



Faith Baptist Church
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Information Form

Client name: Last First Middle Date: / /

Address: City: State: Zip

Date of Birth: / / Gender: M / F (circle one) Marital Status

Email Cell Phone ()

Employment Work ()

Spouse/Parent information

Name: Last First Middle

Address (if different from client)

Date of Birth / / Gender M / F (circle one) Marital Status

Email Cell Phone ()

Employment Work ()

Dependents:

Name Relation DOB Name Relation DOB

Name Relation DOB Name Relation DOB

Emergency Contact Relationship

Cell () Work ()

Client Date: (Or Responsible Party)

Counselor Date:



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Informed Consent

Please read over each policy thoroughly and then initial in each blank to signify you understand the stated policy

The Counseling Service is a ministry of Faith Baptist Church and is a Christian based service that draws its beliefs and direction from God and through biblical teachings. All sessions will begin and end with prayer.

The Christian Counselor: Johnny (JB) Brown is a certified Christian Counselor. He has also been certified in CISM (Critical Incident Stress Management) along with working with the following issues: Pre-marital, marriage, family, grief, depression and spiritual issues.

Confidentiality

Everything spoken to your counselor here is protected by the confidentiality statutes of State of Georgia. That means your counselor will in no way disclose any information without your written consent except in the following situations:

- a. If you threaten grave bodily harm or death to yourself or another person, your counselor is required by ethical standards to inform the intended victim and/or appropriate law enforcement agencies
- b. If you report to your counselor your knowledge of the physical or sexual abuse of a minor child by an adult or of an elder by an adult, your counselor is required by law to inform appropriate authorities.
- c. If your counselor is required by a court of law (court order) to turn over records to the court or is ordered to testify regarding those records.
- d. Your counselor may, if deemed necessary, consult the pastoral staff of this church (Faith Baptist) or other certified or licensed counselors to provide better advice to be given to you the counselee without disclosing your identification without your written consent.

Appointments

Counseling sessions are 45-50 minutes. Any number of factors could be important for counseling to be effective, such as faithful attendance of counseling meetings, completing "homework assignments" between sessions, ongoing prayer, and honesty with the counselor, and a humble response to the Word of God. Equally important will be the active application of truths discussed with your counselor into your life. We hope you assume this responsibility during your time here. The counselor's responsibility is to offer sound biblical counsel.



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Methods of Counseling

I, the counselee, understand that my counseling may involve my participation in individual, couple, and/or group counseling. I understand that if I participate in group counseling, a condition of my doing so is that I protect the privacy and confidentiality of other participants. I agree that if I participate in group counseling, I will not disclose information about the identity, words, or actions of other group counseling participants to anyone outside the counseling session. I understand that my counseling may include my attendance at meetings of independent self-help support groups including Alcoholics Anonymous, Celebrate Recovery, Reformers Unanimous, Turning Point, and/or other programs. I agree to participate in such programs if suggested and to abide by the practices of those programs regarding protecting the privacy and anonymity of other program participants.

Outcomes

I understand that there are no guaranteed results (i.e. become happier, less tense or depressed, saved marriage, stop drug abuse, etc.) and that I am responsible for working in identified issues throughout the counseling process.

Outside Communication

I understand no form of communication outside of session is guaranteed to be private. Conversations can be overheard, texts can be read, emails can be sent to the wrong recipients, and electronic information can be hacked. By using any electronic method to send messages to me, I will assume you have made an informed decision to take the risk the message may be intercepted. Emails, text messages and phone calls are ideally for arranging or rescheduling appointments. I will not discuss your counseling or engage in counseling through these electronic means. Non-life threatening emergencies will be handled via these methods at the earliest convenience of the counselor.

Marriage and couples counseling

When you enter counseling for marriages or couples, all information is confidential outside of the session. However, what you share in a one on one with the counselor may be shared to the other spouse if the counselor believes in their judgment it could help the relationship.



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_____ **Emergencies**

Faith Baptist Christian Counseling is not an emergency facility. In the case of an emergency situation, clients need to utilize their local emergency room or call 911.

_____ **Fees:**

Counseling is currently provided free of charge to the members of Faith Baptist Church and their immediate family. It is also provided to the community at large, however, donations to the counseling ministry are greatly appreciated.

I have read the preceding information and hereby give my consent to proceed with counseling. Furthermore, I hereby release Faith Baptist Church, and its current and former pastors, directors, officer, employees, deacons, volunteers and other agents from all liability and any claim, damages or litigation arising from or related to any counseling received (or not received) by me through the Faith Baptist Church Counseling Ministry.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

(Please print)

Signature: _____