

SAMPLE TIMELINE

Sample Timeline for 8 Hours of Coverage with a First Look

Bridal Details 2:30-3:15



Every bride loves having those beautiful shots of her bridal details. It's an important part of the story and I love having some time to shoot the dress, shoes, jewelry, invitations, etc. These shots allow me to get warmed up for the rest of the big day. I normally like to allow at least 45 minutes for this part of the day. While I'm shooting details, I'm also capturing some shots of the bride and her girls getting ready! If the groom is getting ready nearby, I will also try to get a few shots of them getting dressed too!

After the details have been photographed, it's time for the bride to get into her dress! This is a big moment! I usually ask the mother of the bride and all of the bridesmaids to be dressed by the time the bride is ready to get into her dress. This ensures that everyone will look nice in those images. After the bride is in her gown, she can put on her jewelry, veil, shoes, etc. and I will shoot some additional bridal portraits!



3:15-3:45 *Bridal Prep*



The First Look 4:00



This is one of my favorite parts of the wedding day! I will find the perfect location for my couple's First Look prior to the getting ready portion of the day! Don't stress about that one bit! I will make sure the location is private and as secluded as possible. If you have a special location in mind, let me know so I can make sure the lighting is perfect!

Portraits

4:15-4:45



After the bride and groom take their time with the First Look, I will begin taking a few romantic portraits of the two of them while the initial excitement is still present! I will find the locations for these shots as well! Remember, the LIGHT determines where we shoot and so I can't decide on portrait locations until the day-of. As we shoot these portraits, the bridal party can start making their way to us for Bridal Party portraits!

Now it's time for Bridal Party shots! I buffer in extra time throughout the day just in case we have some unexpected things that hold us up! One way to make sure we stay on schedule for bridal party portraits is to have someone put the boutonnieres on the guys BEFORE they arrive for portraits. During Bridal Party portraits, I make sure to take some great shots of the guys and girls both separately AND together! After bridal party portraits are complete, the bride will go into hiding so that early guests don't sneak a peek and ushers will begin their duties. If you are having a first look, you have the option of also having family portraits taken during this time as well. I will adjust this portion of the day by adding 20-30 minutes to accommodate this.



4:50-5:20

Bridal Party/ Family Portraits



Bride in Hiding

5:30-6:00

After the Bride and Bridesmaids portraits are complete, the bride will go into hiding so that early guests won't sneak a peek, and ushers will begin their duties.

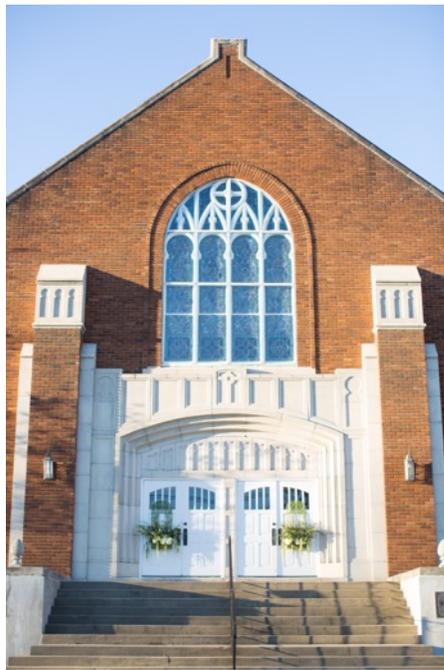


Reception Details

5:30-5:50



If the reception is in the same location as the ceremony, I will use this time to shoot the reception decor UNTOUCHED. I like shooting the reception decor before guests start laying down purses and coats on their seats!



It's time to get married!! Most ceremonies are 15-30 minutes long. If your ceremony is longer than 30 minutes, adjustments will be made to the timeline! Cherish these moments! Your ceremony will pass

Family Portraits

6:40-7:10

Family formals normally take place immediately following the ceremony. If you are having a first look, you have the option of having family formals taken before the ceremony.



Ceremony

6:00-6:30



We will need about 30 minutes for family formals. I will send a questionnaire before the wedding where you can list out the shots that you want. I will recommend shooting portraits outdoors if possible so that they resemble more natural family portraits, especially if the ceremony location is dark!

A Few “Just Married” Portraits

7:15–7:30



This is when the bridal party lines up for introductions and the party begins!! By this part of the day, my timeline isn't as strict. Depending on your coverage time, it is best to plan your main reception events that you would like photographed (cake cutting, bouquet & garter toss, etc.) before the partying and dancing begins. This is highly recommended for 6-8 hour coverage time.

1.5-2 hours before sunset is the BEST time of day for portraits! This is when the sun has a nice glow and is golden. I love having a few extra minutes with the bride and groom to take a few “Just Married” portraits right after family formals!



Reception Begins!

APPOXIMATE TIMES:

DETAILS & PREP : 1 - 1.5 HOURS

FIRST LOOK & PORTRAITS : 30 - 40 MINS

BRIDAL PARTY : 30 MINS

FAMILY FORMALS: 30 MINS



10:30 The Exit



If you're interested in having your exit photographed, there are several options for this! Make sure you plan your exit BEFORE all your guest leave. Also, if you have run out of coverage time, you can either add additional coverage or plan a faux exit with just your bridal party!