



Shower Policy

It is the desire of Journey Fellowship Baptist Church, the “*Church*,” to celebrate and support members of our church as they celebrate exciting life events. We love weddings and new babies! We want to celebrate with member couples who want to celebrate the joy of their upcoming marriage in accordance with God’s Holy Word. Babies being added to our church are an amazing gift from God. We get excited about celebrating with the member couple who is living in a God-ordained relationship. **The Church encourages couples to celebrate these special moments as CO-ED events** since both occasions are equally shared and celebrated by both the man and the woman.

In order to provide consistency and support for these celebrations, the Shower Committee has established 2 (two) types of showers: 1: “Traditional Shower” and 2. Shower Table. The following addresses both types along with guidelines and procedures.

General Procedures and Guidelines

The *Church* has designated a Shower Team Leader who will assist you in the planning of your event and answer questions that you may have under the authority of the Shower Committee which includes the Pastor, Pastor’s wife, Director of the Women’s Ministry and the Pastor’s designees.

I. Host of “Traditional” Shower Event

- a. **Important Note:** Journey Fellowship Baptist Church’s role in this regard is **NOT** as an event host, sponsor, or organizer of your event; rather, the *Church* offers the use of its facilities to those who wish to host an event. Simply stated, **the Church itself nor its name alone will not be responsible for hosting showers.**
- b. Individual(s) or groups who volunteer to be the “Host,” are responsible to fund, organize, set up and cleanup for the scheduled event.
- c. A **Shower Event Request** form is completed by the Host then processed by the Shower Committee. A response will be given to the Host by the Shower Team Leader ASAP

II. Promotion of Shower Event

- a. Advertising of the shower event will not be promoted as “given by the *Church*,” rather it will list that the event is “Hosted by Family and Friends of the [Bride and Groom],” or “Hosted by the Life Group of [Bride and Groom],” or “Hosted by [specific name, the Host(s)].

- b. The *Church's* Shower Team Leader and her team will work with the Host to assist in the planning and will gladly promote the shower via posted flyers, Remind notices, social media posts and the Media screens during service times.

III. **The Church's Offering of Blessing: A Shower Table**

- a. The Church has established a standard way to acknowledge and celebrate these joyful moments with the couple by setting up a “**shower table**” in the foyer of the church to be decorated by the Shower Team, with the help of the couple.
 - 1. A shower table will make celebrating a couple's special time easier and will allow everyone attending services to be a part of the joy by visiting a table displayed with the couple's photos, special memorabilia, a guest book (if desired), a time to talk to the couple about their upcoming plans and again, a centralized location for dropping off a gift or card.
 - 2. The table will be on display for two consecutive Sundays to allow a person that may not be able to attend the shower being hosted by an individual or may have missed a week of church to drop off a gift if desired.
- b. A Shower Table will be provided by the *Church* for each baby born to a couple living in accordance with God's Word.
- c. A **Shower Event Request** form is completed and approved by the Shower Committee. The Shower Team Leader will then work with the Host to calendar the two Sunday dates for which the table will be displayed.

Guidelines for Hosting a Traditional Shower at the Church

- 1. A **Shower Event Request Form** must be requested, filled out, and approved.
- 2. Dates and times of event must not conflict with regular scheduled church activities or other special events already on the church calendar. The Shower Team Leader will confer with the Shower Committee and will advise the availability of the church.
Once the date and time is set, the Shower Team Leader will begin promoting the event in ample time prior to the event.
- 3. Use of the church facility, the buildings, parking area, and grounds are to be used exclusively for honoring and glorifying the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Any use otherwise is strictly prohibited.
- 4. The Host will be responsible for decorating, food, activities, setting up and cleanup of the event.
- 5. The *Church* will **not** be responsible for supplying paper and disposable products to the event such as paper plates, paper cups, napkins, and use of plastic cutlery.

6. Tables and chairs belonging to the church are available for use during the event. Linen table covers are also available but are the responsibility of the Host to have them cleaned, folded or placed on hangers, and returned to the proper storage area within 10 days of use.
7. No decorations shall be affixed to walls, doors and other parts of the church with nails or methods that permanently damage the area leaving marks or holes.
8. After the event, the areas of the event **must be thoroughly cleaned** and should be left in the same, or better, condition as prior to the event. Floors must be swept, tables and chairs wiped down with appropriate disinfecting cleaning products, kitchen counters cleaned and cleared, food and drinks removed from the kitchen and refrigerator that do not belong to the church or could pose for spoilage prior to next event and all trash shall be disposed in the appropriate designated areas during and after the event.
9. The Facilities Director will be responsible for opening the church doors prior to the event and for decorating purposes and locking the church doors after the event has concluded and all guests have left the building.
10. Under Georgia law, there is no liability for an injury or death of an individual entering the premises of Journey Fellowship Baptist Church if such injury or death results from the inherent risks of contracting COVID-19. You are assuming this risk by entering these premises.

Special circumstances and exceptions:

There may be times when an exceptional need is present and the Church Shower Committee must make special decisions regarding the needs of God's people. Please trust that prayer and consideration will go into any deviation from the above guidelines.

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