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LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH FACILITY USE POLICY

Statement of Purpose

The church's facilities were provided through God's benevolence and by the sacrificial generosity of church members. The church desires that its facilities be used for the fellowship of the Body of Christ and always to God's glory. Although the facilities are not generally open to the public, we make our facilities available to approved non-member persons and groups as a witness to our faith, in a spirit of Christian charity, and as a means of demonstrating the Gospel of Jesus Christ in practice.

However, facility use will not be permitted to persons or groups holding, advancing, or advocating beliefs, or advancing, advocating, or engaging in practices that conflict with the church's faith or moral teachings, which are summarized in, among other places, the church's constitution and bylaws. Nor may facilities be used for activities that contradict, or are deemed by the pastor as inconsistent with, or contrary to the church's faith or moral teachings. The pastor, or his official designee, is the final decision-maker on whether a person or group is allowed to use church facilities. This restricted facility use policy is necessary for two important reasons.

First, the church may not in good conscience materially cooperate in activities or beliefs that are contrary to its faith. Allowing the facilities to be used for purposes that contradict the church's beliefs would be material cooperation with that activity, and would be a grave violation of the church's faith and religious practice. See 2 Corinthians 6:14; 1 Thessalonians 5:22.

Second, it is very important to the church that it presents a consistent message to the community, which the church staff and members conscientiously maintain as part of their witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. To allow facilities to be used by groups or persons who express beliefs or engage in practices contrary to the church's faith would have a severe negative impact on the message that the church strives to promote. It could also be a source of confusion and scandal to church members and the community because they may reasonably perceive that by allowing use of our facilities, the church is in agreement with the beliefs or practices of the persons or groups using church facilities.

Therefore, in no event shall persons or groups who hold, advance, or advocate beliefs, or advance, advocate, or engage in practices that contradict the church's faith use any church facility. Nor may facilities be used in any way that contradicts the church's faith. This policy applies to all church facilities, regardless of whether the facilities are connected to the church's sanctuary, because the church sees all of its property as holy and set apart to worship God. See Colossians 3:17

Life Community Marriage and Sexuality Policy

Our statement of faith, the Baptist Faith and Message 2000, expresses our fundamental Biblical conviction that Christian marriage is defined as “the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime.” (Section 18 of Baptist Faith and Message 2000)

We believe that the Scripture teaches that sexual intimacy should only occur between a man and a woman who are married to each other and that a man a woman should not engage in intimate sexual activity outside of marriage. We believe that Scripture also teaches that any form of sexual immorality, such as adultery, fornication, homosexuality, bisexual conduct, incest, any attempt to change one’s sex, disagreement with one’s biological sex, pornography is sinful and offensive to God.

However, we believe that Scripture requires that every person should be shown compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

As a local church, we believe that wedding ceremonies on church property are spiritual acts of worship of the God who created this divine institution. As such, weddings on church property shall be officiated by one or more ordained ministers of the Gospel. The church may decline to make it facilities or ministers available for any wedding if it is determined that one or both of the parties are not biblically and /or legally qualified to marry. Such determinations may be made by the pastor, church council, or The Fellowship and Facilities Team subject to the direction of the church.

No minister or employee of the Church shall officiate at any marriage ceremony unless such marriage is consistent with this policy.

Genesis 1:26-28; 2:15-25; 3:1-20; Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Joshua 24:15; 1 Samuel 1:26-28; Psalms 51:5; 78:1-8; 127; 128; 139:13-16; Proverbs 1:8; 5:15-20; 6:20-22; 12:4; 13:24; 14:1; 17:6; 18:22; 22:6, 15; 23:13-14; 24:3; 29:15, 17; 31:10-31; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; 9:9; Malachi 2:14-16; Matthew 5:31-32; 18:2-5; 19:3-9; Mark 10:6-12; Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 7:1-16; Ephesians 5:21-33; 6:1-4; Colossians 3:18-21; 1 Timothy 5:8, 14; 2 Timothy 1:3-5; Titus 2:3-5; Hebrews 13:4; 1 Peter 3:1-7

Approved Users and Priority of Use

The pastor or official designee must approve all uses of church facilities. Priority shall generally be given to members of the church, their immediate families, and organized groups that are part of the ministry, organization, or sponsored activities of the church. Church facilities and equipment will be made available to non-members or outside groups meeting the following qualifications:

1. Groups or persons requesting facility use must affirm that their beliefs and practices and planned uses of the facilities are in harmony with the church's faith and practice.
2. The group or person seeking facility use must submit a signed "Church Facility Reservation Request and Agreement" form.
3. The group or person seeking facility use must be willing to take responsibility for the facilities and equipment used and must agree to abide by the church's rules of conduct for facility use, as stated below and as described in any additional instructions by church staff.

Facility Use Hours

Facilities are available between the hours of 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM. Use outside these hours may be approved by the pastor or official designee.

Scheduling Events

Requests for facility use may be made to members of the Fellowship/Facilities Team or the pastor, by submitting the "Church Facility Reservation Request and Agreement" form. The event will be reserved and placed on the church calendar only when the pastor or official designee approves the use.

Fees

Use of the church facilities is subject to a fee of \$25.00 to pay for upkeep, maintenance, and restocking of incidental supplies.

Life Community Church Facility Use Guidelines: These and other optional policies as determined by the church.

1. Alcohol Policy: No alcohol may be served in church facilities or on campus.
2. Smoking Policy: Smoking in any indoor church facility is prohibited.
3. Groups are restricted to only those areas of the facility that the group has reserved.
4. Food and beverages in classrooms and/or worship spaces are restricted to certain areas.
5. Church equipment such as tables and chairs must be returned to original placement unless arranged otherwise prior to the event.
6. A walk-thru inspection will be completed at the end of the event and the key will be returned to the church office during regular office hours (7:30 AM-3:30 PM, M-F). All lights must be turned off and doors locked upon departure.
7. Clean-up is the responsibility of the group or individual using the facility. Clean-up entails trash removal, vacuuming carpets, cleaning hard surface floors, and cleaning of table tops and chairs.
8. Abusive or foul language, violent behavior, and drug or alcohol abuse are strictly prohibited while using church facilities. Any person exhibiting such behavior will be required to leave the premise.
9. Any person or group must sign the "Church Facility Reservation Request and Agreement" form prior to reservation of any church facilities.



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Life Community Church Facility
Reservation Request and Agreement

Name of person or organization requesting use of facilities:

Please state whether you are a ___Church Member ___Church-sponsored Ministry

___Non-member ___ Non-member group/organization

Contact Information: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

If the requested use is by an organization not affiliated with the church, please briefly state the organization's purpose and mission:

Please list the organization's website, if any: _____

Please list the names of the organization's office holders and leaders:

Describe which church facilities you are requesting the use of and the purpose for which you intend to use the facilities:

What date(s) and time(s) are you requesting to use the facilities:

If you are requesting the use of the church's facilities for a wedding and/or wedding reception, please list the names and contact information of the bride and groom:

Bride

Groom

List the name, contact information, and religious affiliation of the person officiating the wedding:

Describe the marriage preparation, counseling or training undertaken by the bride and groom:

I affirm that:

1. I understand that the church does not allow its facilities to be used in a way that contradicts its faith or by persons or groups holding beliefs that contradict the church's faith.
2. To the best of my knowledge the purpose for which I am requesting use of church facilities will not contradict the church's faith, and I commit to promptly disclose any potential conflict for which I am aware of become aware of to church staff.
3. I am not aware of any beliefs that are professed by me or the organization I represent and which is requesting use of the church's facilities that contradict the beliefs of the church. I agree to promptly disclose any potential conflicts in belief to church staff.
4. I understand that upon approval of my facilities use request, I will need to provide a rental fee in the amount of _____ and any other fees required by the church.
5. I understand that the church does not allow its facilities to be generally available to the public, and that my use of these facilities is subject to the pastor's approval, which is conditioned in part on my agreement to the requirements in the "Church Facility Use Policy," a copy of which I have read and understood.
6. I understand that I will be responsible for any damages to the church facilities resulting from the proposed use of the facilities.
7. I understand that I will return the facilities to the same appearance that I find them—replacing all furnishings to where they were, removing all trash to dumpster, removing all items you bring to use for your function, and leaving the area clear and clean.
8. The church believes disputes are to be worked out between parties without recourse to the courts. See, generally, Matthew chapter 18 and 1 Corinthians.
9. Accordingly, users of the facility agree to attempt resolution through Christian meditation, and failing that to submit to binding arbitration through the American Arbitration Association, or any other mutually acceptable arbitration service.

Signature

Printed Name

Today's Date