

Broken Arrow Church of Christ

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Guidelines for Using the Building for Weddings and Showers

The following guidelines are intended to outline the conditions for which the building can be used for public weddings and showers. The intention of these guidelines is to make the use of the building for weddings and showers follow the same guidelines that the Bible establishes for marriages and morality that should be reflected for showers. The building should be, and is, at the disposal of scriptural marriages and showers that reflect honor to Christ's name for members and family members of this congregation. Permission to use the bulletin or announcement sheet for publicizing showers or weddings will be based upon the same guidelines as the use of the building. No announcements of weddings or showers will be made from the pulpit. Only vocal music will be permitted during the service.

If the following wedding or shower conditions are true, then you have elder approval to use the building. You only need to sign this Guideline Form, complete an Application for Use of the Church Building form, and schedule the time--so that it does not conflict with other activities already scheduled. If any one of the following conditions is not true, then you need to present the request to the elders with a reason for an exception situation, and obtain elder approval before proceeding with an Application for Use of the Church Building form.

Weddings

- Both parties must be scripturally fit for marriage, e.g. no unrepented sexual sin or unscriptural divorce (I Corinthians 7:2-39; Romans 7:1-3)
- They must be one male and one female. (I Corinthians 7:2; Romans 1:26-27)
- The two parties must be committed to devote themselves to one another until death. (Romans 7:1-3; Matthew 19:6-9)
- Request for use of the building must be by a member of the Broken Arrow congregation

Showers

- The parties honored by the shower or the parties sponsoring the shower can not have unrepented sexual sin, known public sin(s) that would bring reproach or disgrace on the church such as fornication, unfaithfulness, substance abuse, immorality, out of wedlock pregnancy, or disgraceful reputation of any kind. (I Corinthians 5:1-2; II Corinthians 12:21; Galatians 5:19-21)
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The elders must approve any wedding or shower that violates, or possibly could be interpreted to violate these Guidelines. Approval by the elders must be obtained on this Guideline form before submitting the Application for Use of the Building form, and requesting a date on the church calendar in the office.

I, the undersigned, understand these Guidelines and all of the conditions above are true in my case. I realize that if situations arise that would cause any of the above conditions to not be true, that I would withdraw my request for use of the building, reroute my request through the elders, and present an exception case for building use approval.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date Signed _____

Approved _____ Date Signed _____