



Mark E. Shaw, D. Min., serves First Baptist Church Jacksonville as Nocatee Campus Pastor of Counseling. He started his counseling career in residential addiction treatment and medication-assisted treatment centers in Alabama in the 1990's, but he was introduced to Biblical Counseling in 1999 by a faithful man who declared himself to be an "ex-alcoholic." Dr. Shaw is a graduate of Birmingham Theological Seminary with a Doctor of Ministry in Biblical Counseling, and he maintains ACBC certification since 2002.

He founded a non-profit, *The Addiction Connection* - <https://theaddictionconnection.org> to "connect the hope of the Gospel with the heart of addiction" and to offer training, residential program and counselor recommendations around the country, small group addictions video curriculum, biblical resources, and a "commissioning" process to educate and disciple those who want to help others with a genuinely biblical approach to addiction. He also hosts The Addiction Connection Podcast with over 370 episodes.

Mark and his wife, Mary, celebrate 32 years of marriage this year, and God has blessed and enriched their lives with 4 adult children. The Shaw family (including Mark's aging parents who live with them in their Florida home) can be found enjoying board games, pickleball, or visiting as many zoo's as possible.

Mark is passionate about giving God the glory for all things, lifting up Jesus Christ the Son of God, and speaking the truth of God's Word in the love of the Holy Spirit to offer hope for transformation to those he counsels and shepherds. He has authored or contributed to 30 published books and booklets.

Most notable are:

- *The Heart of Addiction: A Biblical Perspective*
- *Relapse: Biblical Prevention Strategies*; and
- *Understanding Temptation: The War Within Your Heart*.



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