



# Elk Point Baptist Church

## GENERAL USE OF CHURCH FACILITIES

### GENERAL BUILDING USE POLICIES

The use of church facilities will be directed by the Elders Council and administered by the Deacons Board. These policies apply to the use of Elk Point Baptist Church facilities by all groups and individuals so authorized to use the church facilities. All activities in the church are to subscribe to the **Objectives, Vision and Values<sup>i</sup>** of Elk Point Baptist Church. No activity conducted within the church property may exist in conflict with the Statement of Faith<sup>ii</sup> and By-Laws of Elk Point Baptist Church; nor apart from the authority, control or supervision of the Elders and/or Deacons of Elk Point Baptist Church.

Apart from the programs and ministries of Elk Point Baptist Church, the facility is only available for use by non-profit religious organizations that subscribe to like faith and practices and for the purpose of carrying out objectives in keeping with those identified above (see Endnote i). Use of the church for weddings is permitted when such an event subscribes to the current wedding policy of the Church<sup>iii</sup> and one of our pastors could have performed the wedding if circumstances had so directed.

All Church activities take precedence over other users. Any Elder or Deacon has the right to visit the event of a user and confirm their compliance. Any Elder or Deacon may cancel or stop an event by a user if they are not in compliance.

The Church facility may not be used for profit or for the benefit of any individual or for individual interests resulting in profit to that individual<sup>iv</sup>. Upon approval of a request to use the facility, the Deacons or their designate will communicate and coordinate the event with the group.

Use of church facilities and grounds are subject to the following restrictions:

1. No smoking is allowed.
2. No use of any alcoholic beverages is allowed.
3. No gambling of any kind is allowed.
4. No dancing is allowed.

Groups using the Church may be asked to take out their own tenants insurance and liability. All groups using church facilities will be responsible for their own clean up, unless provision has been made for janitorial services. All items brought into the church for use during your event must be removed from the building promptly, as we do not have space to store the item.

## FEE SCHEDULE

The rental of the facility for authorized users is free. Donations are gratefully received but are not obligatory. Use of LCD projector, sound equipment must be arranged in advance and operated by a designated operator authorized by the Deacons. If janitorial services, musicians, sound technicians are required, the user group will be given the names and contact information of approved contractors or qualified individuals and they are to make suitable arrangements, including fees or honorariums.

## KEY POLICY

The authorized contact person for the organization/event will be issued a key by the Deacons or their designate; and is to be returned following the event. Keys are not to be loaned or duplicated.

## USE OF CHURCH ROOMS and EQUIPMENT

Only rooms and areas specified may be used by the group. Office equipment including computers, fax machines, copiers, etc. are not to be used. Please do not touch thermostats, furnace equipment, air exchangers, etc. No church-owned equipment, tables or chairs are to be removed from the Church for personal or community use, unless approved by the Deacon's Board.

## KITCHEN USE

Please supply your own coffee, beverages, napkins, paper towels and disposable cups. All kitchen utensils and dishes used must be cleaned and returned to the proper storage area. If you brought food items, they must be removed from refrigerators at the close of the event.

## END OF ACTIVITY CHECKLIST

The contact person for each group is responsible for ensuring that the following activities are completed:

1. Rooms, including the sanctuary, are to be left in the same condition and configuration as found.
2. All garbage cans are to be emptied and placed in the trash container outside the North East Entrance.
3. Make certain that all faucets are turned off in the kitchen and the restrooms and that all toilets are flushed.
4. Turn off all lights and ceiling fans.
5. Check all eight exterior doors (see building diagram on bulletin board) to make certain that they are locked.
6. Make certain that all windows are closed and locked.
7. Before leaving, make certain there is no one else in the building.

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**USE OF CHURCH FACILITY CONTRACT**

1. Name of organization or party wishing to use the Church facility: \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Name of contact and information

- \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Mailing Address)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Phone 1)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Phone 2)

3. Type of activity planned: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Date and duration: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Rooms provided:


6. Services needed:

TYPE OF SERVICE	AUTHORIZED PROVIDER	CONTACT INFORMATION

7. Conditions, Restrictions and/or Specific Rules: \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. Church Contact:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Phone)

9. \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature of Applicant and Date)

*The Applicant agrees that they are responsible for all damages to the premises of Elk Point Baptist Church and injuries to their guests and that they will indemnify and hold harmless Elk Point Baptist Church, its agents, employees and volunteers against every demand, claim, cause of action, judgment and expense.*

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<sup>i</sup> *The objectives of this Church are set forth in its Statement of Faith namely: for worship, biblical instruction, the observance of the divinely instructed ordinances, the presentation of a corporate testimony to the power of the Gospel in this community and such service as the Gospel requires both at home and abroad, including care for the needs of people, both in the Church and the community; recognizing and accepting Christ as the Supreme Lord and Lawgiver and taking His Word as its only and sufficient rule of faith and practice.*

<sup>ii</sup> **Statement of Faith**

1. **Bible.** We believe the Bible to be the complete Word of God; that the sixty – six Books as originally written comprising the Old and New Testament were verbally inspired by the Spirit of God and therefore entirely free from error; that the Bible is the final authority in all matters of faith and practice and the true basis of Christian union.
2. **God.** We believe in one God, Creator of all, Holy, Sovereign, Eternal, existing in three equal Persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
3. **Christ.** We believe in the absolute and essential deity of Jesus Christ, in His eternal existence with the Father in pre-incarnate glory, in His virgin birth, sinless life, substitutionary death, bodily resurrection, triumphant ascension, mediatorial ministry<sup>ii</sup> and personal return.
4. **The Holy Spirit.** We believe in the absolute and essential deity and personality of the Holy Spirit, who convicts of sin, righteousness and of judgment; who regenerates, sanctifies, illuminates comforts indwells, empower, baptizes and fills, those who believe in Jesus Christ.
5. **Satan.** We believe that Satan exists as an evil personality, the originator of sin, the archenemy of God and man.
6. **The Eternal State.** We believe in a literal place of eternal punishment called The Lake of Fire. The Lake of Fire is the destiny of all unbelievers, the devil, and his angels.
7. **Man.** We believe that man was divinely created in the image of God; that he sinned, becoming guilty before God, resulting in total depravity, thereby incurring physical and spiritual death.
8. **Salvation.** We believe that salvation is by the sovereign, electing grace of God; that by the appointment of the Father, Christ voluntarily suffered a vicarious, expiatory and propitiatory death; that justification is by faith alone in the all sufficient sacrifice and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ and that those whom God has effectually called shall be divinely preserved and finally perfected in the image of the Lord.
9. **Future Things.** We believe in the personal, bodily and glorious return of the Lord Jesus Christ; in the bodily resurrection of the just and unjust, in the eternal blessedness of the redeemed and in the judgment and conscious, eternal punishment of the wicked.
10. **The Local Church.** We believe that the Local Church is the visible, tangible expression of the Body of Christ purposed to display the distinct qualities of a God-glorifying community. It is a community called out from the world, separated unto the Lord Jesus Christ, voluntarily associated for the ministry of the Word, the mutual edification of fellow Christians, the propagation of the faith and the observances of its ordinances. We believe it is a sovereign, independent body, exercising its own divinely awarded gifts, precepts and privileges under the Lordship of Christ, the Great Head of the church. It provides the individual believer with the leadership of elders and deacons and the care and encouragement of diversely gifted, mutually committed Christians.
11. **Ordinances.** We believe that there are only two ordinances for the church, regularly observed in the New Testament:
  - a. Baptism which is the immersion of the believer in water, whereby he obeys Christ's command and sets forth his identification with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection.
  - b. The Lord's Supper which is the memorial wherein the believer partakes of the two elements, bread and fruit of the vine, which symbolize the Lord's body and shed blood, proclaiming His death until He comes.
12. **The Lord's Day.** We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day and that, in a special sense, it is the divinely appointed day for worship and spiritual exercise.
13. **Civil Government.** We believe that civil government is of divine appointment for the interest and good order of society; that kings and civil authorities are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed, except only in the things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience and Prince of the kings of the earth.
14. **Marriage and the Family.** We believe the family to be the basic building block of society. Marriage is understood to be a publicly solemnized binding covenant between a man and a woman, and is intended to be held in reverence until death separates the union. No person of Elk Point Baptist Church with the power to do so, shall knowingly solemnize the union between a professing believer and one who professes to be an unbeliever.
15. **Manhood & Womanhood.** We believe that both men and women were created in God's image, equal before God as persons and as Christians they are joint heirs of salvation and the inheritance to come; yet they remain distinct in their masculinity and femininity.
  - a. This means that within the family, God has called men to self sacrificially love their wives and to lead, as heads of their family, just as Christ loves the church and is its Head. Wives likewise are called to live in submission to their husband's headship, just as Christ was submissive to the Father's headship.
  - b. This also means that within the local church the roles of Elders and Deacons along with the primary preaching ministry of the church is restricted to only qualified men. Where there is leadership and service that does not violate the clear commands of Scripture, then men and women, who are walking in submission to Christ, can serve in all other functions of church life and leadership under the oversight of the Elders.

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<sup>iii</sup> **Elk Point Baptist Church Wedding Policy:**

1. The Marriage Covenant is established by God and is essential to His very nature. It is to be viewed with dignity and sobriety. As any biblical covenant it is both inclusive and exclusive by its application. The Christian ceremony provides for the inclusion of the groom and bride with the Lord in the marriage. It also excludes all other relationships and therefore the ceremony should be public and under the auspices of the Church and its government. As in all biblical covenants it is essentially typical of the Gospel message and should be entered into with evangelical fervour.
2. **It is important to remember that getting married is, first of all, a spiritual matter.** Christian marriage is clearly taught many places within the Bible. Genesis 2:18-25; Matthew 19:1-9; and Ephesians 5:21-33.
3. **The pastors and this congregation** believe it is our responsibility to help couples prepare, not just for your wedding, but your marriage. We believe that:
  - a. **Scripture teaches that a believer should not marry an unbeliever** (i.e., a Christian should not marry a non-Christian) (2Corinthians 6:14). It is vital and essential for your marriage that you are in agreement on the fundamentals of your faith.
  - b. **Scripture teaches that the sexual union is a gift from God to those who are already married.** The Bible clearly teaches that premarital sex is a sin against God and one's partner (1Corinthians 6:18; Ephesians 5:3; and 1Thessalonians 4:3-8).
  - c. **In order to strengthen the foundation of your marriage,** we believe that all couples to be married through our church attend a premarital counseling course through the pastors or approved by the pastors.
  - d. **That the pastoral staff are servants of this congregation** and are under the authority of God's Word and this congregation. They are licensed to perform marriages with this in mind.
  - e. **The Elk Point Baptist Church facility shall** only be used by those couples who are being married by the pastors of this church or could have been married by the pastors of this church had there not been for extenuating circumstances. Such a decision will be made by the Elders Council.
  - f. **Guidelines cannot cover all instances.** When the pastors are faced with instances of questionable lifestyles, divorce or re-marriage they should consult with the Elders Council.

<sup>iv</sup> *The organization shall be carried on without purpose of gain for its Members and any profits or other accretions to the organization shall be used in promoting its objectives.*