

# Biblical Guidance Registration/Informed Consent

## Information

This information is being provided so that you will understand the conditions for participating in our Biblical Guidance Ministry. Please read this carefully and ask questions about anything that seems unclear. Your signature indicates your understanding and acceptance of these conditions.

## Not Professional Advice ...

Although our volunteers may work in professional fields outside the church, when serving in Biblical Guidance they are providing Biblically based insight, as it pertains to any Spiritual issue presented. They do not provide the same type of professional service as when they function in their professional capacities outside the church. **Biblical Guidance** is a “ministry” that provides insight from the Word of God. All instruction provided is based solely on, and comes from Scripture. Our focus and purpose is to deal with Spiritual Issues. Biblical Guidance offers **short-term Biblical Guidance**. All exceptions beyond this must be approved through the office of the Biblical Guidance Administrator. All contacts with the Biblical Guidance staff and/or any volunteers must be made through the office.

## Confidentiality

Confidentiality is an important aspect of the Biblical Guidance process. The Biblical Guidance Ministry will protect information accordingly. There are several situations, however, when it may be necessary for us to share information with others when:

- 1) A staff/volunteer is uncertain how to address a particular problem and needs to seek advice from another staff/minister/volunteer in this church;
- 2) We must comply with any and all applicable state and/or federal laws, such as those dealing with abuse;
- 3) There is an indication that harm may come to the participant or someone else;
- 4) It is determined by the Biblical Guidance staff/volunteer that church authority has a need to know;
- 5) 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);*
- 6) A person attends another church and it is necessary for us to talk with his or her pastor/staff regarding an issue which falls under any of the above.

## Appointments

Individuals seeking Biblical Guidance are seen by appointment only. If you have scheduled an appointment and cannot attend, **please notify us 24 hours in advance** so that someone else who is waiting may have that appointment time.

## Records/Information

I understand that I am receiving Biblical Guidance; I agree that I am coming to receive spiritual support and Biblical insight. **I will, under no circumstance, have the Biblical Guidance staff or volunteer or his/her notes/records subpoenaed for any past or future legal proceedings.**

## Resolution of Difficulties

On rare occasions a conflict may develop between an individual and our Biblical Guidance Ministry. In order to make sure that any such conflicts will be resolved in a Biblically faithful manner, we require all individuals to agree that any dispute that arises with a volunteer or with this church as a result of participation in the Biblical Guidance Ministry will be settled by mediation and, if necessary, legally binding arbitration in accordance with the **Rules of Procedure of the Institute for Christian Conciliation** and any judgment upon an arbitration award may be entered in any court having

jurisdiction. (We will be happy to provide you with booklets that explain the Christian conciliation process and describe its benefits and procedures.)

**Agreement**

I understand that I am requesting Biblical Guidance for a life issue. I am coming to receive spiritual support and insight for a personal issue and/or to seek Biblical Guidance in personal matters. **I will, under no circumstance, have the Biblical Guidance staff or volunteer providing Biblical Guidance to be subpoenaed or require them to appear in court or legal suit regarding any matters disclosed or discussed during the course of my participation in this ministry.** I will, under no circumstance, have the Biblical Guidance notes/records subpoenaed for any past or future legal proceedings.

Having read the abovementioned information fully and completely, I agree to discuss any questions I may have with the Biblical Guidance staff/volunteer.

**My signature below indicates that I understand all the material presented and fully agree to comply.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
*(please print)*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(if participant is under 18)*

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Date : \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Married? Yes \_\_\_ Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_ Anniversary \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_\_\_ If Yes, How long? \_\_\_\_\_ How many x Div.? \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address, \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Hm \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Wk \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_

Education (*last completed*) \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ How long? \_\_\_\_\_

Hours per week \_\_\_\_\_ Do you enjoy your work? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**We have found that a person's religious background may have a significant impact on how (he/she) handles problems and conflict. In order for us to be sensitive to your personal convictions, it is helpful for you to share the following...**

I would describe my Religion:

None \_\_\_ Christian \_\_\_ Jewish \_\_\_ Agnostic \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe your religious upbringing:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you believe in God? No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ Uncertain \_\_\_

How often do you pray? Daily \_\_\_ Weekly \_\_\_ Occasionally \_\_\_ Never \_\_\_

**Do you believe that when you die you will be with God eternally?** No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ Uncertain \_\_\_

If yes, please share why ...

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Have there been any recent changes in your spiritual life?** No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ If yes, please share more details

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**If you are currently a Member/attend a church please share the following... Are you a member?**

No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ Home Church \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Member Since \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

How often do you attend church services? \_\_\_\_\_ X per week   Occasionally \_\_\_\_\_   Never \_\_\_\_\_

Describe any church leadership positions you hold or activities you are involved in:

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How often do you read or study the Bible?   Daily \_\_\_\_\_ Weekly \_\_\_\_\_   Occasionally \_\_\_\_\_   Never \_\_\_\_\_

What is your opinion of the Bible?

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not know enough about the Bible to have an opinion.

\_\_\_\_\_ It is a book that **contains helpful principles** that I am free to follow or disregard as I think best.

\_\_\_\_\_ It is a book that was inspired by God and that **contains helpful principles and instructions that I should follow** unless I believe there is a good reason to do otherwise.

\_\_\_\_\_ It is a book that was inspired by God and that *contains instructions, commands and helpful principles that I should follow regardless of my feelings or preferences.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Who, if anyone, has the **most influence** on your religious or spiritual life? (please give names and relationships.)

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Children's Name	M/F	(Age)	Birth Date	Living in home (Y/N)	MARITAL STATUS	PM*
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*\*PM -Check this column if child is by a previous marriage.*