

Beltway Park Church -Spiritual Care Consent Agreement

The Role of Spiritual Care and Guidance

Spiritual care is provided by Beltway Park Church for the expressed purpose of providing Biblical help for those who seek it. We believe Jesus came to bring healing to the way we think, behave and feel.

He declared:

"I came to bring healing to the brokenhearted, preach deliverance to the captives, and recover the sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised." Luke 4:18

The elders and others who provide spiritual care desire to help people overcome spiritual or emotional concerns by applying spiritual principles to areas of need. They are exempt from the laws regulating professional counselors (counseling under the auspices of a church and counseling provided without mandatory charge). In most cases, they are not professionally trained, nor registered, licensed, or certified by the State of Texas or a national certifying body. Should an elder or other person providing pastoral care also happen to be a registered counselor with the State of Texas, the spiritual counseling provided by such person at Beltway Park Church is not being provided in their capacity as registered counselor. By signing below, you acknowledge that you will be receiving spiritual guidance. Spiritual guidance through Beltway Park Church is not a substitute for professional care by a psychologist, psychiatrist, medical doctor or other health care provider, and staff at Beltway Park Church are not professionally trained to diagnose or treat mental illness or other medical conditions. Therefore, it is your sole, exclusive responsibility to seek professional care and you agree it shall not be a responsibility of Beltway Park Church to make sch a referral.

Work Agreement

In seeking help, you agree you will make a good-faith effort at personal growth and engage in the pastoral care process as an important priority at this time in your life. You agree that if you fail to do your work, or if you do not appear to be benefiting from the pastoral care, we may terminate the spiritual counseling relationship.

The number of meetings depends on the type and severity of the problem, the amount of work you are willing to do and various other factors. It is customary to begin with one to three meetings then evaluate progress and investigate alternative resources. Do not be discouraged if you do not feel as if you are making progress as quickly as you'd like. Should you and the Pastor determine that you are unable to make sufficient progress after one to three one-hour meetings, you will be directed to a listing of qualified counselors for referral. You agree you will be responsible for paying the fees of any professional counselor or therapist.

Children under 18 years old will not receive pastoral care without the written consent of their legal parent or guardian.

Confidentiality

The staff at Beltway Park Church will attempt to preserve the confidentiality of any matters discussed in a spiritual guidance meeting. However, confidentiality will not apply:

1. When there is evidence of abuse of a child or vulnerable adult, or where disclosure is required by law.
2. When your pastor or counselor feels a need to discuss your case for consultation purposes with his/her supervisor, peers, professionals, or elders/pastors who may be a resource involved in your situation.
3. When there is contemplation of commission of a crime or harmful act.
4. When there is a subpoena or other legal process.
5. When you or your legal representative authorize disclosure of information.
6. In other circumstances where the pastor or counselor deems it necessary to disclose the information.

I have thoroughly read and agree to the foregoing policies regarding pastoral care provided at Beltway Park Church. I hereby release and hold harmless Beltway Park Church, its directors, officers, employees, and volunteers from any and all responsibility, claims, and/or expenses related to or arising from any pastoral care or spiritual counseling received (or not received).

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print name here: _____

Pastor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Beltway Park Church

Pastoral Care Intake

Name: _____ Date: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Gender: M _____ F _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Marital Status: Single ___ Dating ___ Married ___ Divorced ___ Widowed ___ For how long? _____

Are you currently serving or involved in church leadership at Beltway Park? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please list areas of service/leadership: _____

Are you in a Community Group? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, who is your Community Group leader? _____

Have you discussed this with your Community Group leader? _____

Counseling and Professional History

Have you had previous counseling? Yes _____ No _____ If so, when? _____

Name and location of counselor: _____

What reason and for how long? _____

Have you met with a pastor at Beltway Park Baptist Church before? Yes ___ No ___ If so, when? _____

Name of Beltway Park Church pastor: _____

If yes, for what reason and how long? _____

Have you had previous Pastoral Care at another Church? Yes _____ No _____

When and Where? _____

Reasons for Seeking Help

What concerns have brought you to counseling today? What is the main problem as you see it?

What have you done about it? _____

When did your present concerns begin to be a problem for you? _____

What do you hope to gain from your help here? _____

How did you hear about Beltway Park Church Pastoral Care? Friend _____

Community Group Leader _____ Pastor _____ Other _____

Spirituality

Do you have a relationship with Jesus Christ? Yes ____ No ____

Are you a member of a church? Yes ____ No ____ If yes, which church? _____

Emergency Contact

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please Sign and Date:

Signature

Date