



JOURNEY

BIBLICAL † CLINICAL COUNSELING

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Merry Christmas, friends!

Journey Counseling Ministries exists to serve our community through faithful Biblical and clinical counseling. Right at the heart of our mission since our founding in 2008 has been partnership with the local church. Among many encouraging developments at Journey over the past year, one of the most exciting has been expanding and strengthening our relationships with area congregations.

Our team of counselors meets weekly. It's a close-knit group. All eight are compassionate professionals who are biblically based and clinically trained. To learn about their stories and counseling skills, please visit the Journey website and read their individual bios. This year our team has invited a different pastor to join their staff meeting every month. They discuss the needs of area congregations and talk about how Journey can help. These meetings, along with local workshops and talks offered by our counselors, have helped us form new relationships with some churches and deepen longstanding partnerships with others.

Pastor Bill Leach of Christ Presbyterian Church in Harrisonburg writes, *"At those times when the needs of congregants move beyond the training of the pastor and resources of the congregation, it is a blessing to have a Christian counseling center that has a deep commitment to the work of the church. When I refer congregants to Journey, I know they will receive Biblically centered care and counsel that is intended to enhance the ministry of the church, not replace it. Over the years I have seen firsthand how God has used the men and women at Journey to bring help, healing and restoration to His people."*

This year, generous contributions from local churches and individuals have allowed us to be generous to those who need help. Because counseling is expensive, Journey's always used contributions from friends of the ministry to provide financial assistance to clients who can't cover the full cost of counseling (this includes some with large medical bills and others who are out of work).

If you're drawn to our vision of partnering with local churches to help members of our community thrive through biblically based, clinically trained counseling, would you consider contributing to Journey? **Our goal is to raise \$10,000 to support client assistance and general operating expenses.**

We gratefully accept contributions in any amount. Journey Counseling Ministries is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, and your donation may be tax-deductible.

Please visit our website at www.journeycounselingministries.org to make an online donation or send your gift to Journey Counseling at P.O. Box 14, Dayton, VA 22821. On behalf of our counselors and Board of Directors, thank you for your interest in Journey and for considering supporting us in this way.

Sincerely,

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