

# Information for New Clients

The purpose of this document is to inform you of the basic relationship that occurs when you seek counsel from Pastor Andy Wagner, counselor at Cornerstone Chapel. Reading this document will hopefully give you a better understanding of what is involved in order to make a more knowledgeable decision regarding the appropriateness of counseling.

**Client's Rights and Responsibility:** You are seeking counseling on a volunteer basis. At any time should you wish to terminate counseling, it is your right to do so. Counseling should be viewed as a collaborative process that places the responsibility for change with the client.

**Confidentiality:** Confidentiality is of the highest priority and extends throughout the counseling relationship. What is discussed in the session is strictly confidential and will not be discussed with anyone outside the Cornerstone Chapel ministry staff. However, in the following cases, Cornerstone Chapel is required to break confidentiality and when appropriate, notify the proper authorities: 1) The individual or his/her condition indicates that he/she is in clear and imminent danger. 2) The individual indicates that others are in clear and imminent danger. 3) The admittance or suspicion of child abuse, neglect, or molestation. 4) By court order. Confidentiality will also be maintained in couple/marriage and family counseling. It will be assumed that any discussion held individually with either partner will be confidential unless otherwise determined in session. Release of information to a medical or counseling professional is available with the client's written consent.

**Counselor Background:** I, Andy Wagner, am a Licensed Professional Counselor in the State of Virginia. I received my Bachelor of Science Degree in Counseling Psychology from Indiana Wesleyan University, and my Masters Degree in Professional Counseling from Liberty University. I am a member of the American Association of Christian Counselors.

**Counseling Approach:** I view counseling as an opportunity to share God's grace and truth. My approach to counseling is directly determined by my understanding of Scripture and integrated with various theoretical views. More specifically, my focus tends to be cognitive, and dynamic in nature.

**Fees:** There are no fees or charges for the counseling received at Cornerstone Chapel. We would encourage anyone who has benefited from this ministry to consider making a tax-deductible donation (payable to Cornerstone Chapel, designated to the counseling ministry). For individuals who do not regularly attend Cornerstone Chapel, a donation of \$50 per hour is suggested.

If you have any questions concerning the Counseling Ministry here at Cornerstone Chapel, please ask us. If you have a clear understanding of this document, please sign and date below and return it to your counselor. It will be kept as a record in your file. You may receive a copy for your own records.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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