

WEDDINGS AT RIVERVIEW CHURCH

Congratulations on your engagement!

With our casual atmosphere, people are sometimes surprised by the expectations we hold for couples who want to have their wedding ceremony at Riverview. We bear in mind that you are asking us to represent you as followers of Jesus before God, your family, and friends. Therefore, we will officiate weddings between men and women who are both believers in Jesus, are choosing to live apart from one another until married, and are abstaining from sexual relations until their wedding day. You will be asked to sign a Couple's Covenant that demonstrates your desire to honor God in this way. We realize that this may be uncommon in our culture today, but because of this, it becomes one of the most obvious ways you can show your commitment to Biblical standards. It also honors your spouse-to-be by elevating your desire to live for God during your engagement. We require and provide pre-marriage mentoring for couples that are married by a Riverview pastor (*cost included with wedding fees*).

Availability of resources allows us to only officiate weddings of Riverview members. You don't have to be a member to request a Riverview wedding, but membership is required before your wedding. Membership Classes are offered about four times each year.

To request a Riverview pastor or have your wedding at Riverview, follow these steps:

- Read the Couples Covenant.
- You and your fiancé will each complete a pre-marriage questionnaire. You can submit it online at Weddings.RivChurch.com, return it to RivWarehouse in the lobby, or mail it back.
- Meet with Pastor Steve Sommerlot, who approves all Riverview weddings. (*We will contact you and set up a time after we receive both questionnaires.*) At this time, payment for your wedding is due. Please use the enclosed envelope.

Fees:

- On-Site Wedding (*Includes Personnel, Building Use, and Cleaning Fees*) \$700.00
- Fireside Room Wedding (*25 people or less*) \$400.00
- Off-Site Wedding in the Greater Lansing Area (*Officiating minister only*) \$350.00

More Riverview Wedding Facts You Need to Know:

- We appreciate wedding requests at least six months in advance, the earlier the better.
- Pre-Marriage Mentoring starts with an Orientation Class. Following the class, you will be set up with a Mentor Couple. You will also be asked to complete an online survey (*\$30.00 per couple*). You are welcome to participate in Pre-Marriage Mentoring even if your wedding ceremony will be done elsewhere (*NOTE: There is a cost of \$50.00 per couple*).
- Weddings at Riverview include the services of a Wedding Coordinator who will assist you with everything at our facility. She will meet with you at least six weeks prior to your wedding.

For more info, email Kim.Rudnicki@RivChurch.com or call the Riverview office at 517.694.3400.