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Since our purpose is to establish Christian marriages in the context of a loving community, weddings and premarital services are reserved for individuals who meet the following requirements:

- Bride and Groom are both committed followers of Christ
- Bride and Groom have regularly attended Northbrook for at least six months prior to their application.
- At Northbrook we believe sexual abstinence before marriage is God's design for each couple. We also believe living separately from each other until the wedding day is important in creating space for you to maintain the boundaries needed to do your pre-marriage process well. Therefore, we ask you as a couple, to covenant with each other to abstain sexually throughout the pre-marriage period until you are married, and to live separately until your wedding day.
- Bride and Groom agree to follow Northbrook's wedding process
 - Complete pre-marital assessment and pre-marital counseling sessions with officiating pastor
 - Meet with a Marriage Mentor Couple before the wedding (6-8 sessions) *Optional

Note: This process is not intended to be a rigid system. There will always be situations that create exceptions. These guidelines have been carefully constructed to provide the best possible preparation, not just for the wedding day, but for a lifetime of marriage. If you have questions, please email weddings@northbrookchurch.org

FACILITIES

Use of church facilities will be scheduled with church programming receiving priority. When the calendar is clear, weddings may be scheduled as follows:

- Chapel:
 - **Saturday 11:00 AM**
 - **Saturday 12:00 PM**
 - **Saturday 1:00 PM**
- Sanctuary:
 - **Saturday 11:00 AM only**
- An **assigned Northbrook pastor** will be available to officiate your wedding at one of the above
- Rehearsal times will be scheduled in conjunction with the officiating pastor. Most often the evening before the wedding, but it will be based upon availability.
- Weddings will be held in the Northbrook Chapel with a maximum time allotment of 3 hours (one hour prior to ceremony time and one hour following ceremony time). This includes decorating, dressing, ceremony, pictures, reception line, clean-up, etc.
- Two dressing rooms will be reserved along with the Chapel.
- Only designated areas or rooms may be used with prior approval.
- The following are NOT allowed:
 - Alcoholic beverages of any kind on church property.
 - Smoking in the building per state law.
 - Throwing of rice or bird seed on church grounds.
 - Flash photography during service.
 - Aisle candleholders affixed to chapel chairs due to significant damage to the chairs and the potential fire hazard.