

# GEORGE WHITEFIELD PROGRAM

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### **About**

The George Whitefield Program [GWP] is a home for men who believe they are called by the Lord to be full-time evangelists, specifically open air preachers.

Rev. Whitefield is a model evangelist. He was a holy man, well educated (Oxford University), ordained (the Church of England), a relentless evangelist and fruitful minister. [For further information see Arnold Dallimore's two volume biography on Rev. Whitefield].

GWP provides administrative support for your financial contributors [i.e. your contributions are receipted to your donors as non-profit tax deductible contributions and your ministry taxes filed] and training in the areas of fundraising and evangelism allowing you the evangelist to preach the Gospel in the highways and hedges full-time [i.e. six days a week four hours a day].

GWP open air evangelism occurs on college campuses, at major sporting events, large community events like festivals and concerts and areas in a city where souls gather or pass by.

### **Full-time**

Full-time means that you are completely engaged in the work of an evangelist without any other work or non-family distractions. This is your full-time work vs. bi-vocational or preaching part- time [i.e. on weekends, mission trips, special events].

#### Locations

The following cities are where full-time open air evangelists are being placed. **GWP locations**. If you live somewhere else and want to remain there to preach simply click "other".

## **Expectations**

As a George Whitefield evangelist you are expected to:

1]

Preach at least four hours daily.

2]

Pray for at least an hour daily.

#### 3]

Enroll in the George Whitefield Preaching Academy hosted and taught by Heath Pucel. Once completed have a plan for your next stage of study. Right now this would be obtaining a Masters Degree, MA, MTh or M Div, from an approved seminary or Bible College. Lord willing soon the GWP will have its own curriculum. [The goal is to commit to a lifetime of study. In our day this is accomplished through a seminary; however, ministries like www.ThirdMill.org offer a means of ongoing online study.

4]

Participate in a weekly group prayer.

**5**]

Submit a monthly work report.

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#### 6]

Attend two annual events: the Super Bowl Outreach and the annual GWP Training.

#### 7]

Be a member in good standing with a local church.

#### 8]

Recruit others to full-time work.

#### 9]

Lead your family as the head of the household in their life as husband and father (if married and with children) and in their study and understanding of the Scriptures.

## George Whitefield Program Application

Please submit the following items, 1 - 9, to <u>info@sfoi.org</u>. You can submit them one at a time, a couple of them together or all at once.

#### 1]

Your salvation testimony [one page or less - please include your conversion from being dead in sin to alive with Christ and the immediate and long term specific changes in your life].

#### **2**]

Describe your evangelistic calling [one page or less - include what is specifically different about you now versus prior to your calling].

#### 3]

A one page or less reference letter from your Pastor, wife and another man in your life whether it be from work, church, Bible Study group, etc. [these references should Include their view of your Christian character and their view and support of your calling].

#### 4]

Your work history [include name of employer(s), location, dates of employment, your supervisor's name(s), your particular work, why you departed].

#### **5**]

Your education history [name of school, location, years attended, degree received].

#### 6]

Your favorite verse and why [one page or less].

#### 7]

Your favorite theologian and why [one page or less].

#### 8]

The historic Christian confession of faith you approve - if you have a different one you subscribe to send it for approval.

The Thirty-Nine Articles of the Church of England.

The Westminster Confession of Faith.

The Savoy Declaration.

The Augsburg Confession.

#### 9]

Your insights into Rev. George Whitefield as a man, minister and evangelist after reading the two volume biography "George Whitefield: The Life and Times of the Great Evangelist of the Eighteenth-Century Revival" by Arnold Dallimore.

#### 10]

Once you submit the above information you will be subject to a background check, drug test and interviews with at least three people associated with the ministry.

## Additionally the GWP subscribes to these historic creeds:

Athanasius Creed:

Apostles Creed | Nicene Creed

#### Statement of Faith

GWP is complementarian and believes marriage is between one man and one woman. See <u>SFOI Statement of Faith</u> for full details of the above items and for all of the ministry's beliefs.

## **Next Steps**

If you intend to apply to be a GWP evangelist notify the ministry by sending an email to info@sfoi.org.

Once this email is received a timeline will be established for your completion of the application items.

The entire process should be accomplished within 60 days of your initial contact.

## **Training Period**

This is the time, usually 12 – 18 months, when you work towards being full-time. Once you notify us you want to be a GWP Evangelist this process begins. During this time you are expected to do the following weekly:

#### 1]

Read an assigned chapter in Arnold Dallimore's biography of Rev. Whitefield.

#### 2]

Read an assigned sermon by Rev. Whitefield.

#### 3]

Have a one on one weekly prayer time with Bill Joe Hinson where you discuss the assigned sermon, your MPD efforts and any other pertinent item(s). [See List below]

During the Training Period Lord willing the conversations are to discern, discuss and get a plan for Your:

- 1. Mission.
- 2. Budget.
- 3. Experience with OA preaching.
- 4. Wife's support
- 5. Leadership of the home.

- 6. Prayer life.
- 7. Income.
- 8. Bible study.
- 9. Long term studies.
- 10. Pastoral relationship.

#### 4]

Join the weekly group prayer where the assigned biography chapter and sermon is discussed.

#### 5]

You must submit a report each Monday that details your prior week's MPD calls and daily prayer time.

#### 6]

You must compile and pray for the civil and ecclesiastical authorities in your life.

#### **7**]

Submit on the first Monday of each month a report outlining your ministry activity during the previous month.

#### What We Believe

The George Whitefield Program subscribes to any of the following historic Christian confessions of faith:

#### **Christian confessions of faith:**

The Thirty-Nine Articles of the Church of England

The Westminster Confession of Faith The 1689 London

Baptist Confession of Faith

The Savoy Declaration The Augsburg Confession

## **Evangelistic Opportunities**

GWP evangelists are encouraged to participate in the Sports Fan Outreach International events.

SFOI events are meant to provide opportunities to evangelize and to meet other evangelists.

SFOI mobilizes evangelists to proclaim Christ (Phil. 1:18) to fans and local citizens at major sporting events in the U.S.A. and around the western world. For a list of these events visit: www.sfoi.org/events

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