

PLANNING MUSIC FOR YOUR WEDDING

The music you choose for your wedding plays a very important part in your special day. It should reflect the spiritual nature of the occasion, although you may want to include one or two special secular songs prior to the ceremony. The secular song (if vocal) must be approved by the Special Events Director. **Only sacred or Christian music selections will be used within the marriage ceremony itself.** We will be happy to assist you in your choice of music.

A church organist or pianist is available for most weddings held at HFBC. He or she may be contacted through the Special Events Director, and will then confirm with you that they will play for your wedding. An approved organist *is required for all Worship Center weddings* wanting organ music. Fees to be paid to the church organist or pianist are listed on the Wedding Music Fees sheet. If you need assistance in the selection of a soloist or other musicians, please contact your Wedding Coordinator or the Special Events Director.

The *Music Information Form* is to be completed and submitted to the Wedding Coordinator at least six weeks prior to your wedding date.

MUSIC and the WEDDING REHEARSAL

With the exception of the pianists and organists for Worship Center weddings, it is not necessary for the musicians who will take part in your wedding to be at the rehearsal. (If musicians must be present for some reason, their fees will be increased from the usual rates.) The rehearsal is mainly for the wedding party to know where to stand and how and when to move, etc. The musicians may practice separately at another time.

For your convenience, please enclose the musicians' fees in separate envelopes and bring them to the rehearsal. This enables us to be sure that the musicians are not forgotten in the excitement of the wedding day. The Wedding Coordinator will give the envelopes to the musicians on the day of the wedding.

MUSIC NEEDS for YOUR WEDDING DAY

Your careful planning will ensure a smooth, calm wedding day! A microphone will be provided for the vocalist and the Media Technician will do a sound check *1 hour prior* to the beginning of the ceremony. If a sound track is being used by the vocalist, this needs to be cued and given to the Special Events Director two weeks in advance of the wedding date. All wedding music on CDs will be played and tested for their performance on our sound system.