

## Counseling Ministry Mission Statement

We believe God is our Creator, Redeemer, and the Sustainer of our lives. We believe He has given us guidelines in His Word for our relationships with our spouses, children, parents, and friends. If we will follow these guidelines life will be much more meaningful for us.

To know and follow God's

Word

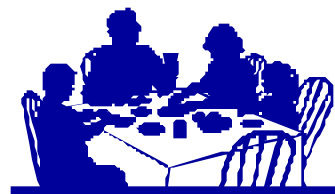
means we

first need

to know

God

through



*Relationships*

His Son Jesus Christ, and be empowered by the Holy Spirit.

If you have any questions concerning this, please ask your counselor.



Our Mission: Assisting churches in fulfilling the great commissioning

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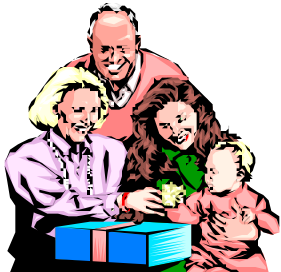
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Johnson County  
with Christ's love.*

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# A Christian Ministry

**Welcome** to the Watauga Baptist Association Counseling Ministry. Counseling at Watauga Baptist Association is based on Christian principles from God's Word. We believe these principles were given to us by God as guidelines for daily living, and when followed will make living easier, more enjoyable, and meaningful.

**No Fee** – The Southern Baptist Churches of Carter and Johnson Counties of Watauga Baptist Association pay the cost of this ministry. Since we believe counseling is a Christian Ministry, we do not charge any fees.



*Based on Christian principles*

**Art Webb**, counselor, is an ordained Baptist minister. Art has a Master of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, a Master of Theology from Princeton Theological Seminary, and a year of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE). He is a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor and a Licensed Professional Counselor in Tennessee. Art is a charter member of the American Association of Christian Counselors.

**Graduate Student** – At times a students from East Tennessee State University or other universities do a practicum at Watauga Baptist Association under Art's supervision and the supervision of the students' primary professor. If a student is your counselor, we ask that you grant the student permission to discuss your situation with Art Webb and the student's professor.

**Confidentiality** – You have the right to confidentiality at Watauga Baptist Association. All information is kept confidential. The counselors will not divulge any information to another party without your written permission except when there is reason to believe a child or an elderly person is being or has been abused, when there is reason to believe you will hurt yourself or someone else in any way or manner, or if there is a court order. We do not store any records electronically, nor do we transmit records via the internet. If we find it necessary to transmit a document such as a letter verifying attendance at counseling via fax it will be done only with your permission. All reasonable measures will be taken to protect your confidentiality and privacy in keeping with current and applicable laws and regulations.

**Referral** – If at any time you believe you are not getting the help you need, bring it to the attention of the counselor. If the counselor believes you need more help than he/she is able to give, the counselor, with permission, will refer you to another counselor.

**Grievance** – If at any time you have a grievance against the counselor or Watauga Baptist Association you can discuss your concerns with Ray Sorrells, the Director of Missions of Watauga Baptist Association. An appointment can be made with the secretary or by calling him directly at 423-543-1451 or 543-7893.

## Your Right

- You have the right to be treated with respect and dignity.
- We counsel people from all walks of life regardless of race, national origin, sex, age, or disability.
- Although we are a Christian organization we counsel with Christians and non-Christians alike. If at any time you have a question concerning our position and beliefs, please feel free to discuss these with your counselor.
- Since the counseling is funded by the Watauga Baptist Association, if there is a scheduling problem of time, priority goes to members of the churches in the Watauga Baptist Association.

**Can't Make Appointment** – If you cannot make your appointment **please notify** us as soon as you possibly can by calling 543-1451 ext. 25. Secretarial business office hours are: **Monday-Thursday 8:00–4:00 p.m. and Fridays 8:00–Noon.**

**Note:** If you would like to make a donation to the Watauga Baptist Association, you may do so. The donation will go to support the various ministries of Watauga Baptist Association and is *not a fee for services*.



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