

Your Wedding at North Euclid Church of God

As you sit down to plan your big day, we want you to know that we are so happy for you and we'll do all that we can to help make your wedding and your marriage a great success.

Marriage is a blessing. When a man and woman faithfully commit to loving and serving one another as God calls us to—the result is a life-time of relationship that is second to none.

Why have a church wedding?

By *church wedding* we mean *a wedding in a church building*. This may sound like a strange question, but it's an important one for you to consider.

When you choose to have your wedding at North Euclid Church of God you are saying, "*We want a Christian ceremony.*" "*We want to honor Jesus Christ, not just in the ceremony, but with our daily lives.*" While this is your wedding, and we'll be more than happy to work with you to personalize the ceremony, a Christian ceremony at the church will include prayers offered in Jesus' name and Scripture readings. God will be acknowledged and praised as the creator and sustainer of all things—including marriage. Vows (based on Scriptural teaching) will be exchanged. Christian ceremonies are wonderful and we would be honored to assist you any way we can if you choose this option. We just want you to understand what a Christian ceremony at North Euclid is all about.

If you would like to have your wedding someplace other than our church there are lots of options: a back yard, a lodge, a park, etc. Any of these locations can provide a lovely setting for your wedding. A pastor, of course, can perform the ceremony at any location, but a civil judge can also perform the ceremony.

Whatever you choose, we are happy to help you any way that we can. If you desire to be married at North Euclid we will be honored to help you make it a beautiful day.

Reservations

Whether you want to be married at the church, or at another location, you need to contact the appropriate people and make sure the dates are available.

First, if you would like to have your wedding at North Euclid Church of God, you need to contact two people, Pastor Brad and our secretary, Kathy Whalen, to reserve your wedding date and set up two (2) pre-marital counseling sessions with Pastor Brad. These counseling sessions are required. They're also very helpful. In these two sessions you'll have time to get to know Pastor Brad. You'll discuss some biblical relationship principles that will greatly help you as you begin your marriage. This is a great time to ask any questions you have and iron out the details of your big day.

NOTE: If a pastor at North Euclid Church of God declines to perform a wedding—based on a personal conviction—it is our policy that no other leader or staff person at North Euclid Church of God may perform the ceremony. Nor may another person (outside of the church) conduct the ceremony at the North Euclid Church of God.

If you want to use another location—Pastor Brad would still be happy to do the service. If you haven't already done so, now is the time to contact the appropriate people to secure your date.

If you want to have a pastor other than Brad conduct your ceremony at North Euclid Church of God, this is fine provided they are a properly credentialed, Christian pastor and they do not hold to or promote doctrines that run counter to Scripture.

Guidelines for weddings at North Euclid Church of God:

1. Those using the Church must conduct themselves in a responsible, Christian manner.

Alcoholic beverages are **PROHIBITED** on the North Euclid Church of God property (including parking lot & yard). Tobacco products are **PROHIBITED** in the North Euclid Church of God building. If members of your party smoke, they **MUST:** a) smoke outside of the building, and b) provide their own receptacle for butts. Butts are not to be thrown onto the parking lot or yard.

2. If any church property is damaged by the wedding party, they are responsible for replacing it.

3. Children must have adult supervision at all times.

4. The building will be opened for you at the time you request.

5. We want your wedding to be beautiful, and we encourage you to decorate the sanctuary for your wedding, but before you put any decorations up you must get permission from the pastor.

6. All personal items and decorations must be removed from the building after the ceremony.

7. No one other than our designated sound person may operate our sound board and/or AV Computer equipment without permission.

If you'd like to use our multipurpose room for your reception

We have a very nice Multi-Purpose Room that can accommodate 200 people nicely for a reception. Our kitchen, tables and chairs are all available. If you would like to rent our Multi-Purpose Room for your reception please go to our website, www.nechog.com and download, complete the "Contract Multi-Purpose Room" document and return it to the church office.

If you have any questions about the use of this space feel free to ask.

Fees:

Fees cover gratuities for the Pastor, pastoral assistant, sound person and janitorial services. The janitorial services are to get the building ready for services on Sunday. You are responsible for removing your decorations.

Note: If you choose to invite musicians, or other guests to take part in your ceremony—it is up to you to compensate them in addition to the fees below.

Fee for non-members:

Sanctuary for service..... \$150.00

Gratuities:

Pastor.....\$100.00

Pastoral Assistant.....\$50.00

Janitorial Services.....\$50.00 *(to get the building ready for Sunday services)*

Sound/Light Person.....\$50.00

Total \$400.00

Fees for active members

Definition of an “active member”: an active member has: 1) received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and subsequently has a testimony of that experience, and 2) has attended North Euclid Church of God an average of two out of four Sundays for a period of at least six months prior to the wedding. Member fees apply if: either one or both members of the wedding party or at least one parent or grandparent of either the bride or groom are active members.

Sanctuary and Multi-Purpose Room are free for members.

The gratuities are love gifts. While we do encourage you as a member to bless those who serve in your wedding, we leave the amount up to you.

IMPORTANT: Whether you are a member or not—all of the Guidelines For Weddings At North Euclid Church of God (above) apply.

IMPORTANT: The Wedding Reservation Form (page 4) along with all fees are due thirty (30) days prior to the date of the rehearsal. You may pay the sum total of all fees (including gratuities) with one check. Make checks payable to North Euclid Church of God. You may drop the Wedding Reservation Form with payment off in person at the church office (Mon.-Fri. 9am – 3pm), or mail them to:

North Euclid Church of God
3430 North Euclid Avenue
Bay City, MI, 48706.

Wedding Reservation Form

Desired date for your wedding: _____

Note: When your wedding date is set, this automatically reserves the Sanctuary for your wedding rehearsal THE NIGHT BEFORE.

Date that fees are due (30 days prior to the wedding date): _____.

This line is here simply to help you be aware of the timeline.

Fee Calculation Checklist:

Sanctuary (\$150 -- *free for members)..... _____

Gratuities (love gifts for members)

Pastor (\$100)..... _____

Pastoral Assistant (\$50)..... _____

Janitorial Services (\$50 to get the church ready for Sunday services)..... _____

Sound/Light Person (\$50.00)..... _____

TOTAL..... \$ _____

Groom's name: _____

Address: _____

Best Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Best way/time to contact you: _____

Bride's name: _____

Address: _____

Best Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Best way/time to contact you: _____

We have contacted the venue and all persons who will potentially be involved in our wedding ceremony and they are available on our proposed wedding date. We have read and agree to abide by all of the statements and guidelines above.

Groom's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Bride's Signature: _____ Date: _____

NOTE: As soon as we receive this form and confirm your reservation we will contact you. Remember we will honor your reservation of the church without any fees up to 30 days prior to the scheduled date of the wedding. After that, if no payment has been received, we cannot guarantee your reservation. If for some reason, you cancel your reservation sometime within the 30 days leading up to your wedding (after payment has been received) your money will be refunded.