

Guidelines for Baby and Wedding Showers

Births and weddings are special events in our individual lives and in the life of this church. These are special opportunities to rejoice with one another and display loving care. After counsel, thought, and discussion the elders are encouraging the church to celebrate births and weddings with the following new guidelines. Below you will find a description of a way we think will appropriately and equitably recognize these special events among our membership:

Birth of a Baby: A diaper shower will be organized for each baby born to a church member. On the announced Sunday, a table will be decorated in the fellowship hall. As members arrive throughout the morning they will leave packs of diapers on the table as a gift for the expecting parents. There will be no party, or refreshments, but the expecting parents will receive a practical, and extremely helpful blessing of diapers from their church family.

Wedding: A linen shower will be organized for the wedding of any church member. On the announced Sunday, a table will be decorated in the fellowship hall. As members arrive throughout the morning they will leave bath, bed, or kitchen linens on the table as a gift for the couple-to-be. Information on styles, sizes, and colors will be distributed with the shower announcement.

Dates and instructions for these showers will be publicized in the church newsletter and bulletin. This process will clarify organization, responsibility, and expectations and encourage our entire church participate in these special events.

Members are welcome to organize showers above and beyond this as they desire. Use of the church fellowship hall can be scheduled through the church office. Responsibility for all invitations, food, and supplies rests with those who are organizing such showers.

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