

Branches Counseling Center Adds Four Counselors

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Quality mental health care with a biblical foundation has gotten easier to access in Middle Tennessee with the addition of four new counselors to the staff of Branches Counseling Center in Murfreesboro, bringing the total number of counselors to ten. Mike Courtney, Ph.D., founder and executive director of the eight year old non-profit and faith based counseling center, announced the addition of three local counselors and one in the Lebanon/Mt. Juliet area. The four new counselors: **Daniel Crosby**, LCP-MHSP; **Tammy Johnston**, M.S.; **Cindy Hornbaker**, M.A.; and **Ashley Sharpe**, M.A.



Daniel Crosby, a licensed professional counselor with an M.A. in counseling from Trevecca Nazarene University, B.A. in Bible & Ministry from Lipscomb University specializes in helping people work through depression, anxiety, struggles in adolescence, marital conflicts, codependency, divorce adjustment, and issues of faith. Daniel brings considerable experience to the Branches family from his years of work in the community mental health field. “Branches is a place where God’s mercy, grace and compassion are made evident. What a blessing and privilege it is to be a part of His work here.” Daniel enjoys working with individuals of all ages, couples, and families. He enjoys the privilege of being able to listen to people’s stories and to walk alongside them in their journey of exploration and healing. Daniel is an avid runner and outdoor enthusiast. He enjoys competing in half marathons, hiking, cooking, working in the yard, and spoiling his dog Maddie.



Tammy Johnston holds a Master of Science degree in counseling from The University of Southern Mississippi. Johnston is with the Branches' partner, The Bridge Fellowship, in Lebanon where she counsels clients of all ages with a wide variety of presenting issues. Her focus is primarily on marriage and family counseling, as well as helping individuals with depression, anxiety, and phase of life difficulties. The partnership with The Bridge Fellowship provides a ministry outlet for the church for not only members, but also for the surrounding community. This unique partnership with the church is available for other area churches in Middle Tennessee to provide quality mental health care with a Biblical foundation under the direction and supervision of Branches Counseling Center - Murfreesboro.

Tammy's husband, Jim, is the executive pastor at The Bridge. They have been married for 29 years and have 2 sons, who bring them great joy on a daily basis. Tammy can be

reached by e-mail at branches@thebridgefellowship.net or by calling The Bridge at 547 2739.



Cindy Hornbaker holds an M.A. degree in Professional Counseling from Liberty University. “I am honored that God has placed me in a ministry that allows me to use my talents and passions to help others grow in their journey of life.” Cindy is working towards licensure to be a Licensed Professional Counselor with a Mental Health Special Practitioner specification. Cindy works with individuals of all ages, as well as, couples and families. She is passionate helping others who are struggling with topics such as anxiety, depression, teenage struggles, women’s issues and infertility within couples. When not counseling, Cindy can be found playing with her daughter or helping in her husband’s ministry to college students. She enjoys laughing with friends and of course eating anything sweet! Cindy is working under a temporary license as she acquires the necessary supervised hours for full licensure.



Ashley Sharpe earned her Master's of Arts degree in Christian counseling from Oral Roberts University in 2010. She became a Licensed Professional Counselor in the state of Oklahoma and is pursuing an equivalent license in the state of Tennessee. Ashley has worked as a counselor in private practice with an emphasis on marriage and pre-marriage counseling. She has also worked at a variety of community mental health agencies focusing on children and adolescents, especially those in foster care with severe trauma and behavior issues. Ashley looks forward to being able to continue to help people through counseling at Branches.

Branches, founded in 2007, with offices in Middle Tennessee and St. Augustine, FL, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, faith based counseling center offering healing and hope for those struggling with depression, anxiety, addiction and shame regardless of ability to pay. The dedicated and well-trained staff of ten counselors, both state licensed and pastoral counselors, work with couples, individuals, children, and teens to bring the very best of traditional counseling and Biblical principles to personal, family, and relational issues to help bring meaning and wholeness to everyone the center serves. Branches accepts most major medical insurance plans. For more information about services or to make a donation contact Branches Counseling Center, 1450 Battleground Drive, Murfreesboro, TN 37129; phone 615-904-7170; or email from the “contact us’ page at www.branchesrecoverycenter.com .

