

## THIRD STREET BAPTIST CHURCH WEDDING SHOWER POLICY

Here at Third Street Baptist Church marriage is celebrated. TSBC does have a *first marriage only* shower policy.

Since first time couples often need assistance with preparing for their life together, the congregation will sponsor a drive-through wedding shower for the bride and groom who are members of our congregation or have family who are members of the TSBC congregation.

The drive-through shower provided by the church will be as follows:

1. Drive-through only (either in front of the GTFLC or in front of the sanctuary; location will be determined based on weather conditions)
2. Standard decorations will be stored at the church to be used for each shower
3. Bottled water and individually wrapped snack (cookies, popcorn, candy) will be provided to guests
4. Shower announcement will be shared with the church congregation

The following steps are to be completed for a church sponsored drive-through shower to take place:

### **Step 1: Initial Contact with Church**

- a) Representative contacts the church office about a shower to be hosted by TSBC.
- b) Representative is directed to the church website to complete the online information form (<https://forms.gle/oMCBRWv7oQpjNtin7>) by the church office
- c) Representative will be told by church office that they will be contacted by a shower team member to gather more information.

### **Step 2: Team Member Assignment**

- a) Church Office: Will have access to the Google Form entries. Once they see a new notification, they will then assign to the next team member (team member contact form will be provided to church office).
- b) Once assigned to the member: That member will then contact the individual and Representative

### **Step 3: Team Member Responsibilities**

- a) Contact the Representative
- b) Schedule a time/date
- c) Gather a team to work the shower
- d) Consult with the Representative on details
- e) Attend and ensure the shower is completed from start to finish  
\*\*If team member is unable to fulfill their duties upon assignment, then they will need to contact another team member and church office to switch\*\*

### **Script for Church Office:**

Express that we are excited to work with you during this exciting time. We are happy to provide a drive-through shower at the church; either outside the GTFLC or outside the sanctuary.

TSBC will provide water, individually wrapped snacks and decorations for the event.

TSBC would love to involve friends or family to help celebrate this day and will be happy to include them in any group communication. Either via group text, Facebook Messenger, or email.

**Checklists for Team Members:**

- ✓ Contact made
- ✓ Email sent to church office requesting use of GTFLC driveway or Sanctuary driveway
- ✓ Team formed – minimum of 3
- ✓ Snack decided
- ✓ Ensure water will be at church
- ✓ Decorate day of event
- ✓ Collect gifts/write down names
- ✓ Clean
- ✓ Ensure all doors are locked

We recognize that some may wish to have a traditional shower. If that is the case, a representative may contact the church office and reserve the facility of their choice. However, this will not be viewed as a “whole church” event. This will be considered a friends/family event. Church members may be invited; however, the invitation to the church members will be incumbent upon the representative and will not be announced through the church announcements.