

Grace BFC Wedding Policy

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Grace Bible Fellowship Church (Grace BFC) believes that marriage is the joining together of one man and one woman in a covenant union instituted and ordained by God. Furthermore, God's Word declares that the expression of sexual relations is authorized only in the union of male and female within the bond of marriage. Scripture plainly teaches that homosexual lust and practice are sinful in God's sight. Finally, God, in His wisdom, has created each person with a unique design as He wills. We believe that the gender of a person is determined by God and should not be changed or modified after birth.

Based on these statements, the following will apply to all marriages being performed by pastors/officiants at Grace BFC that use its facilities:

- A. Pastors/officiants will only perform a marriage at Grace BFC between a man and woman as described above. Both the husband and the wife must be believers who follow the Scriptures found in the Holy Bible. At least one of them must be a Member of Grace BFC or be the child of a Member of Grace BFC.
- B. The Church's facilities will only be allowed to be used by the couple being married if at least one of them is a Member of Grace BFC or one of them is the child of a member of Grace BFC. The pastor/officiant performing the ceremony must be a believer and in agreement with the BFC Faith & Order and the Holy Scriptures.
- C. All requests for a wedding ceremony at Grace BFC must be submitted to the Elders for approval. Decisions about the use of the church facilities are the responsibility of the Elders, and their decisions are final.