

# YOUR WEDDING AT GRACE



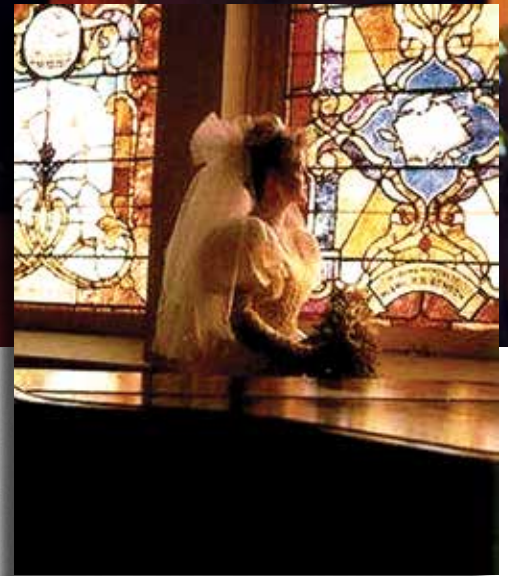
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THIS CONGREGATION HAS GROWN FROM TWO EARLIER FELLOWSHIPS. IN 1868 JOSHUA ADDINGTON STARTED A SUNDAY SCHOOL, THE BEGINNING OF THE DALLAS CITY MISSION. LATER, THE MISSION FORMED FLOYD STREET CHURCH AND IN 1880 HASKELL AVENUE CHURCH WAS ORGANIZED. AT THE NORTH TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN 1902, THE TWO CONGREGATIONS MERGED TO FORM GRACE METHODIST CHURCH. A TEMPORARY TABERNACLE WAS ERECTED ON THE BACK OF THIS LOT. IN 1903 THE FIRST PORTION OF THIS STRUCTURE WAS COMPLETED. AFTER REMODELING IN 1925, THE EDUCATIONAL UNIT WAS ADDED.







## **The Wedding Rehearsal**

The pastor of Grace UMC or the guest pastor (in consultation with the Grace wedding director) is always in complete charge of the wedding rehearsal and the wedding service. If you have an outside wedding coordinator, please make sure that the coordinator understands that his or her role does not include participating in or directing the wedding rehearsal.

The church will be open fifteen minutes prior to the rehearsal and the rehearsal will last no longer than one hour from the appointed time.

## **Your Reception at Grace**

Wedding parties are invited to use the church parlor or the fellowship hall for their wedding receptions.

The downstairs fellowship hall, adjacent to the main kitchen, is equipped with twelve 8-foot tables, two 6-foot tables and 120 chairs.

Grace's beautiful wood-paneled parlor may be used for light refreshments, cake and beverages. It is equipped with four 8-foot tables, one 6-foot round table, 45 chairs and several upholstered sofas and chairs. The balcony is available to your guests but, due to code restrictions, only for standing (no chairs or tables).

Wine and champagne are permitted at receptions as long as the church is treated with the appropriate decorum. Dancing is permitted in both the parlor and fellowship hall.

## **Bride's Room & Groom's Room**

The bride's room is available to the bride and her attendants three hours before the wedding. The spacious room is downstairs and is furnished with tables, chairs, sofa and mirrors. The groom's room is upstairs in the conference room of the main office.

We request that both rooms be left clean and all personal belongings be removed upon departure. Grace UMC is not responsible for personal items brought to the church, however, every effort will be made to protect personal property including locking the bride's and groom's rooms during the ceremony.

## **Pre-Wedding Conferences & Guest Ministers**

Because of the significance and commitment required in the wedding ceremony, any wedding performed by Grace clergy will require pre-marital counseling with the officiating minister. Guest ministers will usually have a similar requirement.

Only clergy from the staff at Grace UMC, or guest clergy with the permission of the Grace pastor, are permitted to perform a wedding ceremony at Grace. The same policies and guidelines bind all guest clergy.

## **Music**

Grace UMC views the wedding ceremony as a sacred service invoking the blessing of God as the foundation of a committed relationship between two people. All music should be appropriate for a service of Christian worship and the music director must give final approval to all music selections.

Guest organists, pianists and instrumentalists may perform with the permission of our music director. Soloists or ensembles needing rehearsal time will be scheduled at the discretion of the music director.

## **Flowers and Decorations**

The natural beauty and spiritual nature of Grace requires minimal decorations. The chancel furnishings and Communion rail may not be moved nor may flowers or greenery be placed on the Communion table, railings, piano or organ. Pew bows may be attached only with ribbons or pew clips. Wax candles are allowed only as part of a tabletop unity candle (two dripless tapers and pillar candle) and as votives in glass containers as part of a candelabra. The church has a unity candle holder, underlying protective cloth, and two black metal flower pedestals for your use, if desired.

Flowers and decorations should be delivered and arranged in the three hour period prior to the ceremony. All decorations and flowers should be removed from the church immediately following the wedding ceremony. The church property must be left in the condition in which it was found or the florist and/or wedding client will be held responsible for any damages incurred by them.

## **Photography and Recording**

All photographers and videographers are expected to revere both the ceremony and the place. Photographers may take photographs freely before and after the wedding in any part of the building. The photographer must cease posed shots thirty minutes prior to the wedding, taking only candid shots until the ceremony begins in order to give the bride and wedding party time to reflect and focus.

Photographers, videographers and their equipment must not distract from the ceremony or impede any guest's view. After the processional and until the worship ceremony ends, no flash or video lighting equipment is permitted. Following the ceremony, post-wedding pictures may be taken for a short period of time. Grace UMC is not liable for damage or loss of photography or recording equipment.

<b>Wedding Fees</b>	
Parlor Chapel Wedding: 1 hour, 20 people	\$300
Parlor Chapel Wedding: 2 hours, 65 people	\$550
Parlor Chapel Wedding & Reception: 3 hours, standing reception, 65 people or seated at tables, 48 people	\$800
Sanctuary Wedding: 4 hours, 300 people	\$1500
Sanctuary Wedding & Parlor Reception: 6 hours, standing reception, 90 people or seated at tables 75 Or Sanctuary Wedding & Fellowship Hall Reception: 6 hours, seated at tables, 90 people	\$2000
A \$50 charge for every additional thirty minutes beyond the scheduled use of the church will be deducted from the deposit.	
Grace minister's honorarium of \$200 is required.	

**Reservations and Deposits**

A \$200 deposit above and beyond the wedding fee is required to reserve your wedding date on the church calendar. This deposit is non-refundable for any cancellation made less than three months prior to wedding date. If the reservation is cancelled more than three months out, the deposit will be returned minus a \$100 booking fee. The deposit will be fully refunded if no damage or extra cleaning is necessary after your wedding.

The total fee for weddings and receptions are due one month prior to the scheduled date.

Sanctuary weddings have full access to the church with the services of the wedding director and musician included.

The Parlor and Chapel weddings have access only to the bride's room and the Chapel Parlor. No wedding director or music director is provided.

**Church members' fees**

Anyone who is on the church rolls or whose parents/guardians are members should speak with the minister about special member rates.

**General Policies**

No smoking inside the building. No photography taken during the ceremony except by the official photographer.

Only birdseed or "designer rice" is allowed outside the church (on the grass and sidewalk areas).

