

Weddings at Cornerstone Community Church

Located at: 2907 Mountain Road Joppa, MD 21085

Cornerstone congratulates you on your engagement and welcomes the opportunity to take part in your special day! To help honor what is a profound commitment, the vows of marriage, this packet explains the procedures and guidelines for couples being married at Cornerstone.

As you plan, we hope this packet helps in your decision making. Please read the entire packet. If you decide to be married at Cornerstone, contact Brittany Atwell, the wedding coordinator, at 410-952-4464 or weddings@cornerstonejoppa.org to find out if your preferred date is open and to make arrangements to pay your deposit. The wedding coordinator will assist in answering your many questions.

Policies

Pastor: If you would like a Pastor at Cornerstone to marry you, please let the wedding coordinator know of this request. She will put you in touch with one of our pastors so that you can meet with him for marital counseling. If you do not want one of our Pastors please provide us with the name, phone number, and email of the pastor marrying you, so that we can be in touch with him. In addition, please know that we cannot guarantee you a pastor will be available until we confirm with them.

Wedding Coordinator: Our wedding coordinator, Brittany Atwell, is available to answer any of your questions about the church. She will also arrange for the church to be in order and opened for your special day. If you

would like to pay an additional fee, she can be present for your rehearsal and wedding. She will meet with you a few times before the wedding, and she will run the rehearsal and wedding day to make sure everyone knows what they are doing. Please know that we cannot guarantee you that Brittany will be available until you confirm the date with her.

Facilities: The Sanctuary can seat approximately 325 people. This contract entitles the use of the Church's sanctuary, foyer, an area for the groom, and the nursery for the wedding party only. It **does not include the lessee and/or any of his/her party** to any other space in this CHURCH BUILDING without prior approval. (i.e. basement, kitchen, elevator, use of nursery for children)

Photography: If you are planning to have your pictures taken before the ceremony, they must be taken no earlier than 1 hour prior to the start of the ceremony. All pictures must be completed one hour after the ceremony. Be sure that you discuss these restrictions/instructions with your photographer prior to the wedding.

Holiday Wedding: Please speak to us if you wish to be married on a holiday as there will be additional fees.

Decorations:

- Nails, tape, etc. are prohibited to be used in conjunction with any of Cornerstone's furnishings or decorations.
- Delivery times must be scheduled with the wedding coordinator to insure that the building will be open. Your florist may arrive no earlier than 1 hour before the ceremony.
- If your wedding is in December, Christmas decorations will be in place and may not be removed.

- No candles are allowed in the church except for the unity candle.
- The church only allows fake rose pedals to be dropped by the flower girl.
- After the wedding ceremony, only bird seed and bubbles are permitted to be used outside of the building.
- Flowers and other decorations must be removed from the church one hour after the ceremony.

Rehearsal/Decorating: The rehearsal is scheduled the night before the wedding. You may decorate the sanctuary one hour before the rehearsal. The church will be open for 1 ½ hours for your rehearsal, or a total of 2 ½ hours that night. (Please note-at this time we are unable to remove the drums from the stage)

Hold Harmless/Liability Release Clause: In consideration of the CHURCH allowing its building to be used by the lessee, the lessee hereby releases, forever discharges, and agrees to hold harmless the CHURCH, its Pastor, Officers, Agents, Employees and Members from any and all liability, claims or demands for personal injury, sickness or death, as well as property damage and expenses, of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by the lessee that occurs while said lessee is using the CHURCH's facility. The lessee further hereby agrees to hold harmless and indemnify said CHURCH, its Pastor, Officers, Agents, Employees and Members for any liability sustained by said acts of the aforementioned CHURCH parties, including expenses incurred attendant thereto.

Fees: Your deposit of \$250 is due upon holding of your date. Your date will not be held until the deposit is received. It will be returned to you via mail after your wedding. Your deposit will be to cover any damages to the facilities during your ceremony. If damages exceed \$250 you will be responsible to pay the

remaining balance. Your entire balance is due 2 weeks prior to the wedding.

Approval: If you are interested in using the church building for your wedding, please submit your names, pastor marrying you, and the date requested to Brittany Atwell. This will be submitted to the Pastors at Cornerstone for final date approval.

Wedding Contract Cornerstone Community Church

Bride _____
Groom _____ Wedding _____
Date _____ Time _____
Rehearsal Date _____ Time _____
Pastor _____ Phone Number _____
Email _____
Bride's
Address _____

Home Number _____
Email _____

Time you plan on arriving at the church on your wedding day _____

Time you plan on arriving at the church for your rehearsal _____

**The Church will be opened 1 hour before the ceremony begins. It will stay open 1 hour after the ceremony for pictures to be

finished.

A deposit of \$250 is due at the time the contract is sent in. This will be returned 2 weeks after the wedding. Your deposit will be non-refundable should you cancel within 1 month of your scheduled date. Your complete payment is due 2 weeks before the ceremony.

Check	Facility	Fee
	Sanctuary/Church Use	\$450
	Sound Tech, Cleaning, Band Equipment Removal, Building Facilitator	\$325
	Pastor (optional)	\$150
	Wedding Coordinator (optional)	\$400
	Building Coordinator in lieu of Wedding Coordinator (not optional)	\$100

Please send all fees and forms to:

Cornerstone C/O Brittany Atwell 2751 Greene Lane Baldwin, MD 21013

Bride's Signature: _____ Groom's

Signature: _____

**By signing you agree to all that is written in our church wedding policy.

Office Use Below:

Date Deposit Received: _____ Check# _____

Amount _____

Date Payment Received: _____ Check# _____

Amount _____

Date Deposit Returned: _____ Amount _____

Notes: _____
