

Office of Religious & Spiritual Life

Robert Carr Chapel

Frequently Asked Questions

When was the chapel built and by who?

The chapel was built and dedicated in 1953 thanks to the architectural design of Joseph R. Pelich. The building is designed in a Georgian Colonial Revival style and the interior is beautifully decorated thanks to the work & research of Mrs. Frances Sadler, wife of president M.E. Sadler.. The chapel seats 335 not including seating in the balcony.

How often is the chapel used and what for?

The chapel is used over 500 times a year. Less about 20% of that is for weddings even though it's what the chapel is perhaps best known for. Other uses include weekly & monthly worship, prayer groups, bible studies, classes, rehearsals, convocations, music practice, memorials, concert performances and initiation services.

Can I use the chapel for personal prayer & reflection?

Sure. The chapel is open from 7am to 10pm & is open to anyone when not in scheduled use. Monthly schedules are kept in the narthex (front of the chapel) or at our office in Jarvis Hall, 1st Floor.

How do I reserve the chapel for an internal campus event?

Departments, student organizations and others within TCU may reserve the chapel by calling 817.257.7831 or downloading the reservation form online at www.faith.tcu.edu/chapel_forms.asp. Reservations can also be made in person at our main office in Jarvis Hall, 1st Floor.

How do I book the chapel for a wedding or other external event?

Call or email the chapel office to check available dates. Once a date is reserved, the contract (link) must be signed and submitted to the chapel office at robertcarrchapel@tcu.edu or TCU Office of Religious and Spiritual Life 2820 S University Dr. Fort Worth, TX 76129. Fees for the chapel are due 30 days after booking. We do require an additional deposit.

When are weddings held at the chapel & can anyone reserve them?

Weddings are held on Saturdays at 10am, 2pm and 6pm (Some flexibility with time is allowed). If Saturday times are full, Sunday evening weddings can be scheduled if staff are available. Rehearsals are always held on Friday evenings. Anyone, regardless of faith tradition or relationship to TCU, can have weddings at Robert Carr Chapel.

What are the rules regarding weddings?

For a full copy of the policies regarding weddings go to www.faith.tcu.edu/chapel_forms.asp and click on "Download Robert Carr Chapel Wedding Request Form and Chapel Policies"

How far in advance do I need to book the chapel?

While summer dates and evening times do usually fill up about 18 months in advance, there are often wedding dates and times open as close as three months out from a couple's first call to the chapel.

Who do I contact for more information about the chapel?

For more information, contact our chapel office at x7831 (817-257-7831) or email us at robertcarrchapel@tcu.edu. Questions can also be answered in person by student staff at the front desk by the chapel entrance or by visiting our offices in Jarvis Hall, 1st Floor.

