

Pastor Bob Wieggers Wedding Policy

1. I strongly prefer to officiate weddings only for active members of First Baptist Church of Bennington, so the wedding can be an integral part of our church community.
2. I will consider officiating a wedding ceremony for those who are not active members of FBC Bennington on a case-by-case basis. I will not under any circumstances violate my own conscience, beliefs, and practice.
 - a. I prefer that the Bride and Groom both be professing Christians and active members of a Christian church, but I do not require it.
 - b. I will not officiate a wedding where one is a Christian and the other is not, as that violates the clear teaching of the Bible, found in 2 Corinthians 6:14
 - c. I will only officiate an explicitly Christian wedding, which must include:
 - i. Prayer
 - ii. Scripture reading
 - iii. A brief message from myself, based on the Scripture reading
 - iv. (Christian hymns are preferred but not required)
 - d. Bride and Groom must be willing to meet with me beforehand to discuss the Christian view of marriage and related matters of faith.
 - e. Those who are not willing or able to accept these guidelines are welcome to use the facility of FBC Bennington, according to our facility policies, and bring their own officiant

Wedding Ceremony Outline Example

Prelude

Processional

Presentation of the bride (“Who gives this woman...”)

Call to worship

Hymn (Be Thou My Vision)

Preface (“We have gathered here today...”)

Charge (from Ephesians 5:22-29)

Consent (“Will you take...”)

Prayer

Hymn (Amazing Grace)

Scripture (1 John 4:7-19)

Message (John 2:1-11)

Vows

Rings

Prayer and Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)

Pronouncement

Kiss

Introduction

Recessional

Postlude