



Ecclesia Christian Counseling News

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

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1st Annual Anniversary Issue

Providing Biblically based, licensed professional counseling in north central Massachusetts for its first full year, Ecclesia has prospered even in the midst of this difficult economic and uncertain time. Thanks to everyone who supported this business and ministry both in service and in prayers. We look forward to continue working with you in the years ahead, to heal and give hope.

Speaker Presentations



Thursday evening Speaker's Nights included "The Arts as an Image of God", given by Dr. William Schmidt, Headmaster of Trivium School, a Christian classical education high school in Lancaster, MA; "Dealing With Grief" presented by Joe Morell of L'Abri Fellowship, Southborough, MA; and "What Do You Say to The Dying?" prepared by Rev. R. Michael Hintze, pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Westminister, MA. This casual and cozy venue allows for in- depth questions and answers regarding life events.

Ice Storm

The beautiful and destructive ice storm in December closed the office in Massachusetts for eight days while we awaited electrical power and debris cleanup.



My wife and I highly recommend Ecclesia Christian Counseling. We were referred through friends at church and everything about our experience has exceeded our expectation. The counselor encouraged us to work on real solutions from our first appointment. Through her ministry, my wife and I were drawn closer together spiritually, and were able to see that we are equal in the eyes of Christ.

The counselor is firmly grounded in Biblical principles of family and interpersonal relationships, and uses these principles throughout all of her counseling. More importantly, in staying firmly grounded in the Word, she connects Biblical teaching with issues we face today, without sacrificing the integrity or the applicability of the Word.

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What Do We Look Like In MA?

Our first year of operations show that we are indeed serving Central Massachusetts with 20 cities and towns represented as well as 3 in New Hampshire. Our clients range in age from 6 to 82 years old, single, married, and families. We see appointments in our office and make home visits when in the best interest of the client. Our primary referrals come from family and friends with church referrals and web site response following.



Clarity

When clouds collide with the moon, no breaking occurs; rather deepened outlines of its' face appear and I see more clearly the object of my delight.

When life's clouds crash against me, they do not mute but define the landscape of my soul and I see more clearly that the object of His delight is me.

Workshops

Various workshops were sponsored for this year to respond to the needs of our client base. They included a *Mother's Retreat* designed to explore parenting styles, understand how our beliefs and values impact us and learn ways to manage and organize time; *Meeting the Spiritual Needs of Patients* for health care professionals, *God, Why Am I So Angry?*, for every sinner amongst us to understand righteous versus harmful anger.

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