



Weddings
at ccdelco



Congratulations! Next to your decision to receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, marriage is life's most critical choice. The decision to spend the rest of one's natural life with another human being should never be taken lightly.

At ccdelco we believe that the marriage covenant is one of the great gifts that our Lord has bestowed upon mankind. This beautiful arrangement whereby two individuals become one is a mystery, one that the Apostle Paul likened to the Church's relationship with Jesus Christ. As it is His desire for the Church, it is God's desire that our marriages be fruitful and bring glory to His name.

In consenting to Christian marriage, you are declaring that God, through His sovereignty, has brought the two of you together. Our desire is to see that you are prepared for what lies ahead and that your marriage is built on a firm and strong foundation.

God Himself, the Creator and Sustainer of all things, reveals to us His plan for the marriage covenant in Scripture. The Book of Proverbs tells us that wisdom cries out to us from our Creator, and that if we heed this wisdom we "will dwell safely, and will be secure, without fear of evil" (Proverbs 1:33). It is our prayer that you would listen to wisdom's call throughout your relationship and apply the principles of God's word to your marriage.

In the Bible we are told that there is wisdom in a multitude of counselors. (See Proverbs 11:14.) Seek godly marriage mentors in your life. We believe that you will glean different insights from the relationships of each of these couples, and see a deeper picture of God's plan for marriage.

As I pastor, I love to marry people. Marriage is a wonderful gift that God has given us, something to be cherished and enjoyed. It is my firm belief that good marriages build good families, good families build strong churches, and strong churches build great nations.

I pray that ccdelco's wedding requirements will equip and encourage you to build your marriage upon the Rock, Jesus Christ, for "unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it." (Psalm 127:1)

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert M. Guaglione".

Pastor Bob Guaglione

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Wedding Checklist:

- Fill out online questionnaires (ccdelco.com/weddings)
- Interview with ccdelco Pastor
- Secure date with deposit (*onsite weddings only*)
- Arrange details with performing Pastor
- Attend premarital classes
- Get marriage license
- Meet with Music/Sound tech (*onsite weddings only*)

At ccdelco, weddings are important, community celebrations. We believe that the marriage covenant is the foundation by which the Lord has chosen to build strong families, churches, and cultures at large. Thank you for letting us play a part in your wedding!

*Depending on where you plan to hold your wedding, **certain guidelines apply**. Please read the appropriate sections below so you know all legal and church requirements.*

Questionnaires

The wedding process starts here. Six months prior to the desired wedding date, please complete the *Groom and Bride's Premarital Questionnaires* online found on the wedding page on our website under the "Resources" tab (ccdelco.com/weddings). Please note, the rest of this process hinges on the questionnaire responses, so make sure you fill those out as soon as you're ready to begin!

Interview with ccdelco Pastor

Before we move forward with the wedding process, you'll be interviewed by one of our ccdelco Pastors. This is a time for us to get to know you as a couple. Once we receive the premarital questionnaires, you will be contacted by the Wedding Administrator to schedule the interview.

Premarital Classes

Couples are required to take premarital classes offered at ccdelco once a year for four weeks, typically starting in March. Since marriage is biblical, topics covered in class include: God's plan for marriage, role of a wife/husband, finances, communication, sexuality, and everyday things (in-laws, etc.). Curriculum will be provided.

Always check the web (ccdelco.com/weddings) for our next premarital class offerings and information regarding these classes.

Meet with Performing Pastor

Once your wedding is approved and you've been assigned a Pastor, you'll meet with the performing Pastor about three weeks before the actual ceremony. During your appointment, a large portion of time will be spent to sketch out an order for the ceremony. You can alter the ceremony in any way you desire. The only part of the service that is *not* your responsibility is the pastor's sermon. Pray that the Lord will lead and guide him by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor's Honorarium:

Services provided by the Pastor are performed on his own time. It is customary to show appreciation for this service through the giving of a monetary gift. A general guideline for a pastor's honorarium would be a minimum \$150.00

Marriage License

You must apply for your marriage license *in the state in which you plan to get married*. Many jurisdictions require a waiting period, so do not wait until the last minute to obtain your license. For most jurisdictions, the license is good for thirty days. Please contact a county courthouse in the state in which you plan to get married to make sure you understand and follow all legal requirements.

Bring the license with you to the wedding rehearsal. The church office will complete all license information and mail it to the county.

Offsite Weddings

If your wedding is not held at ccdelco, times and days for weddings are based on the pastor's availability. If you choose to hold your wedding ceremony offsite, coordination with and compensation for that facility falls solely upon you (*rehearsal date/time/location, ceremony date/time/location, reception time/location, hotel accommodations if needed, etc.*).

Onsite Weddings at ccdelco

Because we are a large congregation with a multi-use facility, in order to serve you best we have found it necessary to put into action some guidelines to assist you on your wedding day. Although the significance of the wedding ceremony is that God be glorified, we believe, as the apostle Paul declared, "that all things be done decently and in order."

Deposit:

Although use of the building itself is free for members of ccdelco, to cover the time for support personnel who are required to be here for all weddings, we require a flat fee of \$375.00 to secure your spot on the calendar once the wedding date has been approved by the Pastor. *The Pastor's honorarium is not included in this fee.*

Checks may be made payable to Calvary Chapel of Delaware County and sent by mail to:

Attn: Julie Tatios
500 Brandywine Dr
Chadds Ford, PA 19317

Wedding Times:

Weddings at ccdelco must be scheduled well in advance due to our various ministry activities. Weddings will be held upstairs in The Chapel based on availability. Sunday wedding availability will only be at 3PM. Other alternatives, such as having an outdoor wedding, will be considered.

Rehearsals are held the Thursday or Friday night before the wedding pending availability with the church event calendar and time determined at the performing Pastor discretion.

Music & Sound:

To ensure that all elements of your music and sound are coordinated, a Music/Sound Tech will reach out to you and arrange a meeting to go over the needs of your wedding.

Once you've decided on specific music, you are responsible to provide musical arrangements or accompaniment tapes for singers and musicians. Remember, contacting and coordinating musicians is your responsibility. More details on this can be provided by your Music/Sound Tech.

Facility Use & Guidelines

The following will be provided one hour before the ceremony and is expected to be returned to original condition before the start of the wedding:

- The full use of the second floor including the Chapel, auxiliary area, and restrooms.
- The groom and ushers also have use of the Upper Level Conference Room.
- The bride and her attendants have use of the following on the lower level of the building: PreK-K/dance classroom and ladies' and staff restrooms.
- The bride and her attendants also have use of the elevator to get to the upper level.

Please note: no food or drink besides water is permitted in these areas.

To keep the building in good repair and to facilitate our preparation for Sunday morning services and other ministry activities, we ask that you honor the following guidelines:

- Any decorations must be put up and fully taken down within a three-hour window on the day-of the wedding and is the responsibility of the bride/groom/wedding party. Staff of ccdelco are not responsible for decorations or materials needed for assembly.
- We cannot store any items here as ccdelco cannot be responsible for these items.
- Please designate someone in your wedding party to remove all your decorations, as well as all belongings from anywhere else in the building, (groom's room, bride's room, bathrooms, etc.) as ccdelco staff are not responsible.
- Please respect all restricted areas of the building
- No rice, confetti, balloons, seeds, artificial snow, or real flower petals may be distributed in any manner on the church grounds or in the building.
- Artificial flower petals may be scattered on the aisles, if desired.
- Bubbles are permitted outside the building, if desired.

If you have any other questions, please contact Julie Tatios via email at jtatios@ccdelco.com or call the church office at 610-459-8111.