



EMMAUS CENTER FOR CHRISTIAN COUNSELING™

“Caring for People and Connecting Them to Jesus Christ”

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Consent Form

Welcome to Emmaus Center for Christian Counseling! We look forward to using God’s Word to help you find comfort, guidance and solutions to your problems. In order to be as clear as possible about the counseling and the administrative procedures used at Emmaus Center for Christian Counseling, please read the following information. Indicate your agreement to our policies by signing your name and the date at the end of this document. Because of your interest in biblical counseling and inner healing, we will also include you on our mailing list to keep you informed unless you request otherwise.

What is biblical counseling? Biblical counseling involves understanding the problems of living in a fallen world, and providing very practical solutions, from the perspective of Scripture. Our counselors operate from a Christian world-view for counseling. The Bible is used both to define the problems and to develop methods for solving them. The counselors at Emmaus Center for Christian Counseling have all received formal training in biblical counseling. They are not licensed state therapists, clinical psychologists or Psychiatrists, but rather Christian pastoral counselors. They are certified (or in training) by National Christian Counselors Association (NCCA), an organization devoted to ensuring the quality of the counseling offered by its members.

Are counseling sessions kept confidential? YES! Confidentiality belongs to the client. The Bible clearly states that gossip is wrong. Therefore, the counselors at Emmaus Center will not release information about particular counselees except in the few situations required by the mandated reporting laws of state of Tennessee. Those situations are clearly stated on the back of the Waiver of Liability form, (page 5) in this packet. The following situations will be reported: (1) when someone is in danger of being harmed or harming themselves (2) when a child or elder is physically or sexually abused, or (3) when someone persistently refuses to stop a sinful pattern and it is necessary to seek assistance from their church to encourage proper change (see Matthew 18:15-20 and Romans 13:1-7). In the case of a court subpoena, Emmaus does not release spiritual counseling records to anyone. (See TCA Clergy Communication Codes 24-1-206).

What if I miss an appointment? **Important notice please:** Counselees are asked to cancel appointments **at least 24 hours** prior to the appointment. This gives others the opportunity to use the canceled time slot. If no cancellation is made, or if less than 24 hours’ notice is received except for absolute emergencies, there will be a 50% cancellation charge for the appointment that you are expected to pay.

Financial and Payment Policies

How does Emmaus Center keep its fees so low? Emmaus Center for Christian Counseling is a ministry that keeps its fees as low as possible, because our desire is to minister inner healing to those who need help. **We do not turn anyone away who is unable to pay.**

This is only possible because Emmaus Abbey Church and its ministry partners ministries generously donate to help make counseling available. Our counseling fees only cover 50% of Emmaus Center’s operating cost each year. If you feel lead to give to our church ministry to help others you may give on line through our website: **PayPal**
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➔ What should I do if I can’t afford the counseling fees?

(1) First of all, you will not be turned away. We have counselors available to listen to your needs and will try to help or provide a referral for you.

(2) I have reviewed my yearly gross income against the fee chart below and agree to pay the following amount: \$ _____.00 for counseling services. We only accept cash and credit cards. **NOTE:** There is a (3.00%) PayPal transaction fee for running credit cards. In some cases, we can take a check made out to Emmaus Abbey Church for the agreed amount.

(3) During the **first session**, discuss with your counselor a payment schedule for what you are able to pay. Except in cases of extreme hardships, a partial payment is expected to honor the commitment that your counselor is making to you with his/her time.

(4) From time-to-time volunteer project hours can be accepted in lieu of counseling and will reduce your counseling balance.

(5) If God provides to enable you to repay your balance at Emmaus Center, this allows others to receive reduced cost counseling just as you were able to benefit from it.

(6) **Church Financial Support:** Contact your church to see if there are any funds available to help pay for counseling. Emmaus can provide a **sample letter** for you to send your church to ask for assistance.

(7) **Church Support:** If a church is covering your counseling fee, please let the counselor know prior to starting counseling. We need the Church name: _____,
Church Ph# _____ Address: _____
Pastors Cell# _____ Pastors Email: _____

(8) **Church Authorization:** Amount they agreed to pay: \$ _____. Church’s require a progress report on client’s counseling. **Please sign here:** _____ stating you are authorizing the release of information to: _____ on your counseling progress through Emmaus Abbey and Center for Christian counseling.

What does it cost to meet with a counselor at Emmaus Center?

Sliding Fee Scale

The initial intake session is \$90.00 for a 90-minute session. Each successive session are 50 minutes each. Extended sessions beyond 50 minutes are billed @ \$1.00 per minute. It is important to stay on topic during the counseling session. Fees are based on yearly gross family income. Fees are due at time of service.

Testing: The ARNO Profile (APS) or Temperament Analysis is \$45.00 per person

\$10,000 – \$14,999	\$35	per 50-minute session
\$15,000 – \$29,999	\$45	per 50-minute session
\$30,000 – \$39,999	\$55	per 50-minute session
\$40,000 – \$49,999	\$65	per 50-minute session
\$50,000 – \$59,999	\$75	per 50-minute session
\$60,000 – \$69,999	\$85	per 50-minute session
\$70,000 --\$79,000.....	\$95	per 50-minute session

NOTE: Rates change to \$1.00/\$1000.00 of income after \$90,000

All package sessions are discounted 25%

Individual Sessions: Level One Package:

10 Session Package	\$60.00/hr.	\$600	\$450.00	50 Minute Sessions (10 total)
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Couple or Family Sessions: Level Two Package:

10 Session Package	\$850	\$700.00		50 Minute Sessions (10 total)
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Pre-Marital Package	\$650	\$488.00		50 Minute Sessions (8 total)
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Individual or Marital Conflict Counseling: \$85.00/hour

“On-Line Counseling must be paid prior to the session”

Does EMMAUS CENTER accept Insurance or Health Savings Accounts (HSAs)?

We are not medical doctors or clinical psychologists, etc. We are not in any network for insurance companies and do not file claims for you, **but a few insurance companies will reimburse for biblical counseling if you submit the proper forms.** We will provide you with a receipt to submit to insurance or your employer if you desire. Most flex spending and HSA’s can be used at Emmaus Center just like a credit card.

I have read and I understand Emmaus Center’s policies stated above, and I consent to abide by them.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Signature of Counselee or Legal Guardian

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Spouse’s Signature (If in joint counseling)