the
Wedding Experience
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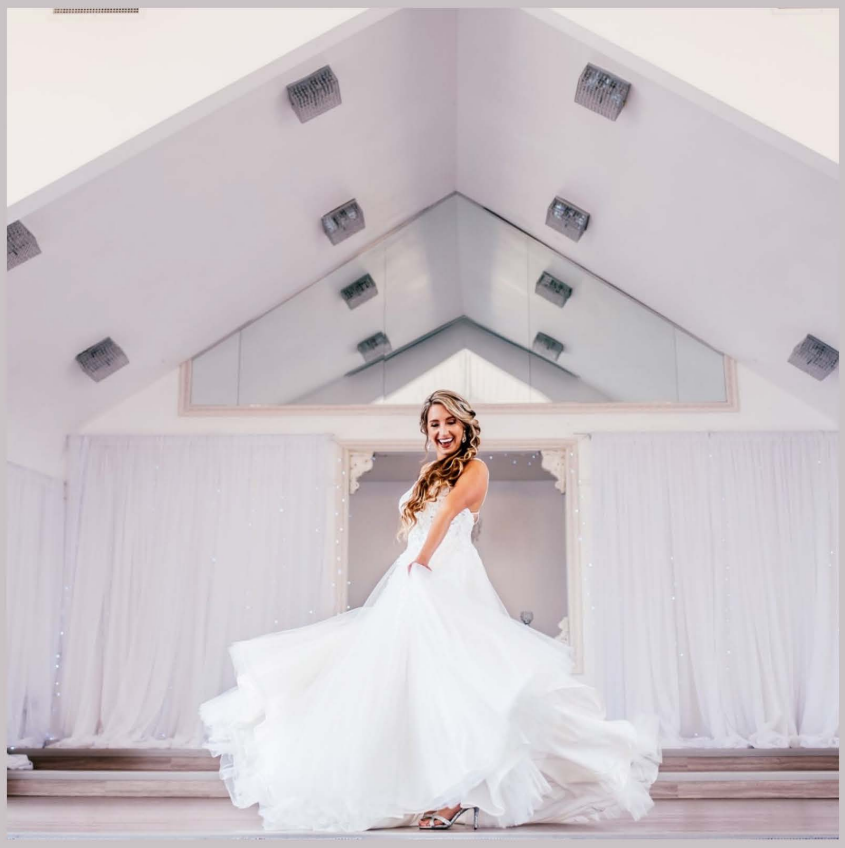

You're about to tie the knot!

It's almost wedding time and I could not be more excited to work with you! Getting ready for a wedding can be overwhelming, so I have put together a guide to put your mind at ease! In this document, you will find information about what to expect as your wedding day approaches. As always, feel free to contact me with any questions you might have.

The Timeline

Create a detailed, hour-by-hour wedding day timeline to guarantee your day runs smoothly. This will help you stay organized, stress-free, and on time. Share your wedding day timetable with your wedding party, wedding coordinator/planner, photographer, caterer, florist, and other vendors once you've completed it so that everyone is on the same page.

While most weddings follow the same format, the order in which these events occur may differ based on your preferences. It’s not a one size fits all. Please feel free to talk to me about the specifics of your day and I can help you work it out!

Here are two samples of how I try to shoot based on an eight-hour wedding package with estimated times.

Sample Timeline 1

8 hours of coverage with a first look

Photographer arrives
Detail shots (reception or ceremony site, photos of venue and details) – 30 minutes
Getting ready shots of bride – 20 minutes
Getting ready shots of groom – 20 minutes
Bride getting into her dress – 10 minutes
First look – 15 minutes
Bride and groom portraits – 20 minutes
Bridal party photos – 15 minutes
Ceremony – 30 minutes
Family photos – 30 minutes

The reception photos will last anywhere from 30 minutes to two hours depending on the wedding package.

Grand entrance to reception
First dance
Father/daughter dance
Mother/son dance
Dinner and ring shots
Cake cutting
Party time!
Photographer leaves

PLEASE NOTE: These timelines are all flexible and customizable to your specific needs and desires!

Sample Timeline 2

8 hours of coverage without a first look

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The Details

Those small touches are so important and are what make your day your own! Please gather all your wedding details you wish to have photographed and have it available for me to shoot when I arrive. After greeting you, I'll begin taking detail photographs while your hair and makeup are being done. I suggest gathering these items in a box ahead of time.

QUICK TIP: If you want clutter-free images, designate a room or a section of the room as the bag area and keep the majority of your belongings there.

Detail Ideas

FOR THE BRIDE:

- Shoes
- The rings
- All other jewelry
- Headpieces
- Perfume
- Bouquet
- Garters/handkerchiefs
- Pretty Dress Hanger
- Wedding stationary with envelopes i.e. invitations, programs, thank you cards.

FOR THE GROOM:

- Shoes
- Pocket square / Tie / Bowtie
- Belt
- Socks (If patterned)
- Cologne
- Cufflinks
- Watch

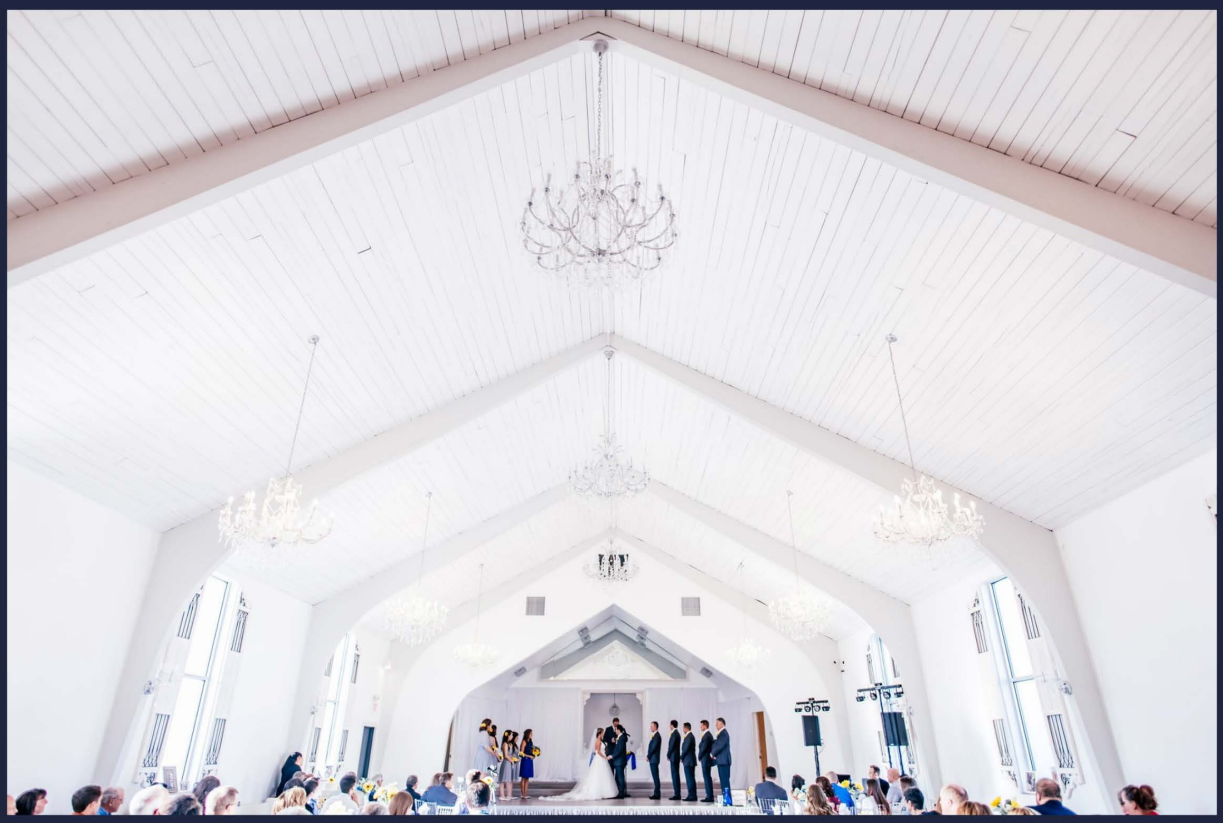
OTHER:

- Vow Books
- Ring Box
- Any other special details

Getting Ready

I love to capture those priceless moments with your bridesmaids, mother, sister, or anyone else who is assisting you. These photographs usually end up being favorites! There's something about the jitters leading up to the wedding, the small moments of "this is it," and seeing a bride's vision come together that just makes my heart so happy!

The Ceremony



And we’re finally here! This is the moment you've been looking forward to. It's easy to get caught up in all the preparations and stress. However, remember the most important thing is that this is the beginning of your lives together. Savor this moment!

The usual ceremony lasts approximately 30 minutes,. Please let me know if you have any special traditions or unique features ahead of time so I am ready to capture the moment!

The Wedding of
Kimberly & Justin
11.17.2019
Seating of the Mothers
Groom's Procession
Bride's Procession
Greeting
Prayer of Blessing for the Marriage
Giving of the Bride
Scripture: Song of Solomon 8: 6-7
Address to Bride and Groom
Address to Congregation
Blessing of Hands
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7, 13
Prayer Blessing for the Wedding
Exchange of Vows
Exchange of Rings
Scripture: Ephesians 4:2-3
Lighting the Unity Candle
Prayer
Scripture: John 15:12
Pronouncement
Introduction

Family Portraits

Formal family portraits take place directly after the ceremony. I usually start with grandparents, followed by extended family groupings, then immediate family groupings. Here are some tips to help make things run smoothly!

Shot List

Before your wedding, I will request a shot list so that I can get all of the family photo combinations you want. This way, I can check off your groupings as we go and we won't forget anyone.

Designee

It can be a huge help to have a friend or family member who knows your families to assist in making sure everyone in the family photos is there and ready to go.

Advance Notice

Make sure the family members who will be in your group shots are aware of the photos ahead of time. You can also have your officiant make an announcement asking family members to meet for photos after the ceremony in a designated location.

The Wedding Party

After family photos are finished, it's time for the bridal party! We will take photos of bridesmaids, photos of groomsmen, and then group photos. I also like to try to get photos of the bride with each individual bridesmaid and the groom with each individual groomsmen!

Bride and Groom

Once the group photos are complete, we will take some quiet time with just the two of you. Most people find it easier to relax when they aren't in front of an audience. This is also the time to get some lovely shots of just the bride and just the groom, if that's something you would like!

The Reception

Now that you're married, it's time to celebrate! Here is a list of the usual events I try to photograph, but keep in mind that this is your party -- we can customize this however you so choose!

Grand entrance
Toasts
First dance
Parent dances
Bouquet toss
Garter toss
Cake cutting
Grand exit

Getting Ready

The girls:

- Makeup and hair
- Dress, veil, etc. before wearing
- Bouquets
- Candids

The boys:

- Putting on jackets
- Tying ties
- Boutonnieres
- Watch, cufflinks, etc.
- Candids

Ceremony

Ceremony site & details
Everyone walking down the aisle
Each partner's reaction
Exchanging of rings
Reading of vows
First kiss

Family

Every family situation is different. Please prepare a list of family combinations that you want photographed.

Bridal Party

each side separately
individual photos
entire party

Bride and Groom

Shot of rings
individual photos
couple together

Reception

Grand entrance
Cake
Decorations
guests interactions
Toasts & speeches
First dance
Parent dances
Guests dancing
Cake cutting
Bouquet toss
Garter toss
Grand exit

Sample Shot List

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything else I can do to assist you beyond this guide! As a reminder, a few weeks before your wedding, we will meet to walk through everything. In the meantime, happy wedding planning!

Thank you!