

**FIRST CHURCH COUNSELING CENTER**  
**Biblical Counselor Training**  
**Year One | 2026-27 Class Schedule**  
Tuesdays 6-9 pm

**KEY:** BSS = Bible Study Sheet (memory verse)  
PSY = Psychobabble, by Richard Ganz,  
JBC (previously JPP) = Journal of Biblical Counseling (provided to student)  
IOTH = Idols of the Heart, by Elyse Fitzpatrick  
CCM = Christian Counselor's Manual, by Jay Adams \*  
IRH = Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands, by Paul Tripp  
TEH = The Exemplary Husband, by Stuart Scott (men only) \*  
TEW = The Excellent Wife, by Martha Peace (women only) \*  
PM = The Peacemaker, by Ken Sande (selected chapters) \*  
\* reading from selected chapters

CLASS	DATE	LECTURE TOPIC	READING / READING REPORT DUE	OTHER ASSIGNMENT DUE
1	11/3	Class Requirements Types of Formal Counseling Basic Approaches to Solving Personal Problems Common to Every Counseling System	<b><u>No Reading Report Due (first class only)</u></b> PSY, Chapters 1-15 (137 pages) (~34 pages/week – easy read) JBC, Vol. 13, #2, pp. 23-34 "A Discussion Among Clergy" JPP, Vol. 10, #2, pp. 28-39 "Sin or Sickness?"	<b>Reading Statement Due</b> (On a blank 8.5 x 11 paper write percentage of reading completed for the following reading assignments: PSY, Discussion Among Clergy, Sin or Sickness)
2	11/17 (2)	Introduction to Biblical Counseling: - History - Biblical Change Process	CCM, Chapters 1-5 (38 pages) CCM, Chapters 10-11 (32 pages) (~35 pages/week – medium read)	<b>Drawing Out the Purposes of the Heart Answers</b>
3	12/8 (3)	Introduction to Biblical Counseling: - Foundations / Doctrine - Key Concepts - Understanding the Heart	CCM, Chapters 12-13 (14 pages) IOTH, Chapters 1-5 (100 pages) (~43 pages/week – easy read) JBC, Vol. 13, #2, pp. 35-50 "Idols of the Heart 'Vanity Fair'"	BSS: Ephesians 4:29
4	1/5 (4)	Introduction to Biblical Counseling: - Bible's Sufficiency - Reliability of Scripture	CCM, Chapters 14 (24 pages) IOTH, Chapters 6-12 (112 pages) (~36 pages/week – easy read) JBC, Vol. 12, #3, pp. 24-30 "Watch Your Language!"	BSS: Galatians 5:22-23
5	1/19 (2)	Methodology of Biblical Counseling: Involvement - How to Build a Trusting Relationship	IRH, Chapters 1-4 (74 pages) (~37 pages/week – medium read)	BSS: Hebrews 4:12
6	2/16 (4)	Methodology of Biblical Counseling: Inspiration - How to Give Hope	CCM, Chapters 15-17 (30 pages) IRH, Chapters 5-7 (66 pages) (~25 pages/week – medium read) JBC, Vol. 13, #3, pp. 44-47 "The Tenderness Trap"	<b>Personal Growth Project Contract</b>

7	<b>3/9 (3)</b>	Methodology of Biblical Counseling: Methods of Biblical Change Inventory - How to Gather Data - Asking Right Questions	CCM, Chapters 20-23 (35 pages) CCM, Ch. 6-9, 30 (37 pages) IRH, Chapter 8 (20 pages) (~37 pages/week – medium read) <u>JBC, Vol. 11, #2</u> , pp. 4-9 "Counseling and the Sovereignty of God" <u>JBC, Vol. 13, #1</u> , pp. 13-24 "Keeping Destiny in View"	BSS: Romans 15:4
8	<b>3/30 (3)</b>	Methodology of Biblical Counseling: Interpretation - Understanding Motives	CCM, Chapters 24-26 (42 pages) IRH, Chapter 9 (22 pages) IRH, Appendices 1-3 (41 pages) (~35 pages/week – medium read)	BSS: Proverbs 18:2, 13, 17
9	<b>4/20 (3)</b>	Methodology of Biblical Counseling: Instruction - Teaching Accurately	IRH, Chapter 10 (39 pages) (~13 pages/week – medium read)	<b>Biblical Hope Paper</b>
10	<b>5/11 (3)</b>	Methodology of Biblical Counseling: Inducement - Motivating Counselee to Biblical Change	CCM, Chapters 18-19 (46 pages) IRH, Chapter 11 (16 pages) (~21 pages/week – medium read)	BSS: 1 Thessalonians 5:14
11	<b>6/1 (3)</b>	Methodology of Biblical Counseling: Implementation - Assigning Homework	IRH, chapter 12 (22 pages) Appendices 4-5 (55 pages) (~26 pages/week – medium read)	BSS: Ephesians 4:31-32
12	<b>6/22 (3)</b>	Methodology of Biblical Counseling: Integration, Sessions - Local Church - Counseling session	CCM, Chapters 27-29 (50 pages) IRH, chapter 13 (20 pages) (~23 pages/week – medium read)	BSS: Ephesians 5:22-27
13	<b>7/20 (4)</b>	Marriage: Marriage, Divorce, Remarriage, Roles, Love, Leadership, Submission	IRH, chapter 14 (18 pages) TEH, Chapters 1-6 (87 pages) (~26 pages/week – medium read) TEW, Chapters 1-6 (59 pages) (~20 pages/week – medium read)	<b>Personal Growth Project</b>
14	<b>8/17 (4)</b>	Parenting: Goals, Discipline, Unbiblical Methods, Infants, Preschool, Childhood, Teenager	TEH, Chapters 7-15 (140 pages) (~35 pages/week – medium read) TEW, Chapters 7-15 (128 pages) (~32 pages/week – medium read)	BSS: 1 Corinthians 7:3-5
15	<b>9/7 (3)</b>	Conflict Resolution: - Understanding Conflict - Responses to Conflict - Genuine Confession - Reconciliation - Genuine Forgiveness	PM, Chapters 5-8 (63 pages) (~21 pages/week – medium read)	BSS: Matthew 18:15-17 <b>8 I's Summary</b>