



Consent to Counseling

Our goal in providing Christian counseling is to help you meet the challenges of life in a way that will please and honor the Lord Jesus Christ and allow you to fully enjoy His love and plans for your life.

Biblical Basis

We believe that the Bible provides thorough guidance and instruction for faith and life. Therefore, our counseling is based on scriptural principles rather than those of secular psychology or psychiatry. Neither the pastoral nor the lay counselors of this church are trained or licensed as psychotherapists or mental health professionals.

Confidentiality

Confidentiality is an important aspect of the counseling process, and we will carefully guard the information you entrust to us. However, there are five (5) situations when it may be necessary for us to share certain information with others: When a counselor is uncertain of how to address a particular problem and needs to seek advice from another pastor or elder in this church; When a counselee attends another church and it is necessary to talk with his or her pastor or elders; When there is a clear indication that someone may be harmed unless others intervene; When a person persistently refuses to renounce a particular sin and it becomes necessary to seek the assistance of others in the church to encourage repentance and reconciliation; When a crime has been committed (see Proverbs 15:22; Proverbs 24:11; Matthew 18:15-20; Deut. 13:6-8). Please be assured that our counselors strongly prefer not to disclose personal information to others, and they will make every effort to help you find ways to resolve a problem as privately as possible.

Resolution of Conflicts

On rare occasions a conflict may develop between a counselor and a counselee. In order to make sure that any such conflicts will be resolved in a biblically faithful manner, we require all of our counselees to agree that any dispute that arises with counselor or with this church as a result of counseling will be settled by mediation and, if necessary, legally binding arbitration.

Having clarified the principles and policies of our counseling ministry, we welcome the opportunity to minister to you in the name of Christ and to be used by Him as He helps you to grow in spiritual maturity and prepares for usefulness in His body. If you have any questions about these guidelines, please talk with a pastor or elder before your counseling appointment. If these guidelines are acceptable to you, please sign below.

Sign Name _____

Date _____

Print Name _____