

## WEDDING MUSICIANS POLICY

Music is a very special part of any wedding. Your selection of songs will set the tone of your wedding as nothing else can. It is a wonderful way of expressing the Godgiven love that has brought you to this day. As you think about the music keep central the understanding that this is a Christian worship service. The text should have a sense of the sacred. Many lovely compositions are available, and the church organist will be delighted to help you with your selections.

The staff wedding scheduler will contact the Music Ministries to schedule one of our church organists/pianists to be the organist/pianist for any wedding conducted in our sanctuary, worship center, or chapels. He or she will review, make alternate suggestions and approve all music used in our setting. Other instruments included in the wedding service must be approved by the church musician.

At least two months prior to your wedding date, the bride and groom should contact the musician for an appointment to discuss music selections. Please contact Jay Whatley (Downtown) at 832-668-1824 or jwhatley@fmhouston.com, or Todd King (Westchase) 281-705-3960 or tking@fmhouston.com, for an appointment.

Outside musicians in addition to the church organist may be used with approval of the music staff. Those couples desiring assistance in securing a vocal soloist or instrumentalists should make arrangements with the church Organist, who will coordinate all your musical needs. Payments for additional musicians will be the responsibility of the marrying couple.

Music for the soloist/instrumentalist, in the key and arrangement in which it will be performed, should be delivered to the organist no later than two weeks prior to the wedding. The soloist/instrumentalist will need to meet with the organist for rehearsal at a time that is convenient for both. The preferred time to meet with the soloist/instrumentalist is one hour prior to the wedding.

No pre-recorded music or accompaniment is permitted in the Downtown Sanctuary or Chapel. If approved by the Westchase Music staff, recorded music on compact disc or cassette may be used in the service in the Westchase Worship Center or Chapel.