

Print Name: _____

CONSENT TO COUNSEL & AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST/RELEASE INFORMATION

Note from the Elders and Pastors: *"We love you and want the best for you. We are excited to see God at work in our lives as followers of Jesus. We would love to see you join us in a journey of worship and life change. May Christ get all the glory."*

Our Mission: You on fire for Jesus Christ and your worship of Jesus restored in life changing ways.

Our Method: Listening well, applying God's word wisely, and prayerfully partnering with you in the journey of seeking and worshipping our God in every circumstance. We do not charge for this ministry, but we do ask that people who seek biblical counseling at Summit Point Church attend Sunday services regularly.

Our Biblical Approach: We desire 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 for you. 2 Corinthians 3:16-18 tells us that God changes our lives through the power of the Holy Spirit as we turn to Him and behold His glory. Our approach, therefore, is to come alongside you and help point you to the Lord through His word for His glory and for your good.

Biblical Basis: The word of God is an amazing form of communication from our King to us. The recorded scriptures are inspired (shared to man) by the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:20-21), without error (Psalm 18:30), and profitable for transforming heart change that equips us for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17). But it is even more than that. It also ushers in God's power and insight to our personal lives by actively discerning the thoughts and intentions of our hearts (Hebrews 4:12). Therefore, our counseling is based on God's word rather than secular psychology or psychiatry (Col. 2:8).

Partnered Counseling: As part of your care, we seek to have an advocate join in the counseling process. An advocate is a mature Christian who is present in the counseling sessions and supports the counselee with prayer, encouragement, and accountability throughout the counseling process. In addition, if you have significant needs requiring licensed assist (medical, financial, legal, etc), we encourage you to seek advice from an independent professional as well. Our ministry staff will be happy to cooperate with such advisors and help you to consider their counsel in light of relevant scriptural principles.

Resolution of Conflicts: We understand that that the journey of counseling can be a difficult and emotional one. Hurts may arise, or past pains may be revealed. We will walk with you in helping to restore relationships, in as much as it depends on you (Romans 12:18). We will also be very real about sin as defined in scripture and call for all in the room to walk humbly with their God (Matthew 18:15-18).

Confidentiality: We value your confidentiality and want the counseling room to be a safe place to share and be real with your struggles. To provide the best comprehensive care possible, there may be times when we need to communicate in confidentiality with other counselors or pastors that are directly involved. In addition, other situations where we are mandated reporters and are required by law to share include:

1. When there is clear indication to harm yourself or someone else.
2. When there is evidence or reasonable suspicion of abuse against a minor child, elderly person, or dependent adult.
3. If we are subpoenaed or court ordered to disclose information.
4. When a person persistently refuses to renounce a particular sin and it becomes necessary to seek the assistance of church leadership to encourage repentance and reconciliation (see Proverbs 15:22; 24:11, Matthew 18:15-20).

Given the above, if you desire to counsel with us, please sign below.

If counselee is an adult:

I have read and understood the information above entitled "Consent to Counsel & Authorization to Request/Release information."

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If counselee is a minor:

_____ Name of Child	_____ Age of Child	
_____ Name of Parent/Guardian	_____ Date	_____ Parent/Guardian Signature