothing is also required for the rehearsal and wedding day. Please give these guidelines to your entire wedding party.

## **AVAILABILITY**

Weddings are scheduled on **Saturdays**. No more than two weddings will be booked on any given Saturday in one location. We try to allow three hours for set up per wedding.

Friday weddings are also available (except when it conflicts with a previously booked wedding rehearsal).

Sundays, holiday weekends, all dates in the month of December, and dates of churchwide events are **unavailable**.

## **VENUES AND PRICING**

### **Ceremony Venues**

- Historic Sanctuary | \$1,300
- Truett Chapel | \$1,000
- Slaughter Chapel | \$400
- Grace Parlor | \$475

### **Reception Venues**

- Grace Parlor | \$200
- The Atrium | \$800
- CenterStage | \$2,500

\*Photos of venues are available at [firstdallas.org/weddings](http://firstdallas.org/weddings).

50% deposit (half of the venue fee) is due after your Wedding Application has been approved.

**The remaining 50% will be due one month prior to your wedding date.**

#### **Included in ceremony rate:**

- One-hour rehearsal the night before your wedding date
- Venue rental for your wedding ceremony
- Bridal suite
- Groom's room
- Lighting/sound technician (wedding day ONLY)
- Wedding Hostesses and Assistant
- Housekeeping services
- Total venue usage of 5 hours on wedding day
  - Three-hour set up prior to the ceremony
  - One hour for the wedding ceremony
  - One hour after ceremony for pictures and clean up

#### **Included in reception rate:**

- Reception venue
- 4 hours access prior to ceremony time
- Sound system/microphones
- Media Technician (CenterStage Only)
- Wedding Hostess and Assistant

- Housekeeping services
- 2.5 hours for reception
- 1 hour for clean up
- Bridal suite

## **WEDDING DETAILS**

### **Minister**

A guest minister may officiate your wedding; however, we require that they be a minister from another Southern Baptist Church OR church of like faith. We ask that he submit a statement of faith to be reviewed and approved by pastoral staff prior to your wedding.

The honorarium for your minister is NOT included in the venue price.

### **Music**

We desire all music played in your ceremony to be uplifting and God-honoring. All music lyrics must be approved by our wedding coordinator prior to the ceremony (including video montage background music).

Any musicians used during the course of your ceremony or reception are NOT included in the venue price.

FBD has a piano and organ available for use; however, the organ is not included in the church rate. You must use the FBD organist.

### **Videography**

FBD's professional media team is available for full video recording services for an additional rate.

### **Vendors**

First Dallas does NOT require the use of specific vendors. Feel free to personalize your list as you choose. We do require that photographers, videographers, and florists sign a vendor agreement prior to the wedding date. The vendor policies and agreement forms can be found in your First Dallas Wedding Notebook. For recommendations, contact the wedding coordinator.

### **Catering**

All food services must be provided through First Baptist Dallas catering. Our great chef will help you personalize your wedding reception menu to perfection (from hors d'oeuvres to a full buffet). Additional cost will be added for servers and plated meal options.

Wedding cakes are NOT included. Please use an outside vendor of your choice for the wedding cake(s).

### **Parking**

All wedding party and guests may park in Horner Garage for FREE. Guests who choose to park in either Ross Tower, Spurgeon Harris Garage, or any other lot/garage will incur a parking fee to be paid at the guest's expense.