

Getting Married at *PACIFIC BEACH CHRISTIAN CHURCH*

The services of the minister and the facilities of the Pacific Beach Christian Church are available to any couple desiring to be married.

*Our desire is to minister to each couple in a spirit of love,
not in a spirit of judgment or condemnation.*

While we are willing to marry couples whose religious backgrounds differ from each other, we strongly urge each couple to consider the tremendous value of a shared religious belief for the marriage relationship. Pre-marital counseling is offered by the pastor in a series of three one-hour sessions. A marriage inventory entitled "Prepare-Enrich" is given in the first session, and the following two sessions are reserved for feedback and discussion. The cost of the inventory is \$35. While pre-marital counseling is not required, we strongly encourage all couples to meet with the pastor prior to the wedding date.

Our Fee

The fee for a wedding in our church is \$690. The fee for a wedding in our church on Sunday is \$1,380. These fees include a rehearsal (optional) and the use of the church for 2 hours on the wedding day. The fee also includes a donation to the minister, organist, wedding coordinator, and custodian. We require a \$125 deposit to hold the date of your wedding. Deposits are fully refundable up until one month prior to the wedding date. Any cancellation in the final month requires a forfeit of the deposit. The balance is due 2 weeks prior to the wedding. Our church can accommodate up to 150 guests.

The Wedding License

There are two legal licenses in California. One is the "traditional" wedding license. The other is the "confidential certificate." There are some legal differences regarding these two licenses which couples should be informed of prior to making their decision of which license to use. Both licenses are available from any county recorder's office in the state, but the "confidential certificate" must be issued and used in the county where the wedding is actually performed. The San Diego County Marriage License Department may be contacted 24 hours a day by calling 619) 237-0502 or on the internet at www.sdarcc.com.

Arrival at the Church on Your Wedding Day

The wedding party may arrive at the church one hour before the scheduled wedding time. The bride and her attendants will be provided a room for changing. Groomsmen are encouraged to come to the church already dressed.

DON'T FORGET YOUR WEDDING LICENSE!!

Decorations

The wedding party is responsible for all decorations. This includes floral arrangements, runners, bows and streamers. (The church can provide candelabras, but the wedding party will be responsible for providing candles.) Persons wishing to decorate the church can begin one hour prior to the wedding.

The Ceremony

At the Pacific Beach Christian Church, the marriage ceremony is more than a ritualistic service designed to meet the requirements of the law. It is an act of worship! Frequently, couples will desire various passages of scripture, poetry, or statements of their own choosing to be inserted in the minister's ceremony. Such input is welcome and can be arranged by consulting with the minister prior to the wedding ceremony. Guest ministers are also welcome, but only to work in partnership with our own minister.

Music

An experienced organist furnishes music while the guests are both assembling and leaving the sanctuary. Any desire for vocal soloists or a special instrumental ensemble should be arranged with the wedding coordinator prior to the wedding date and may involve a slightly higher fee.

Photography

There is no objection to the taking of pictures as the wedding party approaches and leaves the altar area of the sanctuary. However, there will be NO PICTURES TAKEN DURING THE CEREMONY as it detracts from the sacred nature and beauty of the service. Video cameras will be allowed only if the camera does not require special lighting. There will be approximately 30 minutes left after the wedding for the re-enactment of those special portions of the ceremony not photographed during the actual ceremony. This would also be the time to include pictures with family.

Church Etiquette

There are NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES allowed anywhere on the church grounds. SMOKING IS NOT permitted inside any of the buildings. Please use birdseed, not rice, to throw on the bride and groom after the wedding, or consider one of the popular alternatives such as bubbles. Please use these OUTSIDE ONLY!!

RECEIPT

This notice is to confirm that your wedding has been reserved for

_____, 20 __, at _____ am/pm.

It is understood that your deposit of \$ _____ has been paid in advance.

You have a balance due of \$ _____

which must be paid by _____, 20 ____.

If you have any further questions or concerns, you can call our wedding coordinator M-F, 9am—noon at (858) 483-4504. Thank You!