



BELIEVERS' BIBLICAL COUNSELING CENTER

CONSENT TO COUNSEL

Our Mission: The mission of Believers' Biblical Counseling Center (hereinafter called "BBCC") is to provide biblical solutions for the problems you face. We do this by speaking the Truth of God's Word to you, in love, to help you through the difficulties of life in a way that is pleasing and honoring to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Biblical Basis: BBCC is religious in nature, conducted under the authority and eldership of Believers' Baptist Church. We believe that God, through the Holy Bible, has provided us sufficient guidance for all matters of life and faith (2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:3-4). Our counseling is based solely on the principles found in sacred Scripture. We fundamentally reject the teaching and modern psychology and psychiatry, and therefore ask that methods of psychology and psychiatry and not pursued during your time in biblical counseling. The biblical counselors of BBCC are not trained or licensed as psychotherapists or mental health professionals. The counseling you will receive will be based upon your biblical counselor's understanding of sacred Scripture.

Professional Advice: In the process of biblical counseling there are times when there is a need for significant advice regarding medical, legal, financial, or other technical areas. If you have any questions regarding these things, you should seek advice from a competent independent professional. Our biblical counselors will cooperate with such advisors and help you consider their advice in light of relevant Scriptural principles.

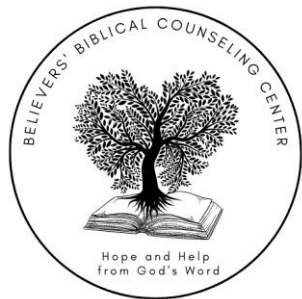
Moreover, we urge our counselees to care for their physical bodies properly and to seek medical treatment for all physiological problems (problems relating to your physical body and its functions). Our biblical counselors will cooperate with such medical professionals and help you respond to such problems in a godly manner, but our biblical counsel is not intended to replace the services of a qualified medical professional where physical problems are present and medication is prescribed.

Counseling Fees: Biblical Counseling is provided at BBCC free of charge. Counselees may donate to the ministry, but this is not expected nor required as a condition of counseling.

What to Bring: Please bring with you (one for each person being counseled) a Bible (a literal translation such as ESV, NASB, or NKJV rather than a paraphrase), a notebook, and a pen.

Confidentiality: Confidentiality is a vital part of the biblical counseling relationship. To that end, BBCC and its biblical counselors agree to carefully guard, to the fullest extent possible, the information entrusted to them by counselees. The BBCC Confidentiality Policy is attached to this form and is to be read, signed, and turned in before counseling begins.

Counseling Minors: When counseling a minor, it is requested that one or more parent or legal guardian be present during the counseling session(s). All counseling sessions with a minor will be recorded and kept in a secure file for the protection of the minor, the counselor, and BBCC. If the parent or legal guardian is not present for the counseling session, a digital copy of the counseling session will be available at the parent or legal guardian's request.



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Church Attendance: For the duration of your counseling at BBCC you agree to attend at least one weekly church service or Bible study at Believers' Baptist Church. This policy exists because the more you are learning about God and His Word, the better equipped you will be to respond to the difficulties of life that you are dealing with. Circumstances prohibiting you from attending a weekly service may be discussed with your counselor.

Conflict Resolution: On rare occasions a conflict may develop between a counselor and counselee. God commands in Scripture (1 Corinthians 6:1-8) that Christians make every effort to live in peace and to resolve disputes with one another in private or within the church, rather than involving secular courts. We require all counselees, whether professing Christ or not, to agree to follow these procedures in the event of a conflict with BBCC or its counselors.

By initialing below, I agree that any claim or dispute arising from or related to this agreement shall be settled by mediation and, if necessary, legally binding arbitration in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the *Institute of Christian Conciliation*. Judgment upon an arbitration decision may be entered in any court otherwise having jurisdiction. The parties understand that these methods shall be the sole remedy for any controversy or claim arising out of this agreement and expressly waive their right to file a lawsuit in any civil court against one another for such disputes, except to enforce an arbitration decision. Copies of the Rules of Procedure for Christian Conciliation are available upon request.

Counselee(s) Initials: _____

Having clarified the principles and policies of BBCC, we welcome the opportunity to minister to you in Christ. If you have any questions about these guidelines, please speak to your counselor. Your signature below indicates your informed consent to these guidelines.

(Signature of parent or legal guardian required for minor.)

Printed Name: _____ Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____ Date: _____