

Client Consent for Pastoral Counseling

The Pastoral Counseling Ministry of Warren Baptist Church is motivated by the love of God and the example of Christ to offer counseling approaches that both honor Christ and take into consideration the whole person - mind, body, and spirit. There are several things we want you to know before you agree to enter into a counseling relationship with us.

The Pastoral Counselor: Bret Legg is a pastoral counselor with a Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Counseling. He is currently under clinical supervision by a licensed professional counselor, but is not currently a licensed counselor. He is a member of the American Association of Christian Counselors and has experience working with the following issues: pre-marital, marriage, family, parenting, separation and divorce, sexual abuse, grief and depression, and spiritual issues.

Confidentiality: Confidentiality is extremely important to us. We go to great lengths to protect the confidentiality of your visit(s). Yet, there are four limitations to confidentiality of which you must be aware:

1. In an effort to insure the quality and accountability, your pastoral counselor consults with a clinical supervisor. These consultations are kept strictly confidential between the pastoral counselor and the clinical supervisor.
2. If you are a danger to yourself or others, it is our responsibility to warn/report to protect you and others from harm.
3. If we learn about child abuse or elder abuse/neglect, we are required by law to report it to the appropriate authorities.
4. If we are required to present records and/or a pastoral counselor to comply with a court order, we will do so.

With the above exception, we will not discuss anything related to your counseling with anyone, unless you give us written permission to do so.

Video and Audio Recording: In an effort to insure accountability and integrity on both the part of the pastoral counselor and the counselee, each room in our pastoral counseling ministry center is monitored by video cameras that record the activity in every room. **No audio from your visit will be recorded without your prior consent.** Only the administrative assistant for the pastoral counseling ministry will be able to view the video of each room. Should you be asked to give your consent for audio recording, please know that only your pastoral counselor will have access to that audio recording.

How to Contact Us:

- During Normal Business Hours: Call the church at 706.860.1586. Ask for Bret Legg or the Counseling Department. Your call will be directed.
- After Hour Emergencies: If you or someone you know is in life-threatening danger, call 911 immediately. If you have an emergency situation that is not life threatening, please call 706.241.0142, leave a message, and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Fees: Pastoral counseling is currently provided free of charge as a ministry to the members of Warren Baptist Church and the community at large. Donations to the counseling ministry are greatly appreciated, but not required.

I have read the preceding information and here by give my consent to proceed with pastoral counseling.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ Date of birth: _____

Signature: _____