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NACCBC Celebrating Our 12th Year

"Why Christ-based Counseling?"

Launched in August 1993 as a counseling and Christian education support program for churches, in 2005 NACCBC offers the nation's only authorized Christ-based Counseling Certification program, and more than 100 courses on-line. Why has Christ-based Counseling Certification become so important, and how is it different from state licensing? Licensed professional counselors (LPCs) or Licensed Social Workers (LSWs) are persons who have minimum qualifying education and experience in social or psychological professions. These programs typically require a bachelors in the social or psychological sciences. Also, several hours of supervised counseling must be documented, and successful completion of a state examination is required in most states. The state does not base any of its requirements on Biblical insight, creator-based principles of

human functioning, a Christian lifestyle, or church relational matters.

Therefore, the designation of an LPC or LSW while helpful, falls completely short of the counseling standard for believers. Operating in the private sector as a CEO does not qualify a person for managing a church organization. Similarly, possessing an LPC or LSW does not qualify a person for working with believers and the personal issues they face. Obviously, if either example attempts to operate within the local church without the requisite spiritual endowments and specialized concentration, they can do more damage than any advantage they represent.

What about seminary degree programs for counselors and social workers? Countless students give testimony that many of the counseling programs at Bible colleges and seminaries are so secularized that they do very little to advance the cause of Jesus Christ through the healing process. Again, this is a major issue. Programs are designed to reach the goal of a psychologist or social worker. If the degree program does not use the term, Christian psychologist, the graduate can add the term, "Christian."

Therefore, when a believer seeks the assistance of the Christian psychologist or social worker, other than seeing a Bible, a prayer, and some casually shared verses the actual basis of therapy will be completely secular. AND typically, this will mean the psychologist will recommend the assistance of a psychiatrist who will issue drug therapy. The power, authority, and life-changing effectiveness of a creator-based process is shunned or considered equal or secondary. There is no equal to Christ-



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sufficiency. However, the pastoral counseling community must invest the time and resources to develop well structured, creator-based counseling approaches. This is the cause, distinction, and effectiveness of Christ-based Counseling.



Often, the goal is to build a mega-church. And each week thousands walk into our churches with extreme personal

suffering. Little is done beyond mass gatherings, congregational prayer, and inspirational words once a week to yoke with believers in the personal and family battles they face each day. The mass approach is important, but far below the standard, which Jesus demonstrated. When Jesus spoke to the multitudes, it was with the understanding that people would extend to touch him personally, one-on-one. If we prepare for the multitudes, but fail to help people one-on-one, we have missed a principal power-concept in the Life of Jesus. The record of Jesus touching lives one-on-one is far greater than His experience talking with groups in mass. NACCBC equips, certifies, and provides on-going support for professional clergy, counselors, educators, and care-givers of all types. They, in-turn work with believers one-on-one. These are not the “in-your-face” high visibility ministries of the local church. But these are the ministries where participants witness the most rewarding and powerful manifestations of God’s work in the lives of believers. Amen...

New On-Line Offerings

If you have not visited the Christbasedcounseling.org web site in several months, we try to update the web site on a regular basis. A few of the new offerings are as follows:

Christ-based Counseling Plan – the Christ-based Counseling plan guides counseling sessions with recommendations to give purpose and structure to counseling sessions. Counseling sessions can easily become directionless and futile without structure. This does little to reach the Christ-based Counseling objective for the counselee, and wears-down the counselor. If you have not already completed the on-line course, you might do so for your CEU this year or next.

Christ-based Counseling Certification - We continue to enhance the certification process. Now it includes several new features to assist the Christ-based Counselor. There are nine steps to certification, and passwords are required for most of the steps.

Web site Console – The web site has been enhanced. Counselors can use the doors to enter focal areas they desire, or they can use indexed links near the top of the page.

Bi-Polar- Removed temporarily, a Christ-based Counseling view of the “fad” of bi-polar diagnosis is reintroduced to the Christ-based Counseling web site.

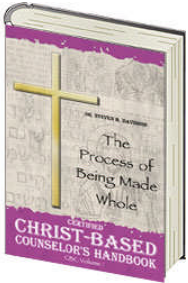


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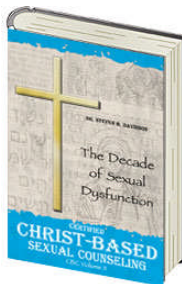
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Christ-based Counseling Volumes 1 – 3 Hit the Market

Now, Christ-based Counselors have a certification library. The first volume discloses Christ-based Counseling model, and approaches for Marital/Premarital, Addiction, and Depression Counseling.



Volume 2 is for counseling sexuality. It is excellent for singles, and married couples. It also includes a version of Addiction counseling for persons with sex related addiction or perversions. Jesus gives the central illustrations.



Volume 3 is Christ-based Weight Management (CBWM). This is a challenging and counter-culture program. Any or all of the CBWM principles will help the believer with weight management issues. Most people proclaim, you'll never view food the same again. These are the first of a series of books scheduled for individual and family challenges. All Certified Christ-based Counselors must have Volume 1. These approaches (Marriage, Addiction, Depression, etc.) should be used as recommended by the



Handbook, and the Counseling Plan found on the Christ-based Counselor's web site. The books can be purchased at Amazon.com, Books-a-million.com, BN.com (Barnes and Nobles), or ordered at a book store near you. You can save two or three dollars by purchasing the books at Christbasedcounseling.org. Just click-on the buy icon below the book you desire.

Christ-based Weight Management DVD Nears Release

The first of several DVDs nears completion. The Christ-based Weight Management DVD along with the Christ-based Weight Management book will provide exceptional assistance for persons desiring the program. The two hour video presentation provides the details and insights.

Christ-based Counseling Presented to Faith Works Executive

A special thanks to Charles Holmes who presented the current Christ based Counseling library (Volumes 1 – 3) to Larry Carpenter. Larry Carpenter is an executive of the largest distributor of Christian books and records in the United States. Charles Holmes, who operates as an executive for the Boy Scouts of America made the presentation to Mr. Carpenter a member of Bro. Holmes' national board of directors. They both prayed together about the Christ-based Counseling initiative, and vowed to seriously consider how they can support the project.

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Annual Continuing Education Units/Update Reminder

NACCBC embraces ministry in excellence. The day is far removed from operating in ministry out of ignorance and poor personal development in Christ. Education, training, and personal improvement for ministry are a Christ-based Counselor's imperative. Be sure to complete your Continuing Education course for the year.

Featured NACCBC Ministry, Macedonia Ministries

The congregation of Macedonia Ministries in Lewisville, Texas is a staunch supporter of NACCBC's program. Leading the church, Pastor T. J. Denson encourages all of his leaders and many of the church's members to use the NACCBC program as a Christian education resource. The church enrolls more than 70 people annually into the certification or CEU process. NACCBC's on-line courses operate as an asset to Macedonia's campus offerings. As members unite with the church and participate in church ministries, enrollment in NACCBC programming has been a must for six years. As a result, the leaders possess a standardized view of the care-giving ministries, and preparation for helping those in need. We congratulate Pastor T.J. Denson and Macedonia as they continue to pursue ministry excellence in their partnership with us.

Featuring Your Ministry

Would you like your ministry to be highlighted in this newsletter? Please submit your ministry for inclusion in our next newsletter no later than September 30, 2005.

A Word from Mr. Christ based Counseling, *Dr. Steven B. DavidSon*



Wow!!! I observe in awe at what God has done, what He is doing, and what He shall do. No matter how faithful we think we are, He still leaves us speechless when He unfolds His will for our lives.

The last twelve years reflect a story well represented by the life of Joseph. Joseph is a young man who obeys his father only to find himself completely disenfranchised. However, throughout his journey, and particularly during the most difficult periods the words, "but the Lord was with Joseph" resonate in my spirit. His two sons names captured the ultimate end of Joseph's pilgrimage. He named the first, Manasseh, meaning made to forget. The other he named, Ephraim, meaning the Lord has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction. No one knows the NACCBC story like my God and I, and I do not know it like He does. Time and space will not allow me to explain what it has taken to reach this time and place. Much like Joseph, this ministry was lifted from the ash pit. This is not a ministry sponsored by some major denomination, or even a big name personality. But there's no doubt that it is based on the name and person above all other names "Jesus." And really, that's all we need for any endeavor He



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desires. The ministry is so unique, and so needed. And I am honored and privileged to be used in such a marvelous way. There are NACCBC counselors nationwide. The web site is a major attribute to Christian ministry. I use to marvel with a few hundred visits a month. Now, we're experiencing a thousand visits a day. I'm certainly not speaking as if we have arrived. There is work and many plans ahead. However, we are years removed from what *appeared* to be a disaster twelve years ago. And if you know anything about the life of Joseph, the 13th year is real special. sbd

Christ-based Counseling Advanced Mastery Licensure Program

Anyone with extensive ministry-related counseling recognizes the integrated web of difficulties that can enslave one counselee. Also, the majority of ministries, and local churches do not have the ability to staff with well trained specialists. CBC's, Advanced Mastery Licensure Program (CBC, AMLP) is for clergy, directors, and others who need to possess interdisciplinary skills (Marriage, Addiction, Depression, Weight, etc.). This program includes the completion of the basic certification program, and encompasses Marriage, and Addiction certifications and Depression therapy. Also, the AMLP counselor vows to use the CBC Counseling Plan extensively. All other CEU requirements are maintained. See the AMLP guidelines on the Christ-based Counseling application for this exciting program.

Next Ministry Support Directors' Meeting:

Our next national teleconference for Ministry Support Directors is August 7th, 8:00 pm Eastern.

A3CEES What is It?

A3CEES (pronounced a-three-sees) is the acronym for the Association of Certified Christ-based Clergy, Counselors, Educators, and Educational Systems. This is the qualified 501(c)(3) Christian education organization established to support church ministry. The A3CEES Ministry Support Directors have oversight of the National Association of Certified Christ-based Counselors (NACCBC), the College of Professional Christian Studies (CPCS), and A3CEES Christian college assessment program.

Ministry Support Group:

Barbara Rhoades, Secretary
Thomas Wilson, Pacific Region
Andrea Thurston, Vice Chairperson
Bradley Hebert, Mid-Region
Donna Flinn, Atlantic Region

Chartered Program Advisors:

Dr. Samuel Ajimitanraraje is a native of Nigeria. Dr. Ajimitanraraje served more than 20 years in the pastorate, and received his doctorate in



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family counseling from Golden Gate Seminary. Among his broad counseling experience, Dr. Ajimitanraraje specializes in issues concerning immigrants to the United States for NACCBC.

Wendy Driver Guinn, Esq. served as NACCBC's in-house attorney. She is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley where she completed her undergraduate work in psychology. She is also a graduate of the University's College of Law, Bolt Hall, and she worked as a member of the state bar. Counselor Guinn conducted legal research and analysis for NACCBC.

Dr. Willa Graves had substantial counseling experience in the general public. She served for numerous public organizations and private entities as a psychological consultant. She was a state licensed family therapist with her own practice. Dr. Graves received her doctorate in counseling from the University of San Francisco. Dr. Graves specialized in issues confronting urban America. (We maintain this "Bio" here in her memory).

Dr. Joseph N. Patterson has more than 30 years of pastoral ministry. He graduated from New Brunswick seminary in New Jersey, and received his doctorate in family counseling from the American Baptist Seminary of the West. Dr. Patterson provided valuable insight relative to family issues and church operations for NACCBC.

Rev. Donald Rouse, MTh., Thd. also has been involved in pastoral ministry for more than 30 years. A graduate of Bob Jones University,

Central Baptist Seminary, and Detroit Theological Seminary, Dr. Rouse provided a conservative perspective for NACCBC in regards to practical and theological matters.

Dr. Steven B. Davidson possesses an extremely diverse Christian ministries profile. He has been involved with a number of different churches, denominations, and ministries during the past 30 years. He possesses a graduate degree in administration from the University of San Francisco. Dr. Davidson also completed a Master of Divinity, and doctorate in Christ-based counseling program with the Golden State School of Theology. Dr. Davidson is the author of NACCBC's Christ-based Counseling, and the Founding Director of NACCBC.