



## **WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY**

It is your responsibility to provide a copy of these wedding guidelines to the photographer. The wedding coordinator can assist you in this.

Your wedding is an event you will want to remember with photographs. However, the taking of flash pictures during the ceremony is strictly prohibited. Remind them that this is a worship service and they should conduct themselves with discretion.

The wedding party may be photographed as they process down the back part of the aisle in the sanctuary or down the chapel aisle. The bride and groom may be photographed as they recess after the ceremony. The pastor will be happy to pose with the bridal party after the service. Photographs may be posed prior to the wedding, thus saving time before the reception.

Ushers are asked to inform guests with cameras that flash pictures may not be taken during the wedding ceremony.

If you plan to have a wedding portrait taken, you may use the church facility without charge. Please schedule this time with the staff wedding scheduler.

### **Before the Wedding**

Photographers are welcome to photograph the wedding party beginning two hours before the service. Please keep in mind if the ushers are included in your pictures they need to be free to welcome people no later than thirty minutes before the service and the pictures with the remaining wedding party need to stop no later than fifteen minutes before the service.

### **During the Wedding**

The photographer will be required to take pictures from the back of the room. In the Sanctuary or Worship Center they may be taken from a fixed location in the back or the balcony. Pictures of the wedding party can be taken as they process down the aisle, but no pictures will be allowed near the altar area.

### **After the Wedding**

Photographers are required to complete their work within the scheduled timeframe (up to 2 hours before and 1-1/2 hours after the start of ceremony). This time limit permits the cleaning and preparation of the facilities for other services and facilitates the wedding party's timely arrival at the reception.