Wedding Guidelines

It is our desire that your marriage be all that God intended it to be and that it be the most meaningful relationship possible. In God's creating man and woman He intended that they be joined in marriage to fulfill their lives together. Since God designed the marriage relationship, it is clear He knows how to build a healthy marriage. Because FAC is committed to building strong marriages, we have developed the following guidelines to express what we believe are God's principles for a healthy marriage:

1. Participation in our pre-marriage counseling or its equivalency is required for couples who desire to be married at FAC or by any FAC pastor. A full commitment before the wedding date is required.

2. An FAC pastor is required to oversee all weddings taking place on-site. Additionally, FAC will provide a wedding coordinator for all on-site weddings to help handle details associated with using our facilities.

3. Couples being married on-site at FAC must have accepted Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and must be committed to establishing a Christian marriage.

4. Divorced persons may be considered for marriage at FAC if they meet one of these biblical criteria:
    o   former spouse is deceased (Romans 7:2, I Corinthians 7:39)
    o   divorce occurs prior to conversion (II Corinthians 5: 1 7)
    o   divorce occurred because of sexual immorality (Matthew 19:3-9)
    o   desertion by an unbelieving spouse (I Corinthians 7: 15)
    o   former spouse initiated divorce and has remarried (Romans 7:3)

5. Couples must remain sexually pure and should not be living together prior to the wedding ceremony.

6. The blessing of the parents on the marriage is important, first of all because children are instructed by God to "Honor your father and mother," and secondly, because of the promise God gives to the couple "That it may go well with you" (Ephesians 6:2-3).

7. If the pastor overseeing weddings at FAC has refused to perform the ceremony based on these biblical principles, no other pastor at FAC will marry the couple.