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Welcome to PBC Counseling

Dear Friend,

Welcome to Providence Baptist Church Counseling ("PBC Counseling"). We know how hard it can be to ask for help, and we understand that it takes courage, faith, and humility to take that step. It is our prayer that the Lord will bless this initial step and our subsequent counseling sessions.

Our mission at PBC Counseling is two-fold. First, we aspire to provide the highest quality, Christ-centered counseling to individuals and families who are hurting and/or in conflict. Second, we seek to equip elders, pastors, counselors, church members and others to learn how to use the Bible to counsel in their local churches. Because of this goal, we often have one or two observers in the session with you taking notes on how to counsel biblically. These observers sign confidentiality forms and will pray for those that they observe.

What to Expect: Every aspect of PBC Counseling, including the individuals who will care for you, work hard for you, pray for you, and strive to be faithful in presenting Scripture that will be a help and blessing to you in your situation. What we expect from you is your honesty, openness, hard work, and a teachable spirit. Once we receive your completed forms, we'll review them and schedule your first session. We typically will not schedule a session without the completed forms. After your first session, we will ask you if you want to continue. If you do, we will confirm the ongoing appointment time and meet week by week until we finish counseling. We expect you to come to each of your appointments unless providentially hindered. Also, for every session, including the first one, bring your Bible, a notebook, and pen.

Forms: Please complete the forms you received with this letter. For each person coming to counseling, please read the information in each document carefully and fill out and return to us (paper or by email) the three forms with your details. They are:

- PBC Counseling Basic Information Questionnaire
- PBC Counseling Personal Data Inventory
- PBC Counseling Consent to Counsel

For any questions as you complete the forms, either contact us or we can discuss how you answered in the first session. Please be thorough and answer every question to the best of your understanding.

Costs/Donations: PBC Counseling is a non-profit ministry of Providence Baptist Church. You have no obligation, express or implied, to pay fees for the counseling you receive through our church.

Resources: In addition to the Bible, we may assign audio files (CDs or links) and/or books to help you deal with your issue(s). Most of these will be provided free of charge unless it is optional material.

Childcare: PBC Counseling does not offer childcare.

Please call our church office if you have any questions. If you want to drop off paper copies of your completed forms, and to know where most of our counseling is done, you can find a map on our church website.

Thank you,

PBC Elders and Counseling Staff

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