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CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ENGAGEMENT! Our goal is to do our best to prepare you for your marriage and help make your wedding ceremony very special. Here is what you need to know:

WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY.

We believe that every person is created in the image of God, that human sexuality reflects that image in terms of intimate love, communication, fellowship, subordination of the self to the larger whole, and fulfillment. God's Word makes use of the marriage relationship as the supreme metaphor for His relationship with His covenant people and for revealing the truth that that relationship is of one God with one people. Therefore, God's plan for human sexuality is that it is to be expressed only in a monogamous lifelong relationship between one man and one woman within the framework of marriage. This is the only relationship which is divinely designed for the birth and rearing of children and is a covenant union made in the sight of God, taking priority over every other human relationship.

WHAT IS INCLUDED?

The cost for having a wedding ceremony and rehearsal at Red Cedar Church is \$625. This includes:

- **Facilities:** Use of the foyer, bathrooms, worship center and two additional rooms for changing.
- **Personnel:** Pastor to perform the ceremony and sound/lighting technician.
- **Services:** Wedding coordinating and janitorial services.

Wedding Dates

All wedding dates must be approved by the pastor and/or church office staff. Because of the demands of a growing church, weddings at Red Cedar can only be considered on Friday along with the option of Sunday afternoons/evenings June through August.

Initial Contact Meeting

Before a wedding is scheduled, each couple will fill out a Wedding Application and have an initial meeting with a staff member to review guidelines for having a wedding ceremony at Red Cedar Church and ensure the date requested is available.



Pastor

A Red Cedar pastor or a Red Cedar Marriage Mentor will meet with the couple for pre-marital counseling unless some other counseling has been arranged for and approved by the officiating Red Cedar pastor. The officiating pastor or the wedding coordinator will work with the couple to design the ceremony order and language. This pastor will be present for the rehearsal as well as the ceremony; and will file the marriage license with Barron County. Weddings held outside of Red Cedar can be negotiated with the pastor involved.

Pre-marital Counseling

Red Cedar's 6-week pre-marital counseling is required. If counseling will be received outside of Red Cedar, please discuss at the initial meeting and give details on your Wedding Application. When counseling is provided through Red Cedar Church additional fees are required:

- \$35 materials fee
- \$100 counseling fee if the officiating pastor is providing the counseling

Wedding Coordinating Services

All weddings at Red Cedar require the oversight of a Red Cedar pastor and/or a Red Cedar wedding coordinator. Once you have your initial meeting to review wedding guidelines and have made a deposit to secure your date, a pastor or the wedding coordinator will contact each couple to help them plan the wedding ceremony and rehearsal as it pertains to the facility as well as coordinate the details of the ceremony. The wedding coordinator will assist the couple with:

- Communication with the Pastor and church office regarding calendar and facility use
- Communication with the Creative Team regarding use of the Worship Center and securing approved sound and light technician
- Communication with the sound and light technician regarding needs for ceremony
- Unlocking the building and being present for decorating, rehearsal and ceremony assisting with any facility specific needs
- Additional needs for direction of ceremony

Facilities Usage & Janitorial Services

Services included in the cost are chair arrangement, cleaning before and after rehearsal and after the ceremony and putting away any Red Cedar furniture.



Receptions

Small cake receptions may be permitted. An additional \$75 janitorial fee applies when a small cake reception is selected.

Sound

Only a Red Cedar sound technician may operate the sound and lighting equipment at the rehearsal and wedding. The pastor or the wedding coordinator will arrange for this through the Creative Arts Director.

Music

Couples are responsible for finding their own musicians. The pastor or the wedding coordinator can make suggestions if needed.

Decorations

Because Red Cedar has Worship Band and other rehearsals for the Saturday and Sunday services, numerous activities throughout the week, as well as limited space - all decorating must be approved by the pastor or the wedding coordinator, who will work directly with the Creative Arts Director and cannot begin before 3pm on Thursday for Friday weddings or 1:30pm for Sunday weddings. Final approval on any decorating will be at the discretion of the Creative Arts Director.

Lighting and Staging

No decorating to the stage may be done until Thursday evening or Sunday afternoon. No additions or changes can be done to the staging or additions or changes to the lighting without permission from the Creative Arts Director. All requests will be given to the pastor or the wedding coordinator to be approved by the Creative Arts Director. A Sound Tech will provide technical aspects of:

- All played music
- Red Cedar's pre-set lighting
- Sound and microphones

Red Cedar does not provide video services.

Payments

A \$100 non-refundable deposit is required to secure your date. The remaining balance ***is due one week prior to your wedding date.*** The check is to be made payable to Red Cedar Church and given to the pastor, wedding coordinator, or church office staff.