



## Welcome to MercyTree! Participation Agreement

We view this as a life changing opportunity so here's what we need you to do for it to be successful:

### Take it seriously!

- It's a priority to us. It needs to be a high priority to you.
- See who you can be rather than being defined by your failures and struggles.
- We will relate to you with dignity and respect! We need you to do the same with us.
- We believe that God loves you and that grace frees us. We want you to experience that but it can't be forced so please be open to what we model and teach you.
- Show up on time and don't leave early.
- Participate in each group every week. Don't ask: "How many groups can I miss?" Instead ask: "How often can I attend?"
- Have a good attitude. You may see this as punishment but it may actually be a blessing.
- Be respectful. Don't use your cell phone during groups. Don't fall asleep.
- Don't smoke in the building. There's designated smoking areas outside.
- We want your friends and family to be involved at FBC! They are welcome. However, they need to be engaged in our programs while in our facilities. We can't allow adults and children to be unsupervised or disrupt our groups.
- We will help you in as many ways as we can but while you are in our programs, we will not give you money for any reason.
- Attending worship at FBC on Sunday mornings is a new habit that you need to have. You will not get group credit for attending worship.

**Attendance Policy:** If you miss consecutive groups or individual appointments or have a pattern of not attending on a regular basis, we will place you on probation status.

If you know in advance that you will need to be absent, you need to speak with the group leader in advance and make arraignments to make up what you will miss. It will be your responsibility to keep up to pace with your group.

**Our promise:** You need to move from being isolated or having friends who enable you. People who are willing to use or even destroy you do not care about you! MercyTree is unique from other

programs, in that we can help connect you with a healthy faith community. The faith you embrace, the friends you make and the efforts you contribute can become a major part of your long term sobriety! Not just for a few weeks but for the rest of your life. If that's what you want, we will help you!

### **Financial Responsibility:**

1. If you are covered by the ATR grant, MercyTree will bill your account directly for reimbursement. You will not need to pay until your ATR funds end.
2. If you are not an ATR grant participant, if your annual family income is less than \$30,000, we ask that you pay \$75 to participate in 32 groups and \$10 for each individual session. If your annual family income is greater than \$30,000 we ask that you pay \$10/\$1000 yearly household income per group (for the entire group) and \$5/\$1000 for individual sessions.

**For example:** If you make \$40,000/year and attend a group you would pay \$40 for the entire group. For an individual session you would pay \$20/session.

**You can pay online by going to:** [www.fbcwburg.org](http://www.fbcwburg.org), choose: "Inside FBC", "Online Giving", Set up your account and password; In the drop down window be sure to designate your payment to "MercyTree Network".

**If you do not have a bank account,** you can pay with cash or a cashier's check.

**If you cannot pay the entire amount** you can set up a payment plan.

**If you cannot afford to pay,** share that with us and we'll work with you.

**We do not bill insurance or receive payments from insurance companies.**

**We will not accept checks. No refunds will be made for missed groups or appointments.**

### **Warnings:**

1. If you regularly miss groups, fall behind and blow us off, we will drop you from our program. We are not interested in being mediocre!
2. We will be honest with your parole officer while honoring your confidentiality.
3. Don't confuse being a Christian with being naive. You may be great at deception but if you attempt to do anything illegal or cause harm to others, while on our property, we will take appropriate action.

**By signing this document, you are agreeing to abide by these expectations while participating in MercyTree Network.**

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**Name**

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**Date**