

Beargrass Christian Church

Policies Governing Usage of Church Facilities

Introduction

Beargrass Christian Church (BCC) seeks to fulfill its mission of becoming a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world as we worship, grow, serve, and give. The church desires its facilities be used for the fellowship of the Body of Christ and in service to the community as an extension of our mission.

In keeping with these priorities, proper oversight must be given to the facilities to ensure that:

- Adequate facilities exist to carry out the mission.
- Church facilities are properly protected against damage or misuse.
- A spirit of cooperation exists regarding the use of the church's facilities.
- Appropriate fees are assessed for non-church events to recover the expenses associated with the use of the building.

Building Space Priorities

Priority use of the BCC building and grounds is designated for worship services, congregational education, member events, activities, and sponsored ministries by and for BCC members.

1. A secondary priority is provided to BCC mission partners and non-profit organizations supported by and affiliated with the Church.
2. The third priority will include all other non-profit organizations approved for space rental.

All space requests will be submitted to the Director of Operations for review and approval at least two weeks prior to the event. The Property Committee of the BCC Board may also be asked to offer advice and support as needed.

BCC facilities are not intended for the purpose of promoting profit for commercial business. Exceptions are allowed for sponsored BCC ministries, as determined by the Ministers and the Director of Operations.

General Facility Rental Policies

1. Rental requests from individuals, organizations and entities will not be accepted under any circumstances if they are likely to:
 - Use rented space for activities which may cause damage to the property or injury to any person.
 - Use rented space for purposes which encourage fighting, abusive behavior, or foul language.
 - Possess, distribute, or use illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco, tobacco related products or weapons of any kind while on the property.
 - Use rented space in ways inappropriate or inconsistent with the mission of BCC as determined by the Director of Operations and/or the Property Committee.

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Other Policies

- BCC reserves the right to move or cancel any meeting or event based on ministry priorities, space availability and unforeseen circumstances.
- In the event inclement weather prevents safe arrival, meetings and events will be cancelled and groups will be notified.
- Equipment and furniture belonging to BCC may not be removed from rented spaces unless approved by the Director of Operations in advance.
- Additional rental fees may apply to non-church programming uses of the building to cover custodial support, maintenance, and other impact costs arising from the use of the facilities.