

# BIBLICAL COUNSELING AGREEMENT

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If you are having trouble and are unsure about what to do or where to turn, the ministry of Cornerstone Baptist Church is available to offer biblical counsel. We will accept a limited number of counseling cases that are non-members but will always be ready to assist our members as a first priority.

Our counseling is strictly based upon God's Word. We do not pretend to be psychologists or psychiatrists.

There are, however, several conditions upon which **non-member or outside counseling** will be initiated.

1. Counseling **members** of Cornerstone Baptist Church always **takes precedence** over all outside counseling.
2. Counseling will be done by a counselor as assigned by the church pastor.
3. Other elders may be asked to participate as part of the counseling team. There may also be trainees in observation of your counseling who are committed to the keeping the biblical teaching of confidence.
4. All counseling will be conducted with the counselor's understanding of Scripture. Your counseling will be biblical counseling in which the **Scriptures are, in all cases, the final authority**. **If you are unwilling to use the Bible as the final authority in counseling, sessions will be terminated.**
5. If you are a member of another church, it will be necessary for you to inform your pastor of your counseling. This is important since we want to recognize and respect the authority and the discipline of

other congregations. In addition, this makes the transfer back to the pastoral care of your church, a lot easier to effect. If you are not a member of a local area church, for accountability purposes, you will be asked to attend Sunday morning services at Cornerstone Baptist Church for the duration of your counseling sessions.

6. At any time during the counseling, for reasons sufficient to himself, the counselor, as also the counselee—shall have the option of terminating counseling.

7. Information disclosed in counseling sessions will be held confidential only as the counselor believes the Bible requires. Absolute confidence is not Scriptural; matters of church discipline, for instance, under certain circumstances, require one to disclose facts to others (cf. Matthew 18:15ff). As well as harm to self, others, or child abuse.

8. It must be understood that biblical counseling consists of the giving of scriptural advice and the practical application of the same to each individual. Yet, the counselee is held fully responsible for how he/she implements that advice.

9. If you are presently seeing another counselor it is imperative you conclude those sessions before you seek our help. Competing counsel is never helpful to anyone.

We are confident that the Bible has all the information necessary for your life and the problems you face. There are no problems between persons that the Bible fails to address either in general or specific principles. While our counselors do not pretend to know all there is to know about biblical

teaching and its application to life they will do their utmost to help you.

Our counselors will honestly tell you if they are stymied and will seek other Scriptural help.

*By signing this form, I am agreeing that I have read the conditions for counseling set forth in this brochure, and agree to enter into counseling in accordance with them: **Sign below:***

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Date:

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**Parental signature (if under 18)**

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Date:

**Appointments can be made by emailing:**  
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