

1 Corinthians 13:4-13: Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.



Colossians 3:18-19: Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.



Genesis 2:18, 20-24: Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.



Matthew 19:4-6: "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."



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**CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR
UPCOMING WEDDING!**

We hope this flyer will answer any questions you may have about planning a wedding at First Baptist North Adams.

FEES

The first concern that many people have is “How much will my wedding cost”? The following fees have been set to cover the basic expenses:

Members:

Use of the Sanctuary—Free

Pastor—Free

(includes one rehearsal)

Organist—see ‘Wedding Music’ flyer

Wedding Coordinator—\$75

Vocalist/Soloist—\$75–\$125

Multimedia—\$75

Non-Members:

Use of the Sanctuary—\$150

Pastor—\$150

(includes one rehearsal)

Organist—see ‘Wedding Music’ flyer

Wedding Coordinator—\$75

Vocalist/Soloist—\$75–\$125

Multimedia—\$75

Please make us aware of which of the above services you will/will not need. Make checks payable to the appropriate people (call the church office for names) and seal them in individual envelopes marked Sanctuary, Pastor, Organist, Coordinator, Multimedia, and/or Soloist. Please present these checks, as well as your marriage license, to the Pastor on the day of your wedding rehearsal.

WEDDING COORDINATOR

A wedding coordinator will be employed for any weddings with bridal parties larger than 8 (including the bride & groom). The church will provide the coordinator(s).

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

All couples wishing to be married by the pastor will need to participate in a 3-session pre-marital counseling program. Each session will last approximately 1-hour. We value the sanctity of marriage as created and ordained by God. These sessions are non-negotiable.

WEDDING DATE

Once your date has been set, please consult the pastor and the wedding coordinator. Please allow 6 months, if possible, for a series of meetings to plan your wedding.

PREPARATIONS

One or two meetings (approximately 1-hour each) will be needed to plan your big day. These meetings will be held with the pastor and the wedding coordinator.

MUSIC

Music should be chosen in consultation with the pastor and the church organist. The church organist typically plays all weddings. If someone else is desired, please contact our organist for first refusal. For more information, please consult the ‘Wedding Music’ flyer.

DECORATIONS

Decorations are permitted in the sanctuary, however no nails, duct tape, or tacks are allowed. If possible, decorating should take place the evening of the rehearsal. Furniture can be moved at the discretion of the pastor and the wedding coordinator.

PICTURES/VIDEO

The wedding ceremony is a worship experience; you are presenting yourselves before God. Photography and video are permitted only in designated areas. Photographers and/or videographers are asked to arrive one hour prior to the service to become oriented with these areas.

WEDDING PARTY

The wedding party can be placed either on the main stage or on the lower platform.

STAGING AREA(S)

The church’s conference room can be used as a staging area for the wedding party. If additional space is needed, the downstairs hall can be made available. These arrangements should be made no later than the evening of the rehearsal.

RECEPTION

The chapel or downstairs hall can be made available for a simple reception following the ceremony. Use of these areas will cost an additional \$100 for non-members.

RESERVED PARKING

Arrangements can be made for reserved parking spaces for limousines and/or family vehicles. The church does not have a parking lot and relies only on on-street parking. If spaces are needed (5 maximum), please contact the wedding coordinator or the pastor no later than the evening of the rehearsal.

OFF-SITE WEDDINGS

The pastor is available to perform off-site weddings. His fee will remain the same.