



FULL GOSPEL BUSINESS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP IN AMERICA
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State Fair of Texas Gospel Outreach
UNITY ESSENTIALS POLICY

Mission Statement: Our purpose for this outreach is to preach the gospel to all that God sends to the booth.

In order to properly preach the gospel, we must all agree on the Fundamental Essentials of the Historic Christian Faith. To be a volunteer at the Fair Gospel Booth one must agree with all of the following essentials:

Essentials of the Faith

- 1) We believe the Bible to be the only divinely inspired, infallible, entirely trustworthy word of God. The 66 books of the Bible are the supreme and only infallible authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
- 2) We believe God is eternal, perfectly righteous and holy and sovereign over all His creation.
- 3) We believe in one God in being, essence, power, and authority. This God has been revealed as three distinct, co-eternal, co-equal Persons. These three Persons are the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God is Triune. We deny that God is one person who took three modes, manifestations, or forms.
- 4) We believe in God the Father Almighty, the first Person of the Trinity, an infinite, personal spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love. The Father saves from sin and death all that come to Him only through Jesus Christ--the One He has sent.
- 5) We believe Jesus Christ is God incarnate, the second Person of the Trinity, fully God and fully man, one Person in two natures. Jesus — Israel's promised Messiah — was conceived through the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father as our High Priest and Advocate. The Lord Jesus is coming again to this earth, personally, bodily, and visibly, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for Him.
- 6) We believe in the Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Trinity, who convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. Through the proclamation of the gospel He persuades men to repent of their sins and confess Jesus as Lord. By the same Spirit a person is led to trust in divine mercy. The Holy Spirit unites believers to Jesus Christ in faith, brings about the new birth, and dwells within the regenerate. The Holy Spirit has come to glorify the Son, who in turn came to glorify the Father. He will lead the Church into a right understanding and rich application of the truth of God's Word.
- 7) The whole human race fell in the fall of the first Adam. All men, apart from spiritual regeneration, are lost, darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, hardened in heart, morally and spiritually dead through their trespasses and sins. They cannot see nor enter the Kingdom of God until they are born again of the Holy Spirit.
- 8) We believe the salvation of man is wholly a work of God's free grace and is not the work, in whole or in part, of human works, obedience or religious ceremony or sacraments. God imputes His righteousness to those who put their faith in Christ alone for their salvation, and thereby freely justifies them in His sight. Salvation is by faith alone, through grace alone, in Christ alone.
- 9) We believe Jesus Christ is the gospel. The good news is revealed in His birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension. Christ's crucifixion is the heart of the gospel, His resurrection is

the power of the gospel, and His ascension is the glory of the gospel. Christ's death is a substitutionary and propitiatory sacrifice to God for our sins. It satisfies the demands of God's holy justice and appeases His holy wrath.

- 10) We believe in the Perseverance of the saints because no one can bring a charge against God's elect. For all those whom God predestines He also calls, and those whom He calls He also justifies, and those whom He justifies He also glorifies.
- 11) We believe that a Christian should live in their sanctification for the glory of God and the well-being of others; that includes proclaiming the gospel to all and making disciples.
- 12) We believe in the universal church; a living spiritual body of which Christ is the head and all regenerated persons are members. We believe in the local church, consisting of a company of baptized believers in Jesus Christ, associated for worship, work, fellowship and unity with other regenerated believers.

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In addition to the essentials above we also need to provide clear direction on certain **Booth Essentials** so as to improve the presentation of our "product". We all need to be in **UNITY** on the essentials below:

Essentials of the Outreach

- 1) **Eye Test** – this is a very effective "ice-breaker" and spiritual diagnostic tool we developed for use at the SFTGO. While we believe that the anointing of the Lord is on this tool and we strongly encourage its use by all of our workers and leaders, we are also open to alternative Holy Spirit led means or methods to "break-the-ice" and diagnose one's spiritual condition.
- 2) **Preach the Gospel** (The Great Commission Part 1) – as ambassadors of the King, we need to tell His story (i.e. the gospel) with excellence and accuracy and as thoroughly and fully as possible. We strongly encourage you to study the materials on our web page and use them to help you prepare a gospel presentation of your own so that you can deliver it from your heart, eyeball-to-eyeball in a conversational/relational/story-telling manner.
[Outreach Training #1 – FGBMFAmerica](#) and [Outreach Training #2 – FGBMFAmerica](#)
- 3) **Closings** – Many gospel workers are concerned about leading people to say the "sinner's prayer" unto a "false conversion" and therefore fail to offer the hearers the opportunity to confess or call on Jesus as Lord. First off, there is no such thing as a "false conversion" (see me for elaboration); conversely, we are careful to watch for signs of our people "pressing" for confessions for prideful reasons but we are also careful not to over-look our responsibilities as Evangelists. When presenting the gospel at the outreach we are acting in the role of Evangelist. We believe it is the role of an Evangelist to look for signs (or evidence) that one is born again after hearing the gospel. The Bible speaks of such signs as repentance, belief, baptism and confession as evidence that the Holy Spirit has converted a man's spirit from dead to alive through regeneration and that he has been birthed into the Kingdom upon hearing the gospel. In his Pentecostal sermon, Peter says that a man calling on the name of the Lord (i.e. confession) is a sign of his salvation. The hearers of Peter's sermon asked, "what shall we do?" to which Peter responded "repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ..." Just like confession; repentance and baptism are signs of one's regeneration and new birth; they are not what causes regeneration and new birth. If the Holy Spirit regenerates a man unto salvation, nothing or no one (including the man himself) can snatch him out of the hand of Jesus. The BOTTOM LINE essential of closings is that we must avoid both "no-closings" and "pressured-closings".
- 4) **Make Disciples** (The Great Commission Part 2) – The goal of our discipleship program is to facilitate the placement of our "new-borns" into a ministry/church (which may include our own ministry) where they can begin the sanctification process of growing into the image of Christ. We intend to follow-up with them for at least a year and then at the end of that year we will report to each Day Leader as to the status of each person who responded to the call of God during their shift at the fair. The BOTTOM LINE essential of making disciples is that

our Day Leaders have either one of their team members act as a Follow-up Coordinator or cooperate with a Follow-up Coordinator that we may assign to them if they're not comfortable with follow-up.

- 5) Gifts- We believe that the gifts of the Spirit spoken of by the Apostle Paul can be an effective tool for evangelism at our outreach and we encourage their use by all of our leaders & workers. On the other hand, we do not require their use by anyone. The Apostle John was complaining to Jesus about some other folks casting out demons and Jesus told him...hey, if they are not against us they are with us. We operate on that same philosophy about gifts of the Spirit...if you're not against them, you're with us!
- 6) Authority – you have been approved by the Lord to be entrusted with the gospel as the leader in that booth during your time of service at the SFTGO. All workers under your leadership must respect that spiritual authority as unto the Lord and in a reverential fear of the Lord attitude...i.e., conducting themselves as if the Lord were watching their every move (which, btw, He is).

Please feel free to connect with me if you have any questions about these standards.

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