

APPENDIX 6

GUIDELINES FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS

It is important that the bride and groom and the photographer read the following instructions regarding photography for your wedding.

Since the Wedding Ceremony is a service of worship, photography and video cameras can be a distraction. The following rules govern photographers and video camera persons at weddings in the Sanctuary and the Chapel.

1. No flashbulbs may be used at any time during the service, except from the rear of the Sanctuary or Chapel during the processional or recessional. (This would include about one-fourth of the way down the aisle.) The worship service begins when the bride arrives at the front of the Sanctuary and the pastor delivers the call to worship and it ends with the benediction just before the recessional.
2. Photographers are not to walk forward on the main floor of the sanctuary at any time during the worship service.
3. Pictures may be taken during the service ONLY from the Narthex doors and the balcony, but only if done quietly and with no flash.
4. Posed pictures may be taken in the Bride's Room, Atrium or in the Church Lounge prior to the service. Following the service, and after the departure of the guests, posed pictures of the ceremony may be taken in the Chancel. Thirty minutes should be more than sufficient. If the pastor is to be included, he/she must be informed in advance.
5. Permission to use video equipment must be discussed and approved by the officiating pastor. Please do not set up equipment before discussing this with the pastor before the service.
6. We are aware that guests are often the worst offenders in the use of cameras during weddings. We do our best to eliminate this and regret when it occurs. Nevertheless, we insist on professional conduct from the professional photographers. The church's wedding guidelines ask that a statement be printed in the bulletin instructing guests to refrain from using cameras and ushers are to remind guests who arrive with cameras that they may not be used during the worship service.