

GOSPEL CENTER RESCUE MISSION

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Emergency Lodging Program - New Hope Family Shelter - Hope Housing - Representative Payee Services
New Life Addiction Treatment Program – New Life Skills Program - Clothing Room / Homeless Thrift Store
Gleason House Homeless Medical Clinic – Respite Care

Dear Chapel Service Volunteer Applicant,

Thank you for your generous offer to volunteer and conduct a Chapel Service to the homeless at Gospel Center Rescue Mission (GCRM). Chapel Services are provided for our program men, our women (separately) by groups from caring area churches and church-sponsored ministries who are scheduled on a monthly basis. With the help of our community of Chapel Service Volunteers, services occur seven nights a week, three hundred and sixty five days each year between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Diversity in presentation of the Gospel message is highly encouraged. We are always open to new, creative ideas in regards to the format, presentation and ways to comfortably conduct an effective chapel service. Dramatic and musical programming is also welcome. A great opportunity for church outreach, worship arts and/or mission teams.

In an effort to maintain the highest standards of ministry as directed by our Board Of Directors and to ensure that the teachings of each chapel service are consistent in their quality, we require that all participating Chapel Service volunteers read, complete, sign and return our Statement Of Faith Agreement with a letter of recommendation from the sponsoring Church Senior Pastor drafted on the sponsoring Church's stationary.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation as we seek to serve the homeless. We look forward to hearing back from you, processing our requested documents once received and scheduling your Chapel Volunteer Service with us!

Sincerely,

Bill Cowan,

Chaplain
Gospel Center Rescue Mission
bcowan@gcrms.org

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Gospel Center Rescue Mission Statement Of Faith Agreement

In an effort to update our ensure that the teachings are consistent throughout all of the services we ask that you read, complete and sign that you agree with the following statement.

- We believe the Bible is the inspired and the only infallible, authorized Word of God.
- We believe there is one God, eternally existent in the three Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- We believe in the Deity of Christ, the virgin birth of Christ, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious, atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
- We believe that the salvation of lost and sinful men and women consists of regeneration by the Holy Spirit and is absolutely necessary.
- We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
- We believe in the bodily resurrection of both the saved and the lost: They who are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they who are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
- We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in Christ.

Since we rely on the chapel service for evangelical outreach to the homeless we ask that your message be limited a simple, universal presentation of the gospel.

We specifically ask that you not present or promote denominational or a particular church's doctrines other than the need for salvation, the means of salvation and the results of salvation

Keep it simple and emphasize the love of God which provides forgiveness and makes salvation possible.

If you have any questions or problems, please contact Bill Cowan (bcowan@gcrms.org). Thank you once again for volunteering at the Gospel Center Rescue Mission.

Date: _____

Church Name: _____ Church Phone Number: _____

Church Mailing Address: _____ Church E-Mail Address _____

Church Rep. Name: _____ Church Rep. E-Mail: _____

Church Rep. Cell Phone: _____ Church Rep. Mailing Address: _____

Pastor's Name (Print) _____ Pastor's Signature _____

Chapel Service Guidelines

To provide a safe, productive chapel service without disruption – we ask you as the visiting speaker to follow the following guidelines.

1. Please do not allow anyone from the audience to come up front or on stage to speak, sing, give testimonies or anything else.
2. Our clients may not use the microphone or play the piano for any reason.
3. Please do not allow the men to ask questions during the service, as many questions are inappropriate and disrespectful – they may ask questions after chapel service with the houseman present.
4. Chapel service should start at 7:00 p.m. after the houseman has everyone inside and seated; the service should end at 8:00 p.m. Please do not go over.
5. Please do not denigrate other denominations or religions.
6. Please do not film or videotape any service without authorization from the CEO. Authorization from any other staff is not acceptable.
7. Do not touch or place your hands on any person without their prior express permission.

An appropriate chapel service is an evangelistic one that declares the need of salvation and offers Christ as the means of salvation. Please do not bring the distinctive or doctrines peculiar to your particular worship style or denomination into the chapel service (such as “speaking in tongues”, etc.) because there will be persons of every Christian denomination, cult and world religion attending the chapel service. Our purpose is to avoid offending or confusing guests through the presentation of unfamiliar, non-essential worship issues that may detract from the salvation message. Do present through the media of preaching, song, drama, testimony and other creative means the forgiveness Jesus expressed on the cross as the sinner’s greatest hope.

Please remember that some of the individuals present have mild to severe mental issues. They cannot mentally process complicated analogies. Frightening presentations concerning sin and Hell to scare them into Heaven will cause them great mental anguish. Preach the scriptures truthfully, but as simply and lovingly as possible.

Also, please do not use the chapel service time to promote your church or church activities. You may invite, but do not promote. If one of the attendees asked you to provide services such as healing, invite the person to your church, or ask to use a room at the mission to privately provide the services after the chapel service is over.

By following these guidelines you will find that the chapel service will be much more productive and beneficial to our clients. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.