

FAMILY PORTRAITS

Captured Moments
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Thank you for choosing Captured Moments by Christine!

We know you have options when it comes to your photography services so we appreciate your business. Here are some instructions and helpful tips for your session.

FAMILY SESSION:

- ▶ Please drink plenty of water and get plenty of rest the night prior to your session. This will help keep you and your family refreshed, keep dark circles from under your eyes and keep you hydrated.
- ▶ We want to plan the best session possible for you and your family. When discussing an off site location think of you as a family and your interests. Do you like the country scene, nature and greenery, old stone buildings, the city, water behind you, beach or in the comfort of your own home. Think about this! A decision does not have to be made on location immediately.
- ▶ PLEASE DO NOT wear wrinkled, stained, saggy clothing or clothing that clashes.

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING & AFTER YOUR SESSION:

- ▶ After your session, please allow at least 2 weeks (excluding holidays) to receive a link to your private album where all images to view and choose from.
- ▶ Please read the email format that is sent to you. It will give you instructions on what you need to do.
- ▶ When selecting your family package, please be aware that these packages are discounted. Most of our packages come with a minimum of 80 - 150 photos depending on how the session is flowing. After viewing all of your images, you may add additional prints or products at that time.
- ▶ When choosing me as your photographer not only will we provide traditional still shots for your wall, we love to capture your true moments. Be yourselves whatever that may be and let us shoot what we see. You'd be surprised. Those are always the best photos!
- ▶ You don't have to stand still the whole time. Move with your session. Grab hands walk, pick up kids and hug them and wisp the hair from your wife's face as you smile at her! Let's make this more of us building a relationship and having a great time while it's being recorded through my camera.

WHAT TO WEAR:

This question is very common!

CLOTHING SUGGESTIONS

The selection of proper clothing for your portrait is a critical factor in the preparation for a successful portrait.

If the clothing is noticeable in a portrait, it could easily become a distraction. Clothing that does not attract attention to itself is the ultimate goal. It could be the difference between a very successful portrait and just another picture. We can not stress enough how important it is for you to observe the following criteria. First I will start with some general suggestions and then go into a little more detail specific to the type of shoot you are considering:

WHAT TO AVOID

- Avoid bright yellows, reds, corals and oranges (they battle the subjects face for attention) and the camera will readily pick up the reflected light and render skin tone with a color cast.
- Avoid clothing containing logos, slogans, or other distractions.
- Bold stripes, large designs and polka dots stand out and tend to draw attention from the portrait's subject.

CONSIDER THESE

- Spring / Summer: Think soft colors that are easy on the eyes. blush, tans, beige, white, pale blues, light mint blues, laces, browns, light grey.
- Fall / Winter: Deep maroon, navy blues, dark beige, tans, black, grey with accents of different shades that will coordinate. I will display some photos below to give you some ideas.
- A top that has interesting textures (e.g. a sweater) can also add depth and richness to an image. If you will have more than one change of clothing for your session then consider bringing a variety of necklines, textures, colors, and undergarments to achieve a wide variety of looks.
- Stick to solids and subtle patterns.

ACCESSORIES

Simple and elegant is the advice when selecting jewelry for a portrait. The same applies for any other accessories that you wish to have included in your portrait.

- Spring / Summer: Accessories with suspenders for guys, simple hats, sun hats for women.
- Fall / Winter: Accessories with scarves that accentuate not hide your neck, neck ties, blazer jackets for men.
- Eye glasses may or may not be worn. Non-reflective lenses, of course, are a big help

OTHER ITEMS TO CONSIDER BRINGING:

- ▶ A comb or brush and hair-spray if you use it.
- ▶ A light face powder to reduce any shine on your face that may build up during your shoot.
- ▶ For gents (or women who prefer not to wear much or any makeup), bring a lip balm. Dry lips don't show well in photos and so a non-shiny, non-waxy, none colored lip balm is essential. Avoid chap sticks, as they tend to leave a white residue.
- ▶ If you normally wear makeup, bring it with you but avoid high gloss lipsticks or very shiny lip gloss. Avoid too much highlighter.
- ▶ A towel to damp your face depending on humidity and South.

CLOTHING IDEAS AND COLORS TO CONSIDER:

