

Bridal Party Dress Guidelines March 2020

The attire worn by all ladies participating in wedding ceremonies at Berean Baptist Church must be in keeping with the spirit of 1 Corinthians 6.19-20: "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body."

All dresses should:

- Cover the chest
- Cover the mid-section
- Cover the back
- Be knee length or longer (including any slits)

All dresses should not:

- Be too low that it shows cleavage
- Be too form-fitting to the body
- Show skin below the bra line in the back
- Include sheer material between the bra line and the top of the knee

All ladies, brides and bridesmaids alike, will wear dresses that are modest. We believe a modest dress, including strapless, is one that properly covers the chest allowing no cleavage to show at any time whether standing still, bending or moving and covers the mid-section and the back. The back of the dress should not be lower than where the bottom of a normal bra strap would lay. No skin may show from this point to the top of the knee. Please keep in mind that alterations may be necessary and sheer material alone is not considered adequate coverage.

Every effort should be made to select dresses that are beautiful in appearance without ignoring the Biblical expectation that women dress in such a manner as to honor Christ in all we do.