

THE
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AT HISTORIC ST. MARK'S



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Welcome to The Rafters at Historic St. Mark's!

The Rafters was built to embody community and embrace your most special event and we are committed to providing you with the most welcoming wedding experience. All couples are welcome here. At The Rafters we believe **love is love** in all its beautiful forms. We are thrilled for you to come up the hill to join us at The Rafters and we would be honored if you choose to spend your big day with us.

The following packet outlines our vision and expectations for a smooth and memorable wedding venue rental. Please fully review all guidelines, information, and options detailed in these pages. A signed contract and deposit will lock in your event date.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

About The Rafters

The Rafters is undoubtedly one of Huntersville's premier wedding destinations. You can expect an immaculate exposed beam structure finished with an open floor plan ready to be transformed to match your wedding day vision. The Rafters sits on the beautiful and historic campus of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, conveniently located just off I-485 and I-77, and only fifteen minutes from uptown Charlotte and Charlotte-Douglas Airport. Crafted with southern charm and offering modern amenities, the stunning reception hall wraps you and your guests in grandeur and beauty befitting the occasion.



The Rafters Campus

In addition to The Rafters main venue, your event rental will include full access to the multi-building campus as well as expansive lawns and tree lines. We hope you will experience these spaces and take advantage of endless stunning photo opportunities.



St. Mark's Historic Church

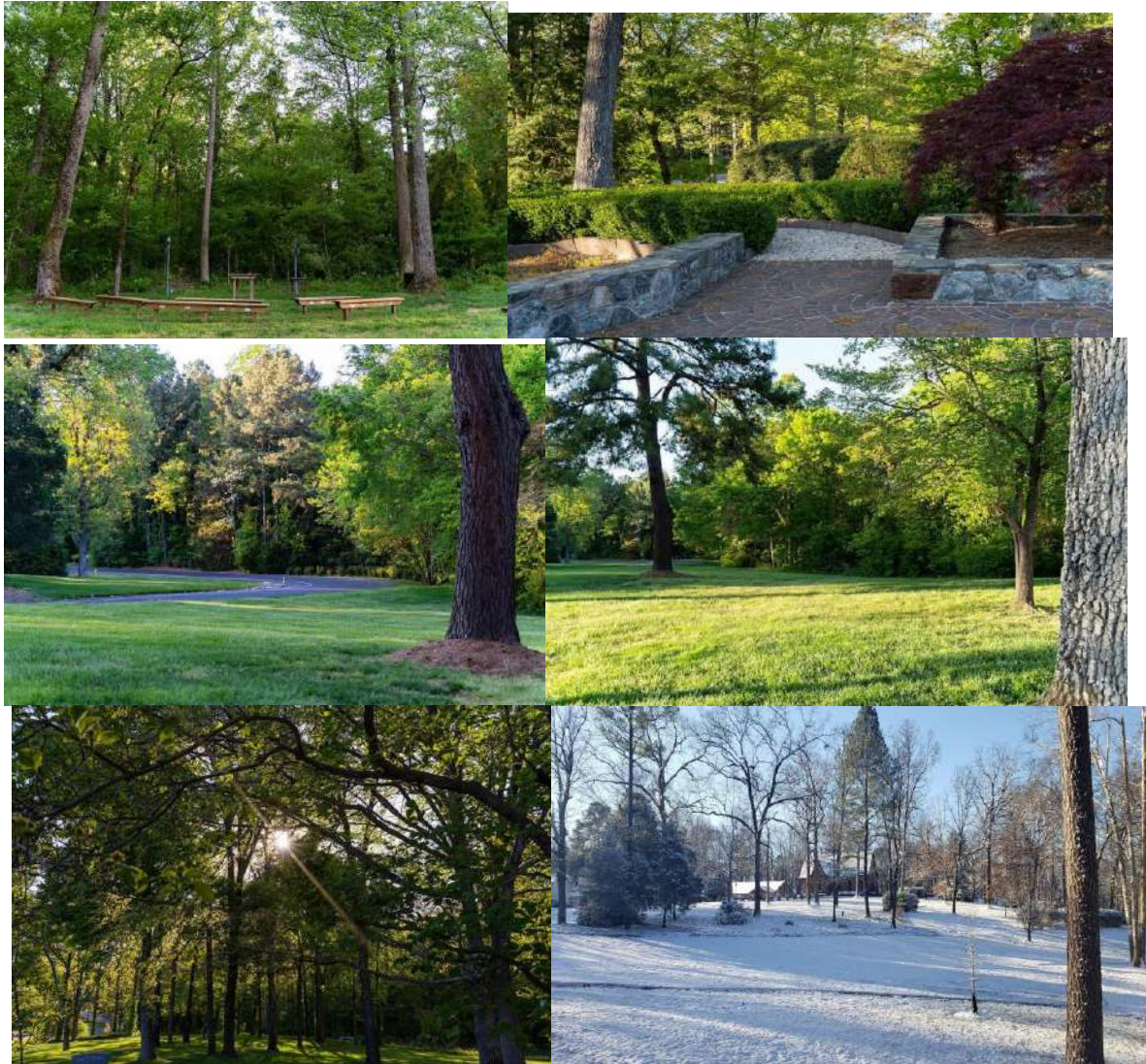
Available for wedding ceremonies and charming photos, the Historic Church seats ~140 guests. The exterior features a historic church bell, full-brick finish, three arched red doors including one wheelchair-accessible entrance, and a stone patio courtyard at the main entrance in the back of the church. The interior of the church has beautifully refinished wooden pews, stunning stained-glass windows, and a beautiful, exposed beam vaulted ceiling.





Outdoor Chapel and Grounds

Simplistic, rustic, and surrounded by nature, the Outdoor Chapel is a small space located in the large lawn adjacent to The Rafters main venue. The space can be used as your primary ceremony location, First Look, Cocktail Hour, or simply used as a backdrop for photos among the towering trees and natural light.



Parish House

The Parish House, listed on the historic register, is an extraordinary gem on The Rafters campus. A classic and inviting exterior wraps nearly 140 years of history inside the walls of the Parish House. The Crystal Suite is filled with natural light and space for the bridal party to get ready, but the entire house is available for unique photos which can't be replicated anywhere else. At the top of the staircase, peeking through the front door, or on the rocking chair on the front porch – this space will become one of your favorite parts about The Rafters campus.

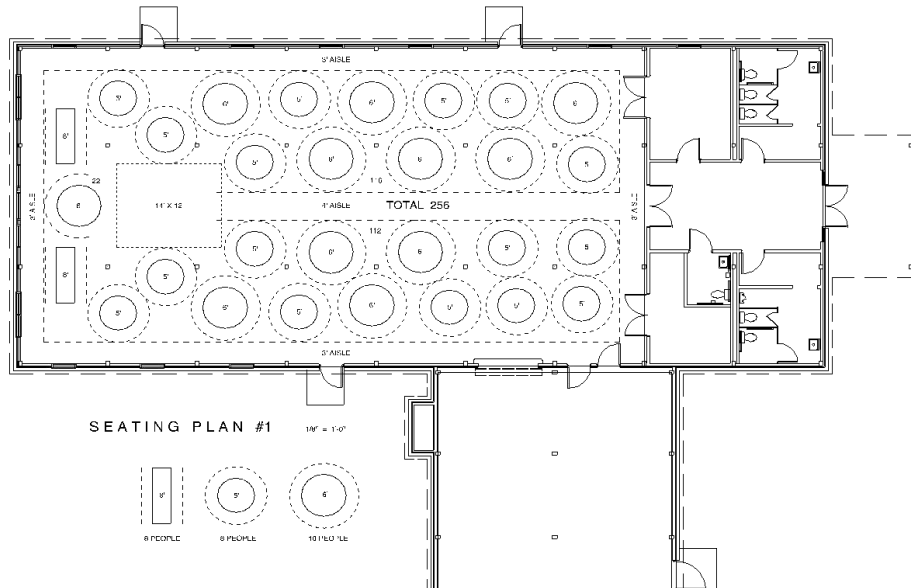


Founder's Hall and The Lounge Suite

Located between the Historic Church and The Rafters main venue, Founder's Hall is home to our Lounge Suite. A perfect den with couches, leather easy chairs, barstools, table, foosball, can jam, darts, poker, TV, fridge, microwave, and restrooms. Whether hanging out in the den or outside in the large backyard, this area is perfect to relax before the wedding. Founder's Hall has restrooms available in the main lobby for wedding guests, as well as comfortable seats inside and benches on the front porch to stop and take a breath of fresh air.



With seating inside for up to 200 guests, you can celebrate your big day surrounded by family and friends. Below is a sample seating plan which maximizes the available space using tables and chairs provided by the venue. We provide a variety of tables, both round and banquet (rectangular), in multiple sizes, with linens available for all.





Classic, & All Inclusive Packages Include:

Full access to all buildings on campus on wedding day

- ~The Rafters Reception Venue
- ~Historic Church
- ~Outdoor Chapel
- ~Historic Parish House (The Crystal Suite)
- ~Founder's Hall (The Lounge Suite)

Onsite Venue Manager (does not replace day-of wedding coordinator).

~A campus representative will be available for your full rental duration to help coordinate onsite venue logistics. The Venue Manager does not perform the duties of a professional event planner or wedding director. The Venue Manager is present to assist in the functions' logistics, protect the campus buildings and grounds, and act as a liaison between renter's vendors and venue staff.

Setup & Breakdown of Venue Tables, Chairs

- ~6', 5', 4' Round Tables, 8', 6', 4' Rectangular "Banquet" Tables
- ~White Resin Garden Chairs with padded seat (200)

Full Commercial Kitchen

HVAC

Restrooms

Onsite Parking

Nursery available just steps from The Rafters

Capacity:

Rafters Reception Hall: 200

Historic Church: 140

Additional hours on campus for decorating, getting ready:

\$250 per hour, based on availability and approval prior to event

General Information

Catering: We have an on-site caterer, Flyin' Lion, however, our full commercial kitchen is available to outside catering with a \$500 fee. You may select a caterer from our list of preferred vendors, or other licensed caterers are allowed with pre-approval.

Centerpieces: Some centerpiece decorations may be available to rent for an additional charge unless included in your package. Any decor (or trash from decor) brought in must be removed by customer at the end of your rental time.

Dates: We are happy to reserve your date once a completed wedding contract is signed and the appropriate retainer is paid.

Engagement Photos: The renter may schedule private time to come to The Rafters campus to take engagement photos or bridal portraits. This time must be scheduled with the Venue Manager in advance and is included with all rental packages.

Entertainment, including any applicable licenses for live or recorded music, is the sole responsibility of the renter. The organ in the Historic Church is available for use with pre-approval and musician training; the St. Mark's Organist is available to play the organ during your wedding ceremony, among other accompanists. Contact information for all preferred vendors can be provided upon request. The event and all music at The Rafters must conclude by 10pm, with clean up, vendors out, and doors locked by 11pm per city ordinance. No haze or smoke of any kind is permitted inside.

Parking: Ample (free) parking is available for guests at The Rafters, in designated paved spaces.

Payment Methods: Methods of payment include cash, personal check, money order, cashier's check, or credit card. Credit cards will incur a 4% processing fee. All checks must be made payable to St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

Pets: Pets are welcome in the outdoor spaces on campus; pets are not permitted in any indoor buildings.

Send-Off Celebrations: You are welcome to use birdseed, flowers, bubbles, or sparklers outside for send-off celebrations. Glitter, rice, confetti, and smoke bombs are not allowed on The Rafters campus. Cleaning fees will apply if any of the prohibited

items are brought on premises. Clean up of send off items is the responsibility of the renter.

Officiant: Fr. Garry of St. Mark's would be happy to discuss officiating your wedding, or you may bring your own licensed officiant.

Set-up and breakdown for the event, including decorations and scheduling of deliveries, must be approved in advance with the Venue Manager. The Rafters operates by appointment only, and people are not always here. The Rafters is not responsible for any items left on the premises.

Signage: Signage must be self-propping and/or standing. Ribbons, fishing line, or zip ties may be used with prior approval. Thus, walls, trees, railings, etc., are off limits for the use of signage.

Tables & Chairs: are included in your venue rental. Up to 200 white garden chairs are available, to be set up by The Rafters staff. If renting additional or different chairs, setup and breakdown will be the responsibility of the client. Linens are provided with the Classic and All Inclusive packages, or as an add-on with other packages.

Venue Manager: The Venue Manager is present to assist in the functions' logistics, protect the campus buildings and grounds, and act as a liaison between renter's vendors and venue staff, however, the Venue Manager does not perform the duties of an event planner or wedding director. We require hiring a wedding planner or day of coordinator.

*Prices and Packages are subject to change, please contact The Rafters at theraftersevents@gmail.com for current availability. Pricing is only guaranteed if contract occurs within 30 days of initial contact.

