



The Chapel of Sky Valley

"A Church for All People"

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MINISTRY TO THOSE SEEKING HOLY MATRIMONY

Congratulations on your upcoming marriage! We wish to assist you in making your wedding a grace-filled and joyful occasion. We have put together some procedures for your ceremony in the Chapel. We hope this will answer many questions you might have.

If you feel that you would like to proceed with a wedding here at the Chapel of Sky Valley, please fill out the pages so marked, as well as the marriage register and return them to the Chapel along with your check of \$1,000.00 (one half of the fee, non-refundable); and in the next few weeks you will be contacted by me.

The balance of your fee (\$1,000.00) is to be paid three weeks prior to your ceremony.

We look forward to serving you on this most special day in your life! Please feel free to call me if you have other questions or concerns.

With Kindest Regards,

Handwritten signature of Laura Hynish in cursive script.

Laura Hynish

Wedding Coordinator for the Chapel of Sky Valley



WEDDINGS AT THE CHAPEL OF SKY VALLEY SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA

The Chapel is an interdenominational community church with an active membership and staff. Weddings are conducted as part of our ministry to our congregation and the community. While we offer our facilities and staff to serve those who desire to be married at the Chapel, whether or not they are members, our building and grounds alone are not rented for use.

All weddings are the responsibility of our Pastor who normally will officiate the service. Other clergy are welcome to participate in the ceremony as guests or, with the Pastors' permission, to be the solo officiant. Our current pastor will only allow the officiation of heterosexual marriages based on birth biological gender assignment.

CHAPEL WEDDING COORDINATOR

- The Chapel's wedding coordinator will help the wedding party and coordinate all arrangements.
- Outside wedding directors or coordinators are to work with the Chapel coordinator for all functions which require Chapel buildings, grounds or other property.
- The bride is expected to meet with the Chapel wedding coordinator one or two months prior to the service to go over all details and expectations.

MUSIC FOR CEREMONY

The Chapel retains the services of a Minister of Music, who is responsible for all music for the ceremony. The Minister of Music:

- Should be contacted early to discuss all music arrangements.
- Will normally serve as the pianist/organist for all ceremonies (organ not available for guest musicians)
- Is available to assist in the acquisition of additional instrumentalists or soloists.

FEES

Fees for weddings cover expenses for the Chapel Pastor, Chapel Minister of Music, Chapel Wedding Coordinator, cleaning services and use of the main sanctuary and fellowship hall. Our fee schedule is:

- \$2,000.00
- A 50% non-refundable down payment (\$1,000.00) is required at the time of booking – balance due 3 weeks before service.
- \$200 – A refundable cleaning deposit is required if alcohol will be used for the reception and is due 3 weeks before the service. If the caterer removes all evidence of the alcohol, the deposit will be refunded.

Chapel of Sky Valley General Policies for Weddings

1. Smoking is not permitted in or around the Chapel buildings.
2. Beer and / or wine are permitted **ONLY** downstairs in the Fellowship Hall or outside that area. Nothing with more than 15% alcohol may be served. All alcohol is to be provided by and served by caterers, who are responsible for licenses, insurance, and clean-up.
3. Rice is not permitted – bird seed may be used outdoors.
4. The Communion table may be moved in front of the prayer railing to provide additional space. However, it may not be removed from the sanctuary, nor may it be used in any way other than for communion during the wedding.
5. No other furniture, furnishings or materials may be moved in the Sanctuary or Narthex without the express permission of the Chapel Wedding Coordinator. If a move is approved, you will be responsible to return all to their original locations immediately after the service.
6. Candelabra may be used with non-drip candles.
7. Bride's attire will be either a traditional wedding dress or other suitable dress or suit. The wedding party should also be dressed appropriately for a high ceremony.
8. Children in the wedding party must be controlled by adults at all times.
9. The Georgia marriage license must be brought to the wedding rehearsal.
10. The unity candle stand is provided by the Chapel. You supply non-drip candles, which you will bring to the rehearsal.
11. There is no flash photography during the Ceremony.
12. There are two stands for floral arrangements. All flowers are to be removed immediately following the ceremony.
13. The Chapel is available two hours before the wedding for photographs, and for thirty minutes after the ceremony.
14. Bride and bridesmaids may use the Chapel Fellowship Hall for dressing, and may bring dresses to the rehearsal.
15. The bride or groom is to assign someone to be responsible for removing all belongings after the ceremony.
16. You may provide refreshments, snacks, etc. for the wedding party before the ceremony in the Fellowship Hall.
17. The Chapel capacity is 170; the Fellowship Hall capacity is 70.
18. Please fill out the Wedding Check List before your appointment with the Chapel Wedding Coordinator.
19. Give your photographer the rules on photography at the Chapel.
20. Please be on time for the wedding rehearsal, and advise your wedding party to be punctual.
21. Please request anyone who is reading or performing in the ceremony to attend the rehearsal.
22. Holy Communion ***ONLY*** for the bride and groom, served by the Chapel's Pastor during the ceremony, is an option for couples who desire it.
23. If you are using the Fellowship Hall for your reception, your caterer must bring his own supplies and clean up immediately afterward.

CHAPEL OF SKY VALLEY – GUIDELINES FOR WEDDINGS

WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY

1. Photographers may take photographs in the sanctuary before the guests arrive and the service begins, and may have thirty minutes after the ceremony.
2. No videotaping or photographs may be taken during the ceremony *by guests*.
3. A stationary unmanned video camera may be placed inconspicuously in the Chapel
4. The photographer may take shots of the wedding party in the narthex prior to entering the sanctuary, and as they recess down the aisle.
5. Photographers are expected to be dressed appropriately for a formal occasion.
6. Photographers must not move any Chapel furniture or furnishings.
7. Photographers are expected to consult with the Chapel Wedding Coordinator regarding what is permitted.

MUSIC

1. The Chapel Minister of Music will assist you to select appropriate music for the wedding.
2. All organ, piano, vocal or other instrumental music should be in keeping with Christian worship.
3. The Chapel Minister of Music can engage the assistance of soloists and instrumentalists for you if you desire them.
4. Bookings for musicians should be made as early as possible – sixty days is recommended to ensure the availability of musicians, acquire musical scores, and arrange rehearsal times for musicians.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR CHAPEL WEDDINGS

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STATE OF GEORGIA MARRIAGE LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

- You both must be present to apply.
- You must be 18 years of age or older.
- Bring in a driver's license for proof of age; or birth certificate and photo ID, such as state ID card, passport, or military ID.
- If you have been widowed or divorced, you must know the month/day/year that the marriage ended. If less than six months, a copy of the divorce decree is needed.
- The marriage license is valid for sixty days anywhere in the state of Georgia. The marriage license must be returned to the clerk's office for recording within ten days after the marriage is performed.

The marriage license may be obtained from:

Rabun County Courthouse
25 Courthouse Square
Clayton, GA 30535

You may also obtain a license in the Georgia county in which you reside.

RETURN THIS PAGE WITH YOUR NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT (50% of Fee)

**CHAPEL OF SKY VALLEY
WEDDING CONTRACT**

Wedding Date: _____ Time: _____

Rehearsal Date: _____ Time: _____

BRIDE

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

GROOM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

PASTOR (If other than Pastor Huizing)

Name: _____

Phone & Email: _____

We have received, read and understand the policies regarding weddings at the Chapel of Sky Valley, located in Sky Valley, Georgia, and agree to abide by these policies. We further understand that it is our responsibility to ensure that the florist, photographers and other professionals connected with our wedding, as well as guests and the wedding party, understand and abide by these policies as well.

Signature of Bride _____ Date _____

Signature of Groom _____ Date _____