

Cornerstone Baptist Church, Orillia

Wedding/Baby Shower Guideline

In the Bible, Christians are commanded to: “Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep” (Romans 12:15). Fellowship within the church involves recognizing and celebrating important events, however, in a church of any size, this will require coordination and a certain amount of oversight. Towards that end, the following basic guideline is to be followed by all members who are desiring to host a wedding or baby shower at the church.

Guiding Principles:

- 1) If a member of Cornerstone wishes to host a wedding or baby shower for another member or their household, there is no charge for the use of the facility.
- 2) The date must be cleared with the Office Manager. Requests should be made in writing, in a timely manner and applicants must understand that not all times and dates can be accommodated.
- 3) Requests should be approved by the Lead Pastor or Associate Pastor before the office manager places the event on the Church calendar or is promoted.
- 4) Only trained people may operate the kitchen facility including the dishwasher, and the sound system etc. If a staff member is needed in any way, then the “Use of Facilities” remuneration fees will apply.
- 5) Advertising of such events may be widely distributed throughout the church by any media approved by the Office Manager.
- 6) Clean up is the responsibility of the host and the “Use of Facilities” application form must be consulted to ensure that the facility is left in good order.
- 7) All supplies needed for the event must be supplied by the host.
- 8) All decorations and “food leftovers” must be removed from the building.
- 9) Set up for an event must not be done during worship service times.

Appropriate Limitations:

1. The church cannot be put in a situation where it would be facilitating or celebrating that which is sinful and opposed to God’s Word. Therefore, if a couple is living together before marriage or has had a child out of wedlock, evidence of repentance should be given before a shower is hosted, and in the case of a wedding shower, appropriate living situations secured.

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