



I am really looking forward to photographing your wedding!

Wedding photography is an amazing art form, and I feel blessed to be able to work in this medium. I am deeply grateful to be a part of your most special day. It's an honor that they trust me to capture your fun, intimate, and amazing moments.

I feel like my mission during your wedding celebration is not only to photograph the traditional moments, but even more importantly, to capture the little details and mini celebrations all around you. These are the moments where your heart is in your throat, tears are in your eyes, or laughter is tumbling out of you. Timeless hugs and treasured moments surround you, but often you're not even aware of them because of the busyness of the day.

My heart for your day is to capture those hidden moments so that you can hold on to them forever.

In my experience wonderful, heartrending photographs of a wedding are not only a timeless momento, but they also replenish the well of deep connection and love that a couple starts out with in their married life. Sitting together and remembering the intense sweetness of your day will be a life-long reservoir of inspiration and hope for you and your family for all the years ahead.

I can shoot good photos for you, but I want to produce GREAT images! To do this requires a little extra time and preparation:

Wedding Time Line:

- I prefer to shoot photos of the Bride & Bridesmaids and the Groom & Groomsman - separately without them seeing one another - before the ceremony to get those photos out of the way and get the wedding party to the reception faster. I typically do this at the ceremony site and would prefer 30-45 minutes with each group to get the best possible poses and not be rushed. If you wish, this can be done at an alternate location if arrangements are made ahead of time.
- Immediately following the ceremony, I will take any posed formal pictures that include the Bride & Grooms family, and any ceremony pictures that need to be "staged." I ask that all members of the wedding party, as well as important family members return to the front of the church (or other pre-arranged photo location) as quickly as possible following the recessional. **Because many churches / venues operate on a very tight schedule, it is essential that everyone cooperate in this endeavor.**
- It will typically take between 30 and 45 minutes to complete the formal photo session after the ceremony. Please plan for this, and that you make the church / venue aware of the time needed to complete the photography.
- During the formal photo session, I do allow family members to take photographs as well. However, please be aware that I have as many as 30 different poses to photograph. For this reason, I can not wait while other people are taking pictures and ask that they do so without interfering with our primary photography goals.
- I will require 10-15 minutes of time to get lighting equipment set-up and in place for group photos.
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- I welcome the opportunity to photograph you and your wedding party at many of the scenic locations in the area. Many are free and open to the public, other take special planning and coordination with the owners/managers of the venues. Please let me know your thoughts if this is something you would like to pursue and I will make the necessary arrangements, however, I will need at least three weeks prior notice to photograph at third party locations so that I can scout out the area, secure the needed permissions, and plan accordingly for the day of the wedding.
- The needed travel time to / from the church to the other locations plus a 10 minute 'heavy traffic' buffer.
- At least 40 minutes per venue to assemble the wedding party and not be rushed for the highest quality of images.
- A back-up plan / location in the case of inclement weather.

With all of these ideas in mind, please fill out a time line (attached) of the days events and return it to me. I have included an example for you to see how the day can progress.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Jim

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Wedding of: Julie Example & Bob Illustration

Date: August 17, 2014

Location(s): Girls House, Peace UMC, Whetstone Park of Roses, Turtle Hill Golf Club

Time	Event	Notes
11:30	Girls getting ready	@ House w/ photographer
1:00	Guys getting ready	@ church w/ photographer
1:30	Guys Formal Session w/ Photographer	in Sanctuary & parking lot
1:30	Girls leave house for church	via Limo w/ one photographer
2:15	Girls Formal Session w/ Photographer	in Sanctuary & Gardens
3:00	Music Starts - seating of guests	
3:25	Grandparents seated	all five
3:30	Ceremony Starts - Mothers light unity candle	
4:00	Ceremony Ends - receiving line	
4:15	Formal Family Portraits	@ Church
4:50	Leave church for Whetstone, Parents to reception	via Limo w/ one photographer
5:15	Photos at Whetstone Park of Roses	wedding party only, no parents
6:00	Leave Whetstone for Reception	via Limo w/ one photographer
6:20	Arrive at Reception	
6:30	DJ announces wedding party	
7:00	Dinner is served	
7:30	Toasts	all three dads, BM, MH
8:00	First Dances	
8:30	Cutting Cake	
8:45	Sunset Photos outside reception	Bride & Groom only
9:15	Garter/bouquet toss	
10:30	Wedding Couple Departs	via Limo w/rice throwing

