

Pastoral Counseling & Biblical Care

At Sunrise Bible Church, we believe a pastor is called to do more than preach on Sunday morning. A shepherd is called to know, guard, feed, equip, encourage, correct, and care for the flock God has entrusted to him.

Scripture tells pastors:

“Shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight...”

— 1 Peter 5:2

For that reason, pastoral care is an important part of the ministry of Sunrise Bible Church. Our pastor is available to provide biblical counsel and spiritual guidance to members of our church who are walking through the realities of life, marriage difficulties, family struggles, grief, spiritual questions, conflict, major decisions, personal sin, discipleship, or simply the need for wisdom and encouragement from God’s Word.

Marriage & Pre-Marriage Counseling

We believe marriage was designed by God and must therefore be understood according to His Word. Pre-marriage counseling is designed to help couples establish a strong biblical foundation before entering the covenant of marriage. Together we examine subjects such as:

- God’s purpose and design for marriage
- The biblical roles of husband and wife
- Communication and conflict
- Finances and stewardship
- Intimacy and faithfulness
- Family relationships
- Spiritual leadership
- Forgiveness and reconciliation
- Building a Christ-centered home

Marriage counseling is also available to church members who desire biblical help strengthening, restoring, or protecting their marriage.

Biblical Counseling

Our approach to counseling begins with a simple conviction: God has not left His people without answers. The Bible is not merely a book we study on Sundays. It is God’s authoritative Word and provides the truth, wisdom, correction, encouragement, and direction necessary for living faithfully before Him.

“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”— 2 Timothy 3:16–17

Pastoral counseling at Sunrise is therefore centered on Scripture, prayer, discipleship, personal responsibility, repentance, forgiveness, and growing in obedience to Jesus Christ. Sometimes biblical care means encouragement. Sometimes it means walking beside someone through suffering. Sometimes it means answering difficult questions. And sometimes genuine love requires correction.

We believe all of those things are part of shepherding.

A Church Where the Shepherd Knows the Sheep

If you are looking for a church where you can disappear into a crowd and remain anonymous, Sunrise Bible Church may feel different. We want to know the people God has entrusted to us. We believe church membership means belonging to a spiritual family where people worship together, serve together, grow together, bear one another's burdens, and submit themselves to the teaching and authority of God's Word.

Jesus told Peter:

"Shepherd My sheep." — John 21:16

That calling still matters. At Sunrise Bible Church, we are committed to being a church where the Word of God is taught faithfully, the flock of God is cared for personally, marriages are strengthened, believers are equipped for ministry, wandering sheep are lovingly pursued, and Christ is honored as the Chief Shepherd of His Church.

You do not have to walk through life alone.

If Sunrise Bible Church is your church home and you need biblical counsel, pastoral guidance, marriage counseling, or help preparing for marriage, we encourage you to reach out. Our desire is to walk beside you, open the Scriptures with you, pray with you, and help you pursue Christ faithfully in whatever season God has placed you.