

Biblical Counseling Ministry

Grace Bible Church
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Grace Bible Church has an active counseling ministry to meet counseling needs in the Coeur d'Alene area. The ministry follows the model of nouthetic biblical counseling as promoted in the 1970's by Dr. Jay Adams. All counselors are certified with (or working on certification) with the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors (ACBC – formerly the National Association of Nouthetic Counselors).

Paul Peabody certified as a biblical counselor in 2005, followed by his wife Roycee and both our assistant pastor and his wife. Since then, several others have completed their certification with ACBC. Paul Peabody also completed a master's degree in biblical counseling (MABC) in 2012 from Masters University in California.

The goals of the counseling ministry are three-fold: 1) first, provide needed counseling to members and attendees at Grace Bible Church, 2) second, provide counseling to other believers in the greater Coeur d'Alene area, with the support and direction of pastors in the churches those believers attend, and 3) third, reach into the unsaved community to meet counseling needs and share the gospel with those who are counseled. In preparation for this third area, Paul Peabody wrote a thesis for his master's degree, entitled, "Biblical Counseling as an Evangelistic Method."

The counseling ministry currently has three men and women in active counseling ministry, totaling over 200 appointments per year. The need is great, and our current counseling staff is not adequate to keep up with the requests we receive for counseling. As a result, we are seeking to train and supervise new counselors from the congregation.