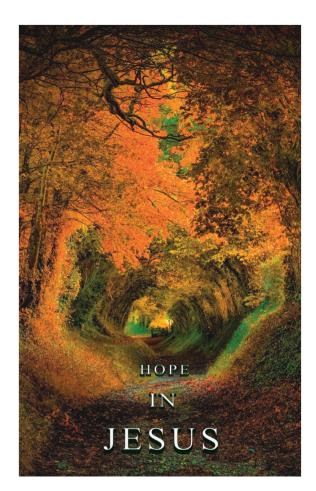
Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Matthew 11:28ff



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The Steadfast Love of the LORD Never Ceases... ...so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4



### What We Do

Agape Christian Counselors comes alongside the people it serves with grace and hope in Jesus through the Gospel, relying on God's word, and discernment through the Holy Spirit, along with years of experience, training, and education, to help them grow in a deeper, more satisfying relationship with God, providing real solutions in areas such as:

- Marriage & Family Issues.
- Sexual Intimacy, Sexuality & other issues. David Hovis is a *trained* Christian Sex Therapist. One of the very few in the State of Minnesota.
- Trauma & Abuse Issues.
- Addictive behaviors in areas such as Alcohol, Drugs, Pornography, and Eating Disorders.
- Depression, Anxiety, and related issues.

Our Joy in Counseling

It has been a joy to see God work in people's lives since Agape began in 2007. To see broken marriages & families restored; people gripped by addictions freed by the greater joy found in Christ; sexually abused and traumatized men and women renewed and enabled to trust again; and years' long struggles with depression lifted. God is good!

### Our Story

David Hovis founded Agape in 2007. His career path was a bit unusual. After getting saved in 1987 at the age of 19, David served four years on active duty in the Army as a Medic. Afterwards, he would miraculously go from the middle of his graduating class in High School to graduating with highest honors from college. Then it was off to Minneapolis and the University of Minnesota Law School followed by "big firm" law practice. God then called David irresistibly out of law to pastoral ministry.

David, his wife and 10-month old son sold everything but their truck and moved East to attend Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. During his second year, David received a call to pastor a church while completing his Master of Divinity degree.

Ultimately, a perceived call to church planting would transform into a call to Christian counseling and a Master's Degree in Marriage & Family Therapy. He also flew to Atlanta, GA, for post-graduate coursework and training in Christian Sex Therapy. It has been the joy of David's life to "get" to do Gospel ministry each day.



David J. Hovis, M.A., M.Div., J.D., Founder, with family in 2007 (est. 2007)

# Who We Are

Agape Christian Counselors, LLC, is a Gospelcentered, Bible-believing, Spirit-dependent, prayer-based, joy-pursuing Christian counseling ministry founded because there are not enough Christian counselors doing Christian counseling for believers who need them. We want to make a difference in people's lives for God's glory and their joy.

Please visit our website to find out more about what we mean by "Christian Counseling," to see our Statement of Faith, and other information. Also, make time to visit, come in for a free consultation or have David come visit your church to get to know him.

#### Helping the Local Church

Not replacing it. Our aim is to come alongside the mission of the local church in making disciples of all nations by providing assistance in areas where time, resources or ability are not available.

Pastors & Ministry Leaders, David wants to be a free, confidential resource for you. His background as a Medic, Lawyer (including church & non-profit matters), Pastor and Christian Counselor, provide him with unusually broad experience. Please call and we'll set up a time and place convenient for you to meet David. Whether it's a quick phone call, a personal issue, or coming to talk on a particular topic, we want to serve you.

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