



Client Consent for Pastoral Counseling of a Minor

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 an on-going counseling relationship with us.

The Pastoral Counselor: Bret Legg is a pastoral counselor with his Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Counseling. He is currently under clinical supervision by a licensed professional counselor, but is not currently himself 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, relationships, separation and divorce, sexual abuse, grief and depressions.

Confidentiality: Confidentiality is extremely important to us. As legal guardian, you have a right to be involved in the pastoral counseling your child receives. We will protect the confidentiality of you and/or your child's visit(s), but there are four limitations to confidentiality that you must be aware of:

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 your child, yourself, or others it is our responsibility to warn/report to protect you, your child and others from harm.
3. If we learn about child abuse or elder abuse, 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.

We do not discuss your child's situation with anyone, except for reasons cited above, 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 give your consent for audio recording, the administrative assistant will not 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 and leave a message, and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Fees: 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 counseling under the above conditions.

Name (of Guardian): _____ Date: _____

Name of Dependand Child: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ Date of birth: _____

Signature: _____