

VICTORY PLACE BIBLICAL COUNSELING CENTER

“But thanks be to God! He gives us the VICTORY through our Lord Jesus Christ.”
1 Cor. 15:57

Our Goal—Our goal in providing biblical counseling is to help you meet the challenges of life in a way that will please and honor the Lord Jesus Christ and allow you to enjoy fully His love for you and His plans for your life.

Biblical Basis—We believe that the Bible provides thorough guidance and instruction for faith and life. (II Peter 1:3 and Romans 15:4). Therefore, our counseling is based only on scriptural principles rather than those of secular psychology or psychiatry. Although some of the pastoral or lay counselors of this church may be licensed in other fields, such as medicine or psychology, they will not practice as professionals but as Biblical counselors.

Not Professional Advice—Some of our counselors work in professional fields outside this ministry. When serving as counselors within this ministry however, they do not provide the same kind of professional advice and services that they are hired in their profession capacities. Therefore, if you have significant legal, financial, medical or other technical questions, you should seek advice from another independent professional. Our pastor and lay counselors will be happy to cooperate with such advisors and help you to consider their counsel in the light of relevant scriptural principle.

Confidentiality—Confidentiality is an important aspect of the counseling process, and we will carefully guard the information you entrust to us. However, because we are continually training others to be effective counselors we ask that you agree to allow counselors in training to be present during your sessions. There are four other situations when it may be necessary for us to share certain information with others (1) When a counselor is uncertain how to address a particular problem and needs to seek advice from another member of the pastoral leadership in this church; (2) when a counselee attends another church and it is necessary to talk with his or her pastor or elders; (3) when there is a clear indication that someone may be harmed unless we otherwise intervene; or (4) when a person persistently refuses to renounce a particular sin and it becomes necessary to seek the assistance of others in the church to encourage repentance and reconciliation (see Proverbs 15:22; 24:11; Matthew 18:15-20). Please be assured that our counselors strongly prefer not to disclose personal information to others, and they make every effort to help you find ways to resolve a problem as privately as possible.

Childcare—Unfortunately, at this time we cannot provide childcare while you attend your counseling session. If you have children who are not involved in the counseling session itself, please do not bring them with you to your session.

Resolution of Conflicts—On rare occasions a conflict may arise between counselor and counselee. In order to make sure that any such conflicts will be resolved in a biblically faithful manner, we require all of our counselees to agree that any dispute that arises with the counselor or with this church as a result of counseling will be settled with mediation within the church according to the principles of scripture and the authority of this local church.

Fees—Our counseling is free of charge as a service to our community. However, our cancellation policy requires that you cancel a scheduled appointment no less than 24 hours prior to your appointment time. Failure to cancel an appointment within this timeframe may result in forfeiting your allotted time slot. Since our ministry regularly has a waiting list, it could be some time before your preferred time slot becomes available.

Having clarified the principles and policies of our counseling ministry, we welcome the opportunity to minister to you in the name of Christ and to be used by Him as He helps you to grow in spiritual maturity and prepares you for usefulness in His church. If you have any questions about these guidelines, please contact our office at 972-264-1483 ext. 8224. If these guidelines are acceptable to you, please sign below.

Printed Name: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____