**FMB Christian Counseling**

**Statement of Understanding**

The mission of FMB Christian Counseling is to provide emotional and spiritual wholeness to broken and wounded people through the power of Jesus Christ. Persons receiving counseling/ministry understand that:

Counseling is faith based Christian counseling. Counselors are ordained ministers or “Domestic Missionaries” with a counseling focus. In addition to talk/cognitive therapy, counseling techniques include prayer, the use of scripture, and biblical principles.

* Counselors are not licensed by the State of Texas as Licensed Professional Counselors.
* Clients have a right to confidentiality, although it is not an absolute right. Common reasons confidentiality may be violated include:
	+ Client is suspected of physical or sexual abuse or neglect towards children, the elderly or the disabled.
	+ When a client discloses their involvement in physical or sexual abuse or neglect towards children, the elderly or disabled.
	+ When a client is in danger to self.
	+ When a client is in danger or as threatened to harm others.
	+ When a client appears gravely disabled and unable to make a rational decision as to his or her need for emergency treatment.
	+ When a client appears in medical crisis and unable to grant permission for release of information.
	+ When there is a court subpoena for client records or information.
	+ FMB Christian counselors have a right to consult with each other regarding client issues, while maintaining confidentiality within the organization/ministry.
* Counselors will not testify in court or release counseling notes or documents on behalf of clients unless required by a court subpoena. This includes testifying on behalf of clients for divorce or child custody hearings.
* Counselors are not licensed attorneys and/or medical doctors. Information provided is strictly opinion and is not intended to be legal and/or medical counsel or clinical diagnoses.
* Clients are fully responsible for all decisions they make in regards to counseling recommendations and/or suggestions.
* The termination of the counselor/client relationship occurs when:
	+ The client informs the counselor that they do not believe they need additional counseling
	+ The client does not schedule additional sessions
	+ The client does not call to reschedule or show up for a scheduled session
	+ The counselor recommends that the client be referred to another counselor or professional
	+ The client and counselor mutually determine that counseling services be discontinued
	+ Non-payment of agreed upon fees
* Fees for counseling services are required at the time of the appointment. The standard fee is $75.00 per session. There is a $3.75 per transaction fee per credit card payments.
* If a reduced rate or financial assistance is requested, a Reduced Rate, Sliding Scale and Benevolence Fund application is required. The number of sessions available for reduced rate clients may be limited.
* Cancellations not made 24 hours in advance may result in a $55.00 cancellation fee.

Printed Name Signature

Date Counselor Name

“I am making a way in desert and streams in the wasteland.”

Isaiah 43:18-19