

**Counseling Agreement with
Grace Biblical Counseling, L.L.C.**

2008 North Highway 56
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Have you been having trouble? Don't know what to do or where to turn? The trained counselors at Grace Biblical Counseling, L.L.C. want you to know that they are available to take a limited number of counseling cases from outside the congregation in addition to those they are conducting at any given time. You may seek an appointment by calling 254-897-3320.

There are, however, several conditions upon which outside counseling cases will be initiated. They are as follows:

1. Counseling of members of Grace Community Church always takes precedence over all outside counseling.
2. Counseling will be done by a pastor or trained member of the church; such decisions will be made by the pastors.
3. Most counseling sessions will have a counselor trainee in the room to observe as we seek to further equip more counselors to help more people.
4. All counseling will be conducted in accordance with the counselor's understanding of the Scriptures. Your counseling will be biblical, pastoral counseling in which the Scriptures are in all cases the final authority. If you are not sure that you will be interested in biblically-based counseling, you will be given the option of attending one or two sessions to discover what biblical counseling is like. 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 your pastor or other recognized church leadership to accompany you to counseling sessions. This is important since we want to recognize and respect the authority and the discipline of other congregations. And, in addition, this makes transfer back to the pastoral care of your church a lot easier to effect. If someone in leadership at your church is unwilling to come with you, we will likely counsel you to seek out a different church that teaches and practices both sound doctrine and love to its congregation.
6. At any time during the counseling, for reasons sufficient to the counselor, as well as 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 confidentiality is not Scriptural; matters of church discipline (cf. Mat. 18:15), for instance, under certain circumstances, require one to disclose facts to others.
8. All counseling is done free of charge as a ministry of Grace Biblical Counseling, L.L.C. However, there may be some reading materials that we suggest from our Resource Center that will be relevant to helping you through your current struggle.
9. It should be understood that biblical counseling consists of giving 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.

We are confident that the Bible has all the information necessary for life and godliness. 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, nevertheless, they do know much and will do their best to help you. Counselors will honestly tell you if they are stymied and will seek further help if necessary, to assist you.

I have read the conditions for counseling set forth above and agree to them.

Signed: _____ Date: _____