

Miles Road Baptist Church Facility Usage Guidelines

Purpose of Use

Miles Road Baptist Church facilities were provided by God's benevolence and through the sacrificial giving of church members. Our church desires that its facilities be used for the fellowship of the church body and always to bring glory to God. The guidelines listed below are necessary because the church may not in good conscience support activities or beliefs that are contrary to its beliefs or faith. Additionally, it is important that the church presents a consistent message to our community as we seek to witness the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Facility Use Guidelines

1. Any person or group using our facilities must have the approval of the Senior Pastor or his designee.
2. Church facilities may not be used in a way which would contradict our church's beliefs or our faith.
3. The church is an alcohol-free campus. No alcohol may be served or consumed on church grounds.
4. The church is a tobacco and electronic cigarette free campus. No smoking indoors or outdoors is allowed.
5. The church is a drug-free campus. No illegal drugs are allowed; this includes look-a-like substances.
6. No abusive or foul language or violent behavior will be tolerated. Any person exhibiting such behavior will be required to leave the premises.
7. Church equipment, including tables and chairs, must be returned to the original placement unless otherwise arranged with the Director of Operations.
8. All lights must be turned off and doors locked upon departure.
9. Our facilities are not to be used for "political-related events" (serving as a polling location is permissible).
10. Under no circumstances do we "rent" our facilities to outside groups or organizations.

Approved Users

- The Senior Pastor or his official designee must approve all uses of church facilities.
- Priority shall generally be given to active members of the church seeking to use the facilities.
- Our facilities may be used by non-church members with the requirement that a church member in good standing act as a sponsor by being present for the activities and by taking responsibility for all activities.
- On occasion outside organizations may be allowed to use our facilities under the following conditions: they must offer a direct benefit to our local community/church members (i.e. health screenings, blood drives, elections, local community HOAs, etc.), and they may not engage in any activities contrary to our faith.

Fees

Church members who use our facilities or church sponsors may typically use our facilities without a fee if they clean up after the event and return the space to the condition in which they found it. Clean up includes vacuuming/sweeping and removing trash. Weddings and other large-scale events are subject to fees (see below).

Weddings & Funerals

- All weddings and funerals conducted on church grounds must be officiated by one of our ministers; this includes at least one meeting with our ministers to discuss the service. This meeting must take place prior to facility requests being approved.
- Weddings, rehearsals, funerals, or receptions cannot take place on Sundays. We also very rarely schedule these events on holidays or over the Christmas season.
- We require all couples being wed to participate in pre-marital counseling.
- All weddings or large-scale events require a \$600 facility fee; this fee goes toward paying our event director, custodians, and audio/video technician. The fee must be paid 30 days prior to the event.

If you have questions, please contact our Operations Director Jason Palmer (jason@milesroadchurch.com).

