



## **HARVESTER CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

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*Weddings*





# Mission

Harvester Christian Church's mission is to lead people to find and follow Jesus.

The Vision of the Marriage Ministry is to help guide couples to make Jesus Christ the center of their marriage.



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# CONGRATULATIONS

*on your engagement!*

Thank you for letting Harvester Christian Church be a part of your wedding day. The HCC Adult Ministry team believes that marriage is about more than the wedding day. Therefore, our goal is to ensure your wedding ceremony is as enjoyable as possible and prepare you for a Christ-centered marriage.



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## WHO CAN GET MARRIED AT HARVESTER CHRISTIAN CHURCH?

Our capacity for hosting weddings is limited. We want to do our best to make sure our resources are available for Harvester Christian Church members and regular attendees.

# ONSITE WEDDING CEREMONY

## Requirements

**We ask couples to agree to the following:**



### 01 **Schedule**

Whether you are planning on getting married at Harvester or a venue offsite, please give us at least six months' notice.

We cannot schedule a ceremony further than one year in advance.

### 02 **Premarital Counseling**

Complete SYMBIS (Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts) premarital counseling with a mentor couple or Pastor before the ceremony date. Please allow 2-3 months to complete premarital counseling. Don't know where to begin? We will set you up with your links to the SYMBIS Assessment and books as well as connect you with a mentor couple!

**SYMBIS**  
ASSESSMENT

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# THE *Chapel*

Harvester Christian Church performs traditional wedding ceremonies in our Chapel. If you want a beautiful, traditional ceremony, the Chapel is the perfect venue for you! The seating capacity for a wedding in the Chapel is 270 making it the ideal intimate setting for your ceremony.



RESERVATIONS FOR  
WEDDINGS ARE MADE  
BETWEEN 11 AM & 2 PM  
ON SATURDAYS ONLY.

The earliest your ceremony can start is 11 AM on Saturdays. The latest your ceremony can start is 2 PM on Saturdays. Your bridal party may access the Chapel on your wedding day one-and-a-half hours before your ceremony start time. We ask that your wedding party remove all of your decorations and vacate the Chapel no later than one-and-a-half hours after your ceremony start time. For example, for a ceremony beginning at 1 PM, the Chapel will be accessible to the bridal party at 11:30 AM and needs to be vacated by 2:30 PM. This is adequate time for a receiving line and photos without feeling rushed.

## THE PROCESS

# Onsite Weddings

We will confirm your Chapel reservation:

- ❑ Upon the confirmation of an available HCC Pastor. We are happy to help you find a Harvester Pastor to officiate your wedding. Harvester Pastors are not required to officiate weddings and Harvester Christian Church cannot guarantee to provide you with a Pastor.
- ❑ Upon confirmation of Chapel availability.
- ❑ Upon receipt of the signed contract and \$100 deposit, which will go towards your final balance due 30 days before your ceremony date.



## AMMENITIES

HCC provides two rooms for the bridal party in which to get ready.

We provide full-length mirrors, a table, and clothing racks in two rooms off the side of the Chapel—one for the bride and bridesmaids and one for the groom and groomsmen. The bride's room has a private bathroom.

HCC will also provide a sound technician to assist with audio needs for your ceremony as well as an Onsite Wedding Coordinator who will make sure your rehearsal and ceremony run smoothly. Your Onsite Wedding Coordinator will be your main point of contact with HCC once they are assigned to you approximately 60 days before your ceremony.

# HCC WEDDINGS ONSITE

## Guidelines

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### **Rehearsal for your ceremony must take place on the Friday evening before your ceremony.**

We ask that your rehearsal start time be between 5 and 6 PM. Please allow up to one hour for your rehearsal. The following participants should be present:

- Bride, Bridesmaids, Flower Girl
- Groom, Groomsmen, Ushers, Ring Bearer
- Bride's Parents
- Groom's Parents
- Scripture Readers
- Musicians

Your Onsite Wedding Coordinator and Officiating Pastor conduct the rehearsal.

Please bring your wedding license or marriage certificate with you to your rehearsal.

### **Your onsite wedding coordinator will need the following items at least 30 days before the rehearsal:**

#### Music

- o Playlist from Spotify or YouTube
  - o Playlist on USB
  - o CD
  - o Video Presentation (if applicable)
  - o Slide show in PowerPoint format
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# HCC WEDDINGS ONSITE *Guidelines* cont.

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## **Decorating the Chapel for your ceremony takes place Friday afternoon before your ceremony.**

The Chapel will be accessible on Friday before your ceremony, beginning at noon. You are welcome to use Harvester's wedding décor. Your Onsite Wedding Coordinator will confirm which elements belonging to Harvester you would like to use before your ceremony, and a member of our team will set them out for you. HCC is responsible for cleaning up and storing our décor. You only need to worry about removing the décor you bring.

## **Regarding your décor, we ask that the following guidelines be adhered to:**

- Please do not put glass decorations on the floor in the aisles. They could get stepped on, kicked over, and broken. This is a safety issue.
- All candles must be flameless/battery-operated, except for the Unity Candle. Harvester provides dripless tapered candles for our aisle candles and candelabras.
- Please use command strips to attach decorations to surfaces.
- If you use an aisle runner please use double-sided tape to attach it to the floor.
- If you have a flower girl, please have her drop silk petals.

## **Harvester Christian Church cannot accommodate the hosting of your rehearsal dinner or wedding reception.**

We are happy to provide you with suggestions on where to host your rehearsal dinner or reception. Just ask!



# **HARVESTER CHRISTIAN CHURCH POLICIES**

**Couples must agree to abide by Harvester Christian Church's policies:**

## **Alcohol & Controlled Substances**

The unlawful or unauthorized use, abuse, solicitation, theft, possession, transfer, purchase, sale, or distribution of controlled substances, drug paraphernalia, or alcohol by an individual anywhere on Church premises, is strictly prohibited.

Harvester Christian Church reserves the right to refuse to perform a wedding ceremony if the bride, groom, or any member of the wedding party is under the influence of a controlled substance or alcohol at the wedding rehearsal or the wedding ceremony.

## **Smoking**

Smoking is permitted in designated areas only. There is a designated smoking area near the North Entrance.

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# ONSITE WEDDING

## Timeline

### ● 6 MONTHS BEFORE CEREMONY

- HCC will confirm Pastor's availability
- HCC will confirm chapel availability
- Deposit and Signed Contract Due

### ● 60 DAYS BEFORE CEREMONY

- HCC will introduce you to your Onsite Coordinator
- HCC will assign your Sound Tech
- Meet with your officiating Pastor and go over the outline of your ceremony

### ● 30 DAYS BEFORE CEREMONY

- Premarital counseling sessions completed
- Ceremony music, song order, and any other audio/visual elements are due to your Onsite Coordinator
- Let your Onsite Coordinator know what wedding decor (if any) from the church you want to use
- Payment for the balance due

### ● 1 WEEK BEFORE CEREMONY

- Your Onsite Coordinator will touch base with you to go over any final details about your ceremony such as arrival times for decorating, rehearsal, and ceremony, and will confirm details with the Care Team.

### ● FRIDAY BEFORE CEREMONY

- Noon - On: Decorate Chapel
- 5 or 5:30 PM: Rehearsal

Remember, bring your wedding license or marriage certificate with you!

## ONSITE WEDDING

# Happy Wedding Day!

We hope your ceremony day is one of your best days. Your Onsite Coordinator will do everything within their control to make your day special. To help them help you, please remember the following:

- You are allowed to access the bridal suites 1.5 hours before your ceremony start time.
- You are allowed to have snacks and non-alcoholic beverages in the bridal suites. The wedding party and guests are expected to abide by Harvester Christian Church's policies regarding alcohol & controlled substances and smoking.
- Your wedding ceremony will begin as close to on time as possible. We want you to have enough time for a receiving line, if you desire, and plenty of time for photos.
- Please remove your decor and vacate the Chapel 1.5 hours after your ceremony start time. Remember to check the bride's and groom's suites for any items you or your party may have left behind!
- We are unable to store your decorations for you.
- Please do not leave vehicles parked overnight.

If there is anything your Onsite Coordinator can do to make your day better, please ask!

# ONSITE WEDDING

## Pricing

Description	Cost
<b>Pastor Honorarium</b>	\$250
<b>Premarital Counseling</b> --Includes SYMBIS Assessment, Materials, and 6-8 Sessions facilitated by a Pastor or Mentor Couple	\$110
<b>Onsite Wedding Coordinator</b>	\$300
<b>Sound Technician - Tiers 1 &amp; 2</b> (1) wireless headset or lavilier mic, (1) wireless handheld mic, podium mic, pre-recorded music, basic lighting look OR Tier 1 items + live music (basic) included audio support for one instrument and one vocal	\$150
<b>Sound Technician - Tier 3</b> Tier 1 items + live music (plus) - Live music (plus) is audio support for anything more than one instrument and one vocal OR Tier 1 / Tier 2 support with the use of the side screens for a basic slide presentation.	\$200
<b>Sound Technician - Tier 4</b> Tier 3 + lyrics for select songs on the screens	\$250
<b>Use of Chapel</b>	\$100
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$910- \$1010</b>

# OFFSITE WEDDING CEREMONY

## Requirements

Are you a member or regular attendee who is getting married at a venue other than Harvester Christian Church? We are happy to help you find a Harvester Pastor to marry you!

However, Harvester's Pastors are not required to officiate weddings, and Harvester Christian Church cannot guarantee to provide you with a Pastor.

**Additionally, we ask couples to agree to the following:**

### 01 Schedule

Provide at least six month's notice before the ceremony date.

### 02 Premarital Counseling

Complete SYMBIS (Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts) premarital counseling with a mentor couple or Pastor before the ceremony date. Please allow 2-3 months to complete premarital counseling. Don't know where to begin? We will set you up with your links to the SYMBIS Assessment and books as well as connect you with a mentor couple!



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ASSESSMENT

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## THE PROCESS

# Offsite Weddings

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- Upon receipt of the signed contract. We will send you an invoice. Payment is due 30 days before your ceremony date.



# OFFSITE WEDDING

## Timeline

### ● 6 MONTHS BEFORE CEREMONY

- HCC will confirm Pastor's availability
- Signed Contract Due

### ● 60 DAYS BEFORE CEREMONY

- Meet with your officiating Pastor and go over the outline of your ceremony

### ● 30 DAYS BEFORE CEREMONY

- Premarital counseling sessions completed
- Payment for the invoiced amount is due

### ● 1 WEEK BEFORE CEREMONY

- Confirm rehearsal (if applicable) and ceremony details, arrival time, location, etc., with your officiating Pastor.
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# OFFSITE WEDDING

## Pricing

Description	Cost
<p><b>Pastor Honorarium</b> Officiant Honorarium + RT Mileage* from Harvester Christian Church for the rehearsal and ceremony.</p> <p>*Current mileage reimbursement for pastors will be calculated at the time the contract and invoice is issued.</p>	\$300 + RT mileage
<p><b>Premarital Counseling</b>--Includes SYMBIS Assessment, Materials, and 6-8 Sessions facilitated by a Pastor or Mentor Couple</p>	\$110
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$410+ RT mileage</b>



# Ready to Get Started?

Interested in hosting your ceremony at Harvester or having a Harvester Pastor officiate your wedding at an offsite venue?

Please fill out our Wedding Inquiry Form. Our Care Team will be in touch and set up a time to meet with you.

## [Wedding Inquiry Form](#)

Do you have a wedding venue and officiant and are only interested in premarital counseling?

Please fill out our Premarital Counseling Inquiry Form. Our Care Team will be in touch and set up a time to meet with you.

## [Premarital Counseling Inquiry Form](#)

Contact Us!

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