



**Wiregrass Hope Group**

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***PRE-MARRIAGE***

**Today's Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**First Appointment Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ **What is the best number to contact you?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do we have permission to contact you regarding follow-up appointments?** Yes No

**Prior to today, have you been to our office?** Yes No **If yes, when?** \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you hear about us?** (Check one of the following):

Social Media \_\_\_\_\_ Poster \_\_\_\_\_ Physician Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Church/Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ Friend/Relative \_\_\_\_\_ Other (Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
Internet \_\_\_\_\_ Radio \_\_\_\_\_

Check one of the following:

**Race:**

African American \_\_\_\_\_ Caucasian \_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic/Latin American \_\_\_\_\_ Asian/Pacific \_\_\_\_\_  
East Indian \_\_\_\_\_ Native American \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one of the following:

Income Level: 0-14,000 \$15,000-29,000 \$30,000-44,000 \$44,000-59,000 \$60,000-100,000  
OVER 100,000

**Rate Your Health:**

Check one of the following: Very Good Good Average Poor Declining

Other: (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## ABOUT YOUR WEDDING

Date of your wedding: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of engagement: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known your future spouse? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will your wedding take place? \_\_\_\_\_

Who will be marrying you? \_\_\_\_\_

From what church? \_\_\_\_\_ May we contact him?    Y    N

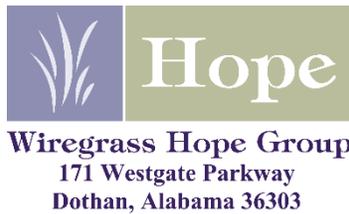
Number of **PREVIOUS** marriages broken: \_\_\_\_\_ By Divorce: \_\_\_\_\_ By Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe the reason for **divorce(s)**: \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Children:**

PM *	Child's Name	Gender		Age	Is child living?		Is child currently living with you?	
		M	F		__ Yes	__ No	__ Yes	__ No
		M	F		__ Yes	__ No	__ Yes	__ No
		M	F		Yes	No	Yes	No
		M	F		__ Yes	__ No	__ Yes	__ No
		M	F		Yes	No	Yes	No
		M	F		__ Yes	__ No	__ Yes	__ No
		M	F		Yes	No	Yes	No
		M	F		__ Yes	__ No	__ Yes	__ No
		M	F		__ Yes	__ No	__ Yes	__ No

**PM\*** Check this column if child is by a **previous marriage**



## THE RIGHT TO MINISTER

***We at Wiregrass Hope Group perceive effective ministry as “Life and Hope” overflowing from one person to another.*** Your lay helper has been trained in sharing this life and hope through the application of Scriptural truth to daily living and does not necessarily hold a degree in psychology or counseling. Since you have come to him/her for help, it is not considered that he/she has the “right” to minister to you unless you give that right. Giving this right involves responsibility on the part of both the helper and the seeker.

*The following statements lead to a point of commitment between you, as the seeker, and your lay minister as to how the helping process may move forward.*

### **AREAS OF LIFE:**

***We see human life consisting in several general areas: SPIRITUAL, PHYSICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, SOCIAL, FINANCIAL, MARITAL, and PARENTAL.*** Recognizing that human needs often overlap several of these areas, the helper asks your permission to go into any or all of these areas, to the degree necessary for addressing personal problems.

### **THE FAMILY:**

We believe Marriage is the uniting of one biologically born man and one biologically born woman in an exclusive, monogamous covenant commitment for a lifetime. It is God’s unique gift to reveal the union between Christ and His church and to provide for the man and woman in marriage the framework for intimate companionship, the channel of sexual expression according to biblical standards, and the means of procreation of the human race. (Genesis 1:26-28; 2:18-24; Proverbs 14:1; 17:6; 18:22; 31:10-31; Ecclesiastes 9:9; Matthew 19:3-9; Mark 10:6-12; 1 Corinthians 7:1-16; Ephesians 5:21-6:4; Colossians 3:18-21; 1 Timothy 5:14; 1 Peter 3:1-7)

### **DIRECTIVE MINISTRY:**

***While careful listening and empathy are a definite part of the helping process, this ministry will be directive in nature.*** This means that direction and assignments will be given based on the definite teachings and principles of Scripture. While it is not our position that all problems are strictly “spiritual problems”, it is our belief that the vast majority of problems do have a basic spiritual factor.

### **DECISIONS:**

***No decisions will be made for you. You are the one(s) who will decide what you will do with the advice given you.*** If there is persistence in ignoring the help given, or a refusal to complete assignments, then the question may be raised as to the advisability of continuing in this helping process.

### **TIME FACTOR:**

***Each helping session lasts from 60 to 90 minutes.*** There is not a definite minimum or maximum number of sessions required, but you will not be kept coming beyond a reasonable time. If further help is needed in areas where those in other ministries have special expertise, you will be referred to the appropriate ministry.

### **DIFFICULTIES:**

***As you begin to follow Biblical counsel it may happen that your life experience may actually get worse.*** This is no reason to think that you as a seeker are not making progress. On the contrary, it may be a strong indication that you ARE making progress. In many situations, there is the need for unlearning and undoing certain things so that progress can be made in a new direction. This can initially be painful and discouraging. This is mentioned so that you will not be surprised or disheartened.

## **CONFIDENTIALITY:**

*Your lay helper is committed to a rule of confidentiality regarding what is discussed in the helping process.* Your lay helper will make every effort to keep private all matters discussed in the helping environment. For the purposes of facilitating the healing process, your lay helper may record audio of session material using a voice recorder in order to discuss case related material with other lay helper staff, or with individuals in a supervisory role for training purposes. Audio material is not kept in any archive file but destroyed/deleted after use. In such cases, every effort will be made to conceal client's identifying information. If you object to audio being recorded during your sessions, please let your counselor know. Exceptions to confidentiality may include situations where reasonable suspicion exist concerning abuse, suicidal or homicidal events or potential harm against yourself, minors (under 18), elderly (over 65), or someone who is disabled, it is required by law for your lay helper to report such information.

## **Limits to Distance Technology:**

I understand the limits to distance technology and that I am responsible for confidentiality in my own environment while engaging in any counseling services with my counselor. Although telehealth provides the appearance of anonymity and privacy in counseling, privacy is more of an issue when using technology than in person. I am responsible for understanding the potential risks of confidentiality being breached through overheard conversations, lack of password protection or leaving information on a public access computer in a library or internet café.

I understand that while telehealth counseling is a useful tool in addressing mental health issues, it may be necessary to seek counseling in person.

Since phone sessions do not allow for a visual representation of my mental status and affect, I understand that distance technology limits the assessment of my mental health. If I share any information that leads my counselor to believe that I am in danger of harming myself or other identified persons without giving any other information to explain, I understand that it is likely that my counselor may be obligated to dispatch emergency medical services to my address on file. I understand that telehealth counseling is not a platform for emergency mental healthcare. I release my counselor from any responsibility of confidentiality and from any result of my action during a situation of medical emergency. I understand that I should call EMS for immediate assistance during such an emergency.

## **FINANCES:**

*As a ministry rooted in Biblical principles, our finances are guided by: Matthew 10:8 ... "freely you have received, freely give".*

We would ask you to think on your own application of this principle and to consider a donation to this ministry of \$30 to \$100 per session. However, we do want to emphasize that help will be given without any consideration of the amount or the frequency of your donation. You will be expected to pay for any recommended books or materials at our cost. All money received will go toward the ongoing support of this ministry.

## **APPOINTMENT POLICY:**

*Providing hope and healing to individuals and families is at the heart of our mission at Wiregrass Hope Group. Because of that, we attempt to keep our schedules at full capacity. We realize that circumstances can arise that necessitate the canceling or changing of appointments, but we do ask that you notify us at least 24 hours in advance in order for us to schedule someone else at that time. If 2 appointments are missed without advanced notice, another individual will be allocated your time and you will be dropped from our regular schedule.*

*Your signature below will signify that you freely accept these principles and understand their importance in the process that you and your lay helper are undertaking together.*

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Signature

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Date