



Counseling Agreement

The counseling staff of Coastal Bible Fellowship is available to take a limited number of counseling cases. The counseling is Christian in nature and uses a strictly Bible-based approach. The Bible is the sole basis and authority for the counseling provided.

Conditions upon which counseling cases will be initiated are as follows:

1. All counseling will be conducted in accordance with the counselor's understanding of the Scriptures. 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.
2. At any time during the counseling, for reasons sufficient to himself, the counselor – as well as the counselee – shall have the option of terminating counseling.
3. Information disclosed in the counseling sessions will be held confidential only as the counselor believes the Bible requires. Absolute confidentiality is not scriptural; matters of church discipline (cf. Mt. 18:15ff.), for instance, under certain circumstances, require one to disclose facts to others.
4. All counseling is done free of charge as a ministry of Coastal Bible Fellowship. Sometimes, out of gratitude, one may wish to express his thanks in a tangible way. In such cases, checks should be made out to the church, not in a counselor's name.
5. A counselee who is unable to keep an appointment is asked to call the church office at **(912)295-2385** to cancel.
6. It should be understood that biblical counseling consists of the giving of scriptural advice and the practical application of the same to each individual. Yet, the counselee is held fully responsible for how he implements that advice.

Coastal Bible Fellowship counselors are not licensed by the State of Georgia as counselors, social workers, or therapists. They are, however, confident that the Bible has all of 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 utmost to help you.

If you are interested in counseling, kindly sign below as indicated.

I have read the conditions for counseling set forth in this document and agree to enter into counseling in accordance with them:

Signed _____ Date _____