

# UNION GOSPEL MISSION OF SALEM

## Chapel Service Qualifications and Procedure

### Qualifications -

1. Chapel presenter must have completed a D.O.V.E. volunteer application and been approved to serve as a volunteer at UGM.
2. Chapel presenter be interviewed by the designated Guest Services staff member and be observed during probationary service at mission.
3. Chapel Presenter must agree to:
  - Be well prepared for service, including prayer preparation.
  - Arrive no later than 15 minutes prior to the scheduled ministry service.
  - Provide a total of 30 minutes to include,
    - i. Music and Testimony. (Testimony/devotional material; please see “Verbal Ministry Basics” below.)
    - ii. Basic Bible teaching. Balance any emphasis on sin and judgment with an abundant proclamation of God's grace, love, forgiveness, mercy, and hope in Christ. Teaching should be evangelical in nature and focus on salvation and the importance of a personal relationship with Christ.
    - iii. Avoid denominational differences and distinctives. Our ministry at UGM is focused on the Cross, knowing Christ as Savior and learning to begin the journey of being a disciple.
  - Provide 5 minutes at end of the service to pray with people who respond to the message.
  - End service at completion time agreed
  - Be open to evaluation from appropriate UGM Staff.
  - Refrain from distributing or leaving for guests any literature. (Church groups are welcome to leave information about their services.)
  - Maintain a positive attitude, and spirit of love and servanthood toward the guests.
  - Be willing to receive God's blessing for serving Christ in this way.

### Verbal Ministry Basics

#### Testimony:

A *testimony* generally fits the following criteria:

- Personal (i.e., telling sincerely about your own life and faith)
- Informal/conversational
- Positive (i.e., not majoring on any unseemly aspects of your past)
- Progressive (telling a story)
- Condensable (should be deliverable in less than a minute, as well as in a longer version)

Preparing a testimony:

- Identify three points:
  - o What life was like before I became a Christian
  - o How I became a Christian
  - o What life has been like since becoming a Christian
- Elaborate on the three points:
  - o How will my hearers identify with my story?
  - o How can I present detail without getting off track?
  - o How can I keep the emphasis on the power of God, and not on any unsavory aspects of my past?
- Practice giving the testimony in its condensed (one-minute) form—it will automatically expand itself to meet whatever time frame you are given!

Presenting a testimony:

- Keep it positive
- Keep it within the time offered
- Keep it conversational



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## Devotional:

- A) A *devotional message* generally fits the following criteria:
  - Brevity (5-10 minutes)
  - Uplifting in tone and content
  - Personal (i.e., sincere; expressing your own belief)
  - Informal/conversational
- B) Preparing a devotional message:
  - Find a scripture passage that has meant something to you personally
  - Find a way to share it with others that imparts the same blessing
- C) Presenting a devotional message:
  - Read the scripture passage clearly (or have someone else read it)
  - Say what the passage means to you
  - Say what it may mean to the hearers
  - Close in a brief prayer
- D) Potential Mission devotional venues:
  - “Morning devotions” or “house meeting”
  - Chapel congregations
  - Business meetings
  - Prayer meetings
- E) Devotional Preparation Form follows:

### Prepare

Select a Bible passage that has meant something important to you:

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Write down briefly what it means to you:

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