

# Benson-Crane Shooting Schedule

Start time	Length	Who is Needed	What is Needed	Notes
4:00 p.m.	30 minutes	Bride and Groom	Flowers, marriage license, invitation and rings. Helper for bride's train in picture posing.	Peace and quiet for this photo session. No other cameras. Not a large crowd if possible.
4:30 p.m.	30 minutes	Groomsmen, Ushers, Bridesmaids, Ring Bear, Flower Girl & perhaps candle lighters.	Flowers already in place on men. Girls bouquets in hand. RB Pillow and FG Basket.	Same as above.
5:00 p.m.	30 minutes	All Family members of bride and groom including siblings, their spouses and kids and grandparents.	Flowers already in place on men. Corsages pinned on women.	Same as Above. Some families also do an "every known relative" photo at this time.
5:30 p.m.	30 minutes	Wedding helpers not in other groups such as minister, musicians, guest book, rice, gift receivers. etc.	Flowers already in place on men. Corsages pinned on women.	Last half-hour of our private studio session group photography.
6:00 p.m.	30 minutes	We'll be busy taking down our big studio lighting system.		From this point on, there are no camera restrictions by us. Be aware that some churches have rules.
6:30 p.m.	30 minutes	Music has started, guests are being ushered. We'll be busy shooting informal shots.		
7:00 p.m.	30 - 60 minutes	Wedding		
8:00 p.m.	3 Hours	Greeting of guests and reception.		You will need to do cake cutting, toasts, first dance, bouquet and garter ritual photos early while all guests are still there.

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# Last Minute Wedding Day Check List of Things that are Often Missed!



Has someone been asked to unlock the church building (and turn on the heat or air conditioner) so all the vendors can set up equipment before the start picture time? We usually show up at least 30 minutes early. If professional video is being done, often the setup time is greater.



If pictures start, say, at 11 a.m. (for a 2 p.m. wedding), does your florist know the church decorations (in the auditorium) must be completed by that time? Also, all the corsages, bouquets and boutonnieres need to be AVAILABLE and ready to use in the photos. Same with rings and license.



Have you remembered to tell each group when to be ready for their picture half-hour. Often, out-of-town relatives who have not been around for the wedding planning have not been told. Consider printing a picture time schedule and hand it out at the rehearsal.



Years ago, we discovered our group photo quality went way up if we treated the session like it was a photo studio. We even bring studio lights. Our studio lights fire when ANY camera flashes. Other cameras cause our subjects to not know where to look. Please remind your friends to not take pictures in the same room as our two hours of studio type shooting. They may take photos elsewhere with no problem. They may shoot at the wedding and reception at will.



At the rehearsal of the aisle processional, don't space the bridesmaids too closely. For some reason, we've seen a trend of high-speed walking by bridesmaids. Remember, it is an elegant processional. We're concerned because our flashes need time to recharge between each shot.



Remind your bridesmaids' to SMILE as they walk down the aisle. Often they are so intent on not tripping or maintaining their spacing, they forget to smile. Smiling bridesmaids make your wedding look like a happy occasion.



If you are having a cake/punch type of reception, you need to arrange to cut your cake before the receiving line. That way guests can continue from the receiving line into the cake line. Since receiving lines often take an hour or more, it is not cool to cause your guests to stand and wait for an hour before the cake line even starts.



Most people use honorary servers at the reception table. These servers need to get to their serving positions quickly after the wedding. If you don't handle this well, they get trapped in the crowd. It is wise to seat them together near the rear of the auditorium so they can exit quickly. This paragraph applies only for cake/punch receptions at the church immediately after the wedding.



If you have known procrastinators in your wedding who are late to everything, lie and cheat. Tell them to be ready a half-hour before you really need them. Even one groomsman missing, fouls up about half the photos in the wedding party half-hour.



The person most often late for photos is the bride. The pre-wedding shoot normally should give the bride a clue as to the time she needs to do hair, make-up and dress. We think maybe most brides add a make-up session on their wedding day that they didn't use on their pre-wedding shoot. As a result their time allotment is off. We actually had one bride this year ready fifteen minutes early. After we picked ourselves up off the floor from fainting, we rewarded this bride with more proofs from which to choose. If you are late, you will probably lose a picture a minute. So 20 minutes late means 20 less pictures to see.

**Quiet Please!**

**Photo session**

**in progress!**

# Please Note!

Private cameras may  
not be used during  
wedding photographer's  
photo session!