Apostolic Christian Church of Indianapolis, Inc.

Family Center

Statement of Policy

September 2026

These guidelines are established for the Apostolic Christian Church of Indianapolis, Inc.

Family Center. The Family Center is dedicated to the honor and glory of God. The use of it is limited to wholesome, godly activities and functions compatible with sound biblical teachings. All activities are to be properly supervised at all times by an adult regular attendee of age 18 or above and conducted in a manner honorable to God and in harmony with our faith, doctrine, and church practices. The operation of church facilities is conducted by the trustees, under the supervision of the operations steward and the authority of the Stewardship Council and church board of directors.

APPROVED USES OF THE FAMILY CENTER

1. Weddings and/or wedding receptions
2. Church activities, such as
    - Sunday School activities
    - Young Group activities
    - Church bible study groups
    - Regularly scheduled open gym (pickleball / basketball)
    - Choir activities
    - All church meals, potlucks
    - National church activities (Harvest Call, etc.)
    - Singings
    - Other gatherings, picnics, etc.
    - Visitations
3. Private uses
    - Reunions
    - Anniversaries
    - Picnics or meal functions
    - Pickleball / basketball
4. Wedding showers, baby showers
5. Events by nonprofit organizations that are supported by an active attendee and directly supervised by an active attendee

Requests for other uses must be approved by Family Center management – an individual or couple appointed by the church board who report to the operations steward under the authority of the church board.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. No smoking or vaping inside or outside the building
2. No alcohol or drugs in the building or grounds
3. No gambling
4. Profanity and offensive language are prohibited

5. No functions except those directly connected with the church shall be permitted during times of church services
6. Do not attach anything to walls, ceilings, floors or fixtures without approval from the Family Center trustee
7. Do not borrow anything from the church. Some property such as kitchen items, chairs, etc. can move between buildings but should never leave church property and should be promptly returned to its primary building when the event which required it is complete
8. Music is to be God-honoring
9. Acts of misconduct should be reported to the Family Center trustee
10. These guidelines apply to both indoor and outdoor uses of the property
11. Only slides or films pertaining to family gatherings or Apostolic Christian Church activities or interests shall be shown
12. Individuals and groups reserving the building should complete tasks on the post-use cleanup checklist immediately following their use

RESERVATIONS

First priority:

- Church activities of the Indianapolis Apostolic Christian Church and Sunday School.

- Weddings, wedding receptions, wedding rehearsal dinners, involving one or both parties (or their parents) who attend Indianapolis Church.

Reservations for these categories will be honored on a first come, first served basis.

Second priority:

- Private uses
- Wedding showers or baby showers

Reservations for this category will be accepted at any time on a tentative basis, to be confirmed ninety (90) days before the desired date if there are no requests in the meantime for uses given "first priority" as described above.

Parties reserving the Family Center for holidays or associated days in a given calendar year will not be allowed to reserve that holiday or associated days more than 60 days in advance in the following calendar year

Third priority:
Nonprofit organizations not affiliated with the Indianapolis Apostolic Church but supported by an active attendee who organizes the event
Reservations for this category will be accepted at any time on a tentative basis, to be confirmed sixty (60) days before the desired date if there are no requests in the meantime for uses given "first priority" or "second priority" as described above.

Notes pertaining to RESERVATIONS

1). Leadership acknowledges the assigning higher priority to certain events may create conflicts but urges Christian charity* to be exercised by all members and regular attendees when conflicts arise. A member planning a wedding – for example – has a clear right under these guidelines to displace an already scheduled second or third priority booking if the desired date for the wedding is more than 90 or 60 days from occurring. In practice, it is the expectation of leadership that the party scheduling a first priority event look first to alternative dates that may accommodate their activity before displacing an already scheduled event. Likewise, those involved with an event that is canceled or rescheduled should accept it graciously.

*Philippians 2: 3-4; Romans 12:10

2). The Family Center is not available for rental to the public. It is available for private use only for the Apostolic Christian Church, its regular attendees, and their families

WEDDING GUIDELINES

1. Marriages are to be performed only by our Apostolic Christian elders or ordained ministers.

2. The church elder is responsible for pre-marital counseling of the couple. This counseling will include an explanation of Family Center wedding and/or reception guidelines.

3. Music is to be limited to God honoring songs. Musical instruments will be limited to a piano and acoustical stringed instruments. Use of other instruments or music should be preapproved by the current elder.

4. Supplemental furnishings or accessories used for the wedding ceremony should be modest and in harmony with a Godly atmosphere.

These guidelines apply to both indoor and outdoor weddings

SUGGESTED DONATIONS

	Active Indianapolis Attendees	Other
Full Family Center	$250	$500
Hearth Room only	$100	$250
Classroom only	No charge	$100
Home Church Activities	No charge	N/A

Rates listed above are per day. Weddings and or wedding receptions require a 2-day reservation to accommodate setup and breakdown of furnishings and décor.