



THE TABERNACLE

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Tabernacle Counseling*

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What The Tabernacle Provides

The Tabernacle Pastoral Team can provide short-term counseling for Tabernacle members and regular attenders. This may include spiritual guidance and support for a variety of areas including addiction, marital and family relationships, personal well-being, and financial-related issues. The Tabernacle Pastoral Team also provides a six-week pre-marital counseling program to those individuals who would like to be married at The Tabernacle or by a specific Tabernacle pastor, at the location of their choice.

Counseling Guidelines and Procedures

1. The Tabernacle Pastoral Team will provide two, one-hour sessions of counseling per person, upon request. These appointments will be scheduled through The Tabernacle Office Team.
2. When meeting with a member of the opposite sex, these sessions will be conducted in an area that provides visual accountability. (i.e. a room with a window or in a common area).
3. When meeting with a member of the opposite sex, these sessions will be conducted when another member of The Tabernacle staff is in the building. The staff member will be aware that a counseling session is taking place and check-in with the pastor once during the session.
4. At any time during a counseling session, the pastor reserves the right to end the meeting if they feel uncomfortable with the topic or the behavior of the individual.
5. In the event of the above, the pastor will fill out an incident report and also communicate with the Human Resource Director as soon as possible.

6. The Tabernacle Pastoral Team will have resources available to pass on to individuals regarding follow-up or continued counseling care, if needed.
7. The Tabernacle Pastoral Team will maintain professional conduct when providing counseling sessions and be up-front with the individual regarding counseling guidelines and limitations.
8. The Tabernacle Pastoral Team reserves the right to decline meeting with any individual or continuing counseling at any time, based on previous experiences, inappropriate behavior, lack of experience or knowledge of the subject matter or other personal concerns.
9. The pastor will document all counseling sessions, which will include the name of the individual, date, location and purpose of the session, staff that was present in the building during the session (if it applies), follow-up information given and any concerns or issues. This information will be kept by the pastor in a secure location.

**Counseling in this document is defined as spiritual direction or a bridge to professional licensed counseling, if necessary.*