

# Harvest Time Family Worship Center

## NOTICE OF:

### *Bible-Based Counseling Methods, Credentials, and Confidentiality*

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#### **Methods**

Our counseling is Christian in nature using a strictly Bible-based approach. The Bible is the sole basis and authority for counseling provided by the ministry. Counselees are encouraged to raise any questions they may have. Length of counseling may extend up to but not surpass, five weekly sessions, unless the counselor deems it necessary to go beyond five sessions. Counselees are free to end counseling at any time before that if so desired.

#### **Pastoral Counseling Credentials**

Harvest Time Family Worship Center's pastoral counselors are not professionals in psychological counseling, psychiatric therapy, or marriage and family counseling or therapy, and are not licensed by the State of Florida as counselors, social workers, or therapists.

#### **Confidentiality Statement**

The communications between you and your pastoral counselor will be considered confidential except where disclosure is required by law, i.e., where there is a threat of serious harm to self or others, as in the case of child abuse, suicide, threatened violence, or homicide. In such instances, your communications may be disclosed to appropriate state law enforcement authorities and /or the ministry leadership.

#### **Missed Appointments**

A counselee who is unable to keep an appointment is asked to call the church office to cancel. Failure to do so may result in termination of counseling. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

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## *Counseling Agreement*

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By signing this document, I am, of my own free will, knowingly authorizing the pastoral counselors of Harvest Time Family Worship Center to render Biblical counseling and/or referral services to me. Likewise, I have been informed of the nature and purposes of the Bible-based counseling ministry's services and that my consent may be revoked orally or in writing prior to, and/or during the counseling session. Furthermore, I understand that the pastoral counselor to which I am assigned is not licensed by the State of Florida as a professional counselor, social worker, or therapist.

I have read and fully understand my rights as a client and that my counselor will disclose my communications to law enforcement officials if required by law.

I agree to notify the church office if I am unable to keep an appointment.

As I am a Christian and Harvest Time Family Worship Center is a ministry, I agree never to make demands, threaten to sue, or actually litigate any matter whatsoever relating to or resulting from this Agreement. I understand that making demands, threatening to sue or actually litigating a matter against Harvest Time Family Worship Center clearly violates Biblical teaching and practice and shall constitute sufficient grounds for immediate termination of counseling services. I understand that retaining or instructing an attorney to contact the ministry with regard to a potential claim or dispute will be interpreted as a threat to sue. Accordingly, the parties agree to resolve all potential claims, disputes or causes of action through binding arbitration using the procedures outlined in the church's officially adopted Christian arbitration procedures.

No guarantee or assurance of any kind has been made to me with respect to any of the results that may be obtained from these services.

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(Date)

(Signature of Couselee)