

DISCLOSURE FOR BIBLICAL COUNSELING

Spotswood Baptist Church provides biblical counseling for those seeking to be renewed, equipped, and strengthened in their relationship with God and in Christian ministry.

Spotswood Baptist Church does not provide, in any form or manner, psychiatric, psychometric, psychological or mental health counseling, including professional counseling, substance abuse counseling or marriage and family therapy or any other counseling service for which a license is required by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Spotswood Baptist Church believes that biblical counseling can be very beneficial when used, but Spotswood Baptist Church is limited in expertise to biblical counseling of a spiritual nature only. Referrals to professional, licensed counselors, therapists, psychologists or psychotherapists in the community will be provided upon request or when indicated.

Spotswood Baptist Church reserves the right to bring to a close any on-going Biblical counseling if the biblical counselor finds that the needs or issues of the counselee exceed the limits of Biblical counseling. At that time, every reasonable effort will be made to assist the counselee in accessing competent, professional psychotherapy, psychological or counseling services should they desire to pursue further support more amenable to their current issues and challenges.

Furthermore, Spotswood Baptist Church provides for the following limits on confidentiality within the arena of Biblical counseling:

1. If and when information is disclosed regarding the actual or suspected abuse or neglect of a person under the age of 18 or an elderly person. Reasonable efforts will be taken by the Biblical counselor to report this actual or suspected abuse to the appropriate agency (usually law enforcement and/or department of social services/child welfare).
2. If and when information is disclosed regarding any suicidal ideation, plan, or intent on the part of the counselee. The biblical counselor reserves the right to take appropriate and reasonable measures to ensure the safety of the counselee.
3. If and when information is disclosed regarding any homicidal ideation, plan, or intent on the part of the counselee. The biblical counselor reserves the right to take appropriate and reasonable measures to ensure the safety of the imagined and/or intended victims.
4. Otherwise, the information shared by the counselee in the arena of biblical counseling will be held in confidence. (Spotswood Baptist Church will be consulted in issues of safety concerns, if needed). I have read and understand this disclosure of information regarding biblical counseling at Spotswood Baptist Church.

I hereby release Spotswood Baptist Church and its biblical counselors from any and all liability resulting from any disclosure herein.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Witnessed

By: _____ Dated: _____