

Grace Counseling Center of Lexington
A ministry of Grace Bible Church

**NOTICE OF:
Bible-Based Counseling Methods, Credentials,
Confidentiality, Appointments, and Loaned Materials**

COUNSELING AGREEMENT

Methods

Our counseling method is founded in the sufficiency of God's Word (Ps. 19:7-10, 2 Tim 3:15-16). All counseling will be biblically based counseling. Our philosophy is to help counselees see that all problems, in many respects, are spiritual in nature, namely ones relationship to God. All counseling will find its bases in the word of God.

Cost

We realize that God offers to every man and women the free gift of salvation. However, to facilitate this ministry it does take resources. In an effort to be a blessing to the community GCC has a low cost policy of \$75.00 per 90-minute sessions.

Counseling Credentials

Your counseling will be provided by a Grace Counseling Center staff who is a trained and certified Association of Certified Biblical Counselors (ACBC). The counselors have received training in the Bible-based model of counseling and in listening and helping skills from Christian professionals trained in individual, marital, and family counseling.

Our Counselors are not professionals in psychological counseling, psychiatric therapy, or licensed by the State of South Carolina as counselors, social workers, or therapists.

Confidentiality Statement

The communications between you and your counselor will be considered confidential except where disclosure is required by law, i.e., where there is a threat of serious harm to self or others, as in the case of child abuse, suicide, threatened violence, or homicide. In such instances, your communications may be disclosed to your counselor's supervisor or to the Director of the Counseling Ministry and/or to appropriate state law enforcement authorities.

Because the Grace Counseling Center is also a training center, and only with your consent, you may also be assigned a co-counselor, who is also bound by the duty of confidentiality imposed upon all counselors in this Counseling Ministry. In addition, your counselor may disclose the written and taped records of your counseling sessions to his supervisor, clinical consultant, or other counselor to receive supervision regarding your care. By signing this document you agree to such disclosure for supervision purposes only.

Missed Appointments

A counselee who is unable to keep an appointment is asked to call the Counseling Center Office at **(803) 447-1949** to cancel **24 hours** in advance. The Counselor's time is ministry, so please be considerate, so that if you are not able to come we can fill your time with another appointment. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

AGREEMENT

By signing this document, I am, of my own free will, knowingly authorizing counselors of the Counseling Ministry of Grace Counseling Ministry to render counseling and/or referral services to me. Likewise, I have been informed of the nature and purposes of the Bible-based Counseling Ministry's services and that my consent may be revoked orally or in writing prior to, and/or during the counseling session. Furthermore, I understand that the Counselors and Co-Counselor to which I am assigned is *not* licensed by the State of South Carolina as a professional counselor, social worker, or therapist.

I have read and fully understand my rights as a client and that my counselor *will* disclose my communications to law enforcement officials as required by law. I further understand and hereby give my permission for my counselor to disclose his/her written and taped records of my counseling sessions with his/her ministry supervisor or consultant for the purpose of receiving supervision regarding my care and his/her training.

I agree to pay the counseling fees and notify the Counseling Center Office if I am unable to keep my appointment.

I agree to do all homework and reading assignments realizing that without my effort in these matters the counseling I am receiving will not be as effective.

I agree to do what is requested of me for my spiritual growth and the glory of God.

No guarantee or assurance of any kind has been made to me with respect to any of the results that may be obtained from these services.

COUNSELEE'S SIGNATURE

DATE