

Love

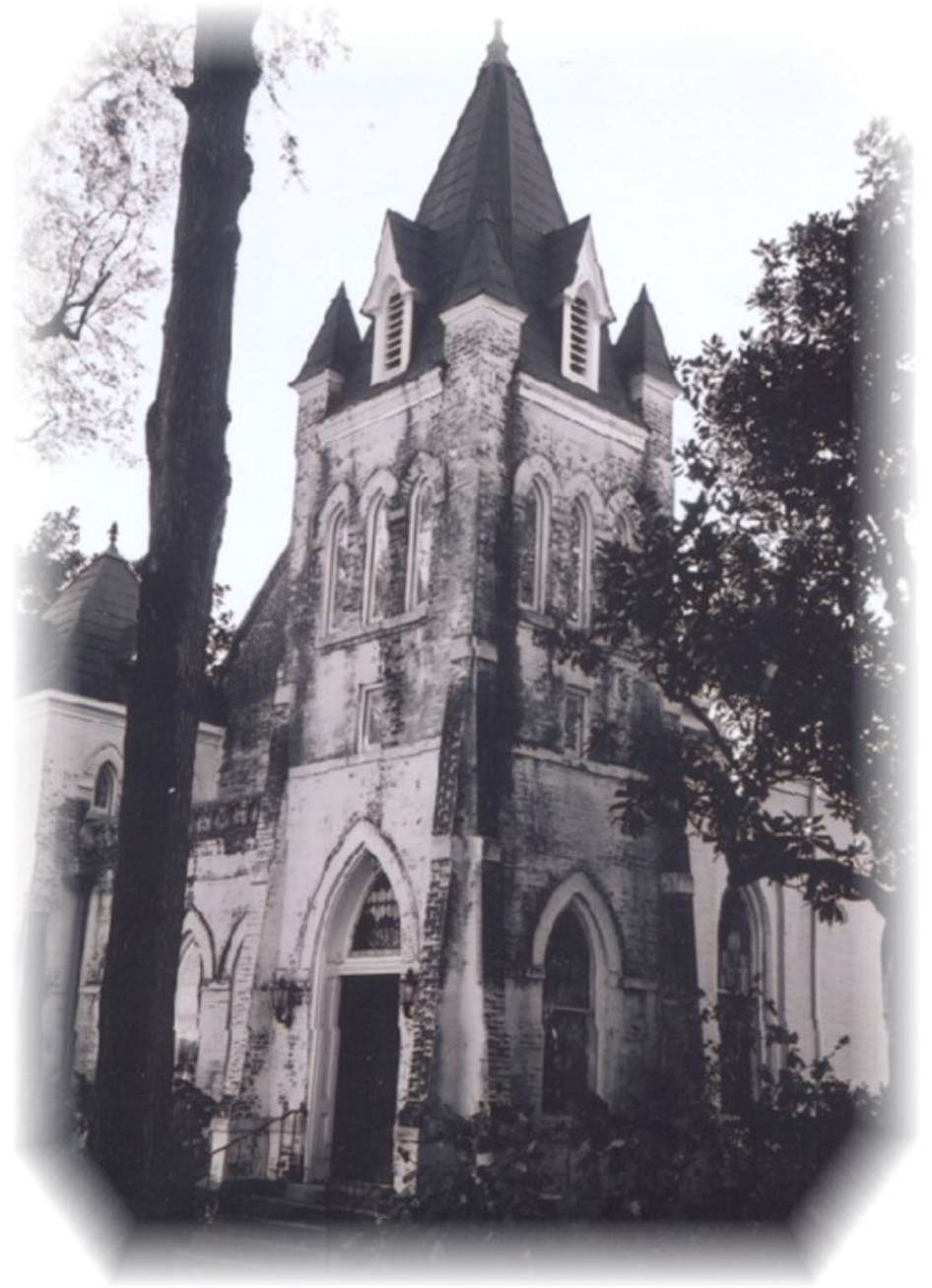
If I speak in other languages of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking. It is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease: where there are tongues, they will be stilled: where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part but when perfection come, the imperfect disappears. When I was a child, I walked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child.. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. Now we see but a poor reflection: then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part: then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: Faith, Hope and Love. But the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13 (NIV)



Guidelines for Use of Church Facilities

Reservations and Staff

1. Reservations for use of facilities should be made at the earliest possible date to assure availability of facilities desired. Please Note: *Wedding dates and rehearsal and wedding times shall be set in consultation with the officiating minister or pastor.*
2. **A consultation with the pastor of Corinth FMC is required on or near booking date.**
3. We will reserve portion(s) of facilities as needed for each event; however, at no time will our entire facilities be reserved. All reservations will be made at the church office.
4. The church provides custodial staff and a hostess or director. Please arrange to meet with the hostess or director at least one month prior to scheduled times for the rehearsal and wedding as well as any other times you may need access to the facilities. (Please do not make last minute requests...all facility access needs to be scheduled in advance.)
5. Officiating ministers must provide ordination credentials and be invited by our minister to officiate in our facilities.
6. When plans are finalized, please check back with staff to make sure all is clear. *Nothing should be left to assumption.*

Music

1. In keeping with your ceremony, we suggest only music chosen for the Glory of God. The minister, organist, or director of music will be more than happy to assist you with selection.
2. The bride is responsible for securing the organist (and any other musicians desired) and for negotiating fees. Any qualified organist may play the organ, subject to the approval of and appointment with one of our organists to become familiar with the instrument before practicing for the wedding, fee to be negotiated when making appointment.

Custodial

1. Our janitorial services in the chapel, kitchen, sanctuary, and fellowship hall consist of removing and replacing our tables and chairs, cleaning floors and kitchen in preparation of and after the event. **Washing dishes is not included in these services.**
2. If you will be using additional facilities for dressing, waiting, etc., please remove all flower boxes, papers, clothing, etc.

General Policies

1. No weddings will be scheduled during the Advent season (last weekend in November—New Year's eve)
2. All aspects of the services should convey a religious atmosphere.
3. The hostess or director will inform you of areas available for dressing and waiting prior to and after the ceremony.
4. **No alcoholic beverages, or punch containing alcohol will be allowed on the premises. (including the chapel lawn)**
5. Smoking is prohibited in all areas of the church building (including restrooms).
6. Birdseed, bubbles, or other send-off materials are to be kept outside. Remember, rice is very harmful to birds.
7. Photographs will be permitted during the processional and recessional. It is suggested that no flash photography be used during the marriage ceremony, since it is a religious ceremony. Wedding party pictures may be taken before or after the service.
8. The church will not be responsible for any personal items left on the premises.

Decorations

1. A church wedding is a service of Worship. In planning your wedding decoration, please remember to keep the atmosphere and characteristics of a Church...a house of Worship. Simple decorations will enhance the natural beauty of our church.
2. Flowers placed on the altar table should be living. Flowers shall not be placed on the organ or piano. A cross should never be obstructed.
3. Adequate mats or cloth's must be used to insure that candles do not drip on carpets or furnishings...even drip-less candles. Please put out candles with a snuffer so wax will not be blown on the carpet or furnishings.
4. Reasonable time should be allowed for decorating. After hours decorating will be at the discretion of the hostess.

Fees/Gratuities/Honorariums

A first payment of the usage fee is due at the time of making your reservation along with a completed application. The balance of all fees are due and payable 30 days prior to the event. Any cancellations made less than 30 days of the event will forfeit the first payment. Please see Fee Schedule for details.