

Biblical Counseling Ministry Application

**Section 1 – Personal Information**

Date Completed:

Name:

Marital status:       Age:

Spouse’s Name:       Years married:

Address:

Home phone:       Work phone:

Cell Phone:       Email:

When did you become a member of Richland Creek Community Church?

What other churches did you attend regularly or were you a member of before joining RCCC? Please note church location and approximate dates:

In which other RCCC ministries have you participated or are you participating now? Please note approximate dates and the name of your pastor/ministry director:

May we contact your Pastor, Life Group Leader, or Ministry Director as a reference?

Yes [ ]  No [ ]

Please briefly write your testimony of how you came to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Include in this testimony a presentation of the gospel.

Have you ever been divorced?

If so, please elaborate on the circumstances:

What types of counseling situations are you interested in addressing (marriage, drug abuse, etc.)?

How does 2 Timothy 3:16-17 affect your counseling? “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

At what times are you available to counsel others (specify days of week and times)?

Do you have any formal counseling training and/or experience? If so, please describe. (Note: Formal counseling experience is not required to serve as a counselor in the RCCC Biblical Counseling Ministry.)

Would your counsel be identified with or in any way related to another ministry, counseling service, or organization, in addition to RCCC? If so, please describe?

Are there any outside influences in your life or anything in your past or present lifestyle that might/could hinder your testimony or the spreading of the gospel? (Examples might be, but are not limited to: drugs, alcohol, tobacco, crimes, sexual experiences, etc.) If yes, please explain.

What are your spiritual gifts & strengths? Tell from experience how you are using them.

What are your weaknesses? What are you doing with them?

If married, what is your spouse’s attitude about your desire to go into the ministry?

If not married, what are your parent’s or close friend’s attitude about your desire to go into the ministry?

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**Section 2 – Personal References**

###### References:

Name:

Relationship:       Occupation:

Address:

Phone:       Email:

Name:

Relationship:       Occupation:

Address:

Phone:       Email:

**Section 3 – Statement of Beliefs and other Doctrinal Issues**

| AGREE | DISAGREE | **(Please check whether you agree or disagree.)** |
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|  [ ]  |  [ ]  | I believe the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit are three Persons with one nature, each worthy of the same confidence, worship, and obedience. |
|  [ ]  |  [ ]  | I believe that Jesus Christ was born of a virgin and is fully God and fully man. |
|  [ ]  |  [ ]  | I believe in the literal resurrection of Jesus Christ. |
|  [ ]  |  [ ]  | I believe that when a person trusts Christ alone by faith alone, he is saved by grace alone and not by works. |
|  [ ]  |  [ ]  | I believe that a Christian is baptized by and indwelt by the Holy Spirit at the time of salvation. |
|  [ ]  |  [ ]  | I believe in the eternal security of the believer and the imminent return of Christ. |
|  [ ]  |  [ ]  | I believe in the priesthood of the believer, that all Christians have direct access to God. |
|  [ ]  |  [ ]  | I believe the Bible is God's revelation to man and is the final authority in all matters. |
|  [ ]  |  [ ]  | I believe the Bible is without error in its original form. |
|  [ ]  |  [ ]  | I believe the Bible is sufficient to answer all of the emotional and spiritual issues that human beings encounter. |
|  [ ]  |  [ ]  | I believe the miracles were supernatural occurrences as presented in the Biblical account. |
|  [ ]  |  [ ]  | I believe in a literal heaven, hell, and devil. |
|  [ ]  |  [ ]  | I believe that man was created by God and did not evolve from something less than human. |
|  [ ]  |  [ ]  | I believe that, due to Adam's sin, human nature is basically evil. |
|  [ ]  |  [ ]  | I believe that even after salvation, the believer continues to battle his sin nature for the rest of his physical life. |
|  [ ]  |  [ ]  | I believe that man cannot overcome his sin nature without the power of Jesus Christ and instruction from God's Word. |
|  [ ]  |  [ ]  | I believe in the power of prayer to change and affect lives. |
|  [ ]  |  [ ]  | I believe that God ordained the local church to evangelize the unsaved and disciple the saved. |
|  [ ]  |  [ ]  | I believe that the Lord commands Christians to cheerfully give of their time, talents, and resources through the local church. |

Comments for any of the items above:

What do you feel about the practice of speaking in tongues?

Have you ever spoken in tongues? If so, under what conditions?

What are your views regarding present day physical healing?

Explain your understanding of the difference between being baptized by the Holy Spirit & being filled with the Holy Spirit.

Explain your views on “deliverance” & demon possession of Christians.

What is your understanding of how a person may be saved?

**Section 4 – Divergent Views Statements**

In my counseling, I **agree** not to teach the views listed below or any other doctrinal views clearly identified by the staff and elders as divergent, from my position as counselor.

1. **Christian Reconstructionism** – the view that it is the church’s task and responsibility to usher in the kingdom through reconstructing secular society to Christian standards and norms. This is usually expressed through an imbalance of emphasis or over-emphasis on social issues such as world hunger, abortion, euthanasia, and other areas, and is sometimes accompanied by advocation of civil disobedience.
2. **New Age Mysticism** – Christianity is in danger of adopting New Age ideologies in many areas such as Holistic Health and medicine, subjective mysticism, meditation involving emptying the mind instead of filling it with Scripture, and other Eastern concepts.
3. **Psychology** – Not all that is said by psychology is wrong, but God’s Word, not psychology, has the final say. Contemporary psychology may be helpful in understanding ourselves, but only God, by His Spirit can change us. We must be careful not to move into a mentality of change only occurring on a human, self-effort level. Any message from contemporary Psychology, Secular or Christian, that affirms or suggests the inadequacy of the accurate handling of God’s Word to address and resolve the problems of life is divergent and unacceptable.
4. **Deliverance** – By this we mean, not the casting out of demons per se, but the practice of casting demons out of Christians. It is our understanding of the Scriptures that demonic habitation of a believer is incompatible with the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Furthermore, the idea of a needed mediary to cast out such a demon (whether internal or clinging to the outside of a believer) is not substantiated in Scripture.
5. **Health / Wealth / Prosperity Gospel** – the view that God’s will is always our healing, and walking with Him leads to financial blessing – a focus on the gifts instead of the giver.
6. **Tongues / Baptism in the Spirit** – We see speaking in tongues as an evangelistic gift, not to be made prominent, not to be sought after, not an evidence of salvation or of a second blessing. We see the baptism of the Spirit as occurring only once, our identification by the Spirit with Christ at salvation.

**Section 5 – Personal Lifestyle Commitment**

As a Christian, I am in the process of becoming a mature follower of Christ. Realizing that I have not yet "arrived," I hereby **commit** myself to:

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| **Worshipping God:**  | Both corporately on Sundays in the local church, and privately each day alone with God, that I may demonstrate devotion to Him (Heb. 10:24-25; Ps. 90:14). |
| **Abiding in God's will:** | By careful study and submission to the Bible as the sole authority in every area of life and by an intimate prayer life, that I may demonstrate obedience to my Lord (John 8:31, 2 Tim. 3:16-17). |
| **Contributing to God's Work:** | By financially supporting the ministry of my church through my tithe and offerings in a substantial, regular, and joyful manner, that I may demonstrate stewardship (2 Cor. 9:6-8). |
| **Impacting God's World:** | By reaching out to lost and unchurched friends through praying, giving a verbal witness, and inviting them to RCCC, that I may demonstrate obedience and concern for others (Matt. 28:19-20; Mark. 1:17). |
| **Seeking Personal Accountability:** | By attending scheduled training meetings, submitting to the Biblical Counseling Ministry leadership, and by building close, personal relationships with other mature Christians to challenge me in my walk with Christ and to protect me from the subtle deception of sin (Prov. 27:17; Eccl. 4:9-10; Heb. 3:13). |

**Section 6 – RCCC's Biblical Counseling Ministry Agreements**

As I participate in RCCC's Biblical Counseling Ministry, I **agree** to abide by the following requirements:

1. I will minister under the authority of Richland Creek Community Church and will not charge fees for my counseling time.
2. I will not use my counseling ministry as a basis for personal gain, including the gathering of clients or referrals for my own paid counseling services or other financial endeavors.
3. I will not counsel a member of the opposite sex alone, without express permission from the Counseling Director, and under certain prescribed conditions.
4. I will not use the name of the church or the names of any of its staff to imply their recommendation of my counseling services outside of my volunteer services in the Richland Creek Community Church Biblical Counseling Ministry.

In full agreement with these points, I am willing to be in the Lord's service with the Richland Creek Community Church Biblical Counseling Ministry.

**Section 7 – Counselor Application Signature**

**My signature below confirms that I have truthfully answered all of the questions above, agree, commit, and abide to the respective sections above (sections 4, 5, and 6), and consent to a criminal background check.**

Signature (type name here):       Date: