



God Speed Ministry

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Dear Greg,

Thank you for your interest in God Speed Ministry. We are thrilled that you seek to be involved in God's work in reaching people who are connected to motorsports, either as a racer, crew member, family member, sponsor, official, fan or track owner/operator.

We seek to fulfill God's command in *Matthew 28:18-20*: *Then Jesus came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

Jesus personally discipled his followers for 3 years before He gave them the "Great Commission." To be a disciple means to follow the example and teachings of Christ and to be able to share the Word of God with others by example and in speech. This application is designed to allow you to share your faith through your words and through examples of your deeds as well as the references of other people who know you well and can testify of your disciplined life. The questions are arranged corresponding to the spirit, soul and body areas of life.

We pray that this process will be an enlightening journey for you as you document your spiritual life. We ask that you do this prayerfully, openly and honestly. The Holy Spirit will guide you as you seek to follow God's call on your life to fulfill the desire of your heart to serve God in the racing community.

There is a place for everyone in God Speed Ministry. We are all volunteers. Some serve as Divisional Chaplains, children's chaplains, track chaplains or chaplains available for where ever God needs them at that time and location. Some chaplains' gifts are in Helps or Hospitality ministry or Care Giving. Some people serve as assistants to Children's Chaplains, setting up for chapel services, greeting prayer ministry after a service or walking through the pits bearing God's Presence.

Godspeed,
Renee Bingham God Speed Ministry, president

Here is an overview of the process:

- 1. Complete and return the application with reference forms within 30 days.**
- 2. Give Reference forms to each of your references. Have them completed and returned to you to submit with your application or they can email them to us at renee@godspeedministry.com.**
- 3. If these 2 steps are not completed within 30 days, we will assume you have changed your mind and end the process. (If circumstances arise, contact us for an extension.)**
- 4. The Committee will pray over and review the application. A decision should be rendered within 20 days of receiving the app & reference forms in the office. Once approved by the committee, you will receive a background check form to return with the week.**
- 5. You become a chaplain with God Speed Ministry upon verification of your background check. Our goal is a 60 day process.**
- 6. Applicants will work alongside a seasoned chaplain at 2 to 4 events for experience and relationship. (This may be waived or shortened or lengthened at the discretion of the committee and the chaplain mentor.)**

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CHAPLAIN APPLICATION FORM AND INFORMATION SHEET

"What is a chaplain? What do chaplains do?"

Answer: A chaplain is essentially a spiritual representative attached to a secular institution. Chaplains may or may not be certified, have a theological education, or be ordained or commissioned by a particular denomination, though many are.

Chaplains are expected to serve the spiritual and emotional needs of others. Some chaplains perform weddings (if duly licensed) or funeral ceremonies, administer communion, deliver spiritual messages, offer prayer at public meetings or meet the need of the moment, usually through listening and prayer.

Chaplains work in many environments. Most commonly, chaplains are attached to the military, to hospitals, to law enforcement and fire departments, to political bodies (such as the United States Congress and Senate), to sports teams, race organizations/tracks, and to educational institutions. Some corporations, music groups, and even households (historically the nobility, and now certain monarchs), may also employ chaplains.

ANY MAN.....

Dwight L. Moody was a poorly educated, unordained, shoe salesman who felt God's call to preach the gospel. Early one morning he and some friends gathered in a hay field for a season of prayer, confession, and consecration. His friend Henry Varley said, "The world has yet to see what God can do with and for and through and in a man who is fully and wholly consecrated to Him." Moody was deeply moved by these words.

He later went to a meeting where Charles Spurgeon was speaking. In that meeting Moody recalled the words spoken by his friend, "The world had yet to see what God can do with and for and through and in a man!" Varley meant any man! Varley didn't say he had to be educated, or brilliant, or anything else. Just a man! Well, by the Holy Spirit in him, he'd be one of those men. Then suddenly, in that high gallery, he saw something he'd never realized before. It was not Mr. Spurgeon, after all, who was doing that work; it was God. And if God could use Mr. Spurgeon, why should He not use the rest of us, and why should we not all just lay ourselves at the Master's feet and say to Him, "Send me! Use me!"

D.L. Moody was an ordinary man who sought to be fully and wholly committed to Christ. God did extraordinary things through this ordinary man. Moody became one of the great evangelists of modern times. He founded a Bible college, Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, which sends out men and women trained in service for God. Are you an ordinary man or woman in whom God wants to do extraordinary things? God desires that for every child of His. Ask God to do extraordinary things in your life. Begin today to trust Him to accomplish great things for His Kingdom through you.

Expectations of Chaplains & Reimbursements

Everyone with God Speed Ministry who serves in the field is a volunteer. Chaplain's expenses of gas, tolls and hotel are paid if God Speed specifically requests you to cover an event. If another chaplain asks you to assist them with an event, those expenses need to be pre-approved for reimbursement. Chaplains may volunteer time and expenses at any event. God Speed will cover expenses incurred with required training if you request them to be covered. God Speed Ministry supplies support materials (decals, Bibles, shirts, offering boxes) needed by the certified chaplains to fulfill ministry at no charge to you.

We minister to the racers, fans, officials and sponsors at each event. We usually arrive on the evening before or early morning the event begins. We let the track & series officials know we are there. We offer encouragement, friendship, a shoulder to cry on, prayer, or whatever is needed. We respond to each crash on track and usually will respond to accidents in the pits as well. A relationship needs to be established with the race director/track operator, so they inform the chaplain of each situation, that we may be there to pray for the people involved, their families and to be a calming influence in a traumatic situation. Each chaplain needs to do the same with the race director/track owner in your division/track. At IHRA national and divisional races as well as all PDRA & Loose Rocker events, there is a church service at some time during the weekend. We ask permission to post fliers. We always go back after church and take them all down.

Chaplains can do special events, such as hospitality, music, Bible Studies, etc. as the track operators and/or the series Race Director approve. Go gently. Seek to build a relationship and friendship with the track operators and officials before overwhelming them with programs and special events. We are there to enhance the race experience and to present God is a winsome, attractive light. Jesus kept things simple. Work closely with the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Each region/track/series is as different as is each Chaplain. Each chaplain ministers in their God given abilities and talents and meets the needs within their area of ministry. Each chaplain is to be a pastor to the region/track/series, caring for the entire flock and shepherding those within their division/track/series, providing a moral compass by which all may keep their bearings.

Track Chaplains are encouraged to do the same at their local track(s) where God has placed you. You have the great opportunity to have consistent contact with racers on a weekly basis and great outreach and ministry opportunities. You are an integral part of the God Speed family.

We are to be the embodiment of Christ, nothing more, nothing less!

As Christians, we are all called to serve God, some as Apostles -special messengers, Prophets - preachers and expounders, Evangelists - preachers of the Gospel, traveling missionaries, Pastors - shepherds of His Flock, Teachers, Miracle workers, Healers, Helpers, offering Hospitality and as Administrators.

These gifts and abilities can be used in many different motorsports ministry settings: as a national or regional chaplain, chaplain's assistant, children's chaplain, local track chaplain, administrator, counselor, hospitality coordinator and assisting with various tasks as needed.

On the essay questions, write your answers on a separate sheet of paper or type them on your computer. Just be sure to number your answers so they match the number of the question. If you are doing this on your computer, then you may type your answers under the questions and email it back to us.

Part 1:

Spiritual/Ministry Life

1. Share with us how you came to know God personally. What age were you?
2. What does being "born again" mean to you?
3. Who is God to you?
4. Share with us one or more of your most memorable experiences as a Christian.
5. How do you continue to increase in your knowledge of God's Word?
6. How much of each day is given solely to God in the study of His Word and talking to Him personally?
7. What is your favorite scripture verse(s)?
8. Do you believe the Word of God is for everyone? Why or why not?
9. Do you believe that everyone should be given the opportunity to know God personally? Why or why not?
10. Explain the Gospel.
11. Who has had the most influence on your Christian life? Why or how?
12. Please provide the names and contact information of 3 spiritual advisors or groups who mentor you, disciple you and are your accountability partners. Also list your pastor's information (they may be one of your 3). Please make sure all info is accurate as we may contact them during the review process. **These should be the people you had fill out a reference for you. Please let your references know to expect.**

- (1). Name
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- (3). Name
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- (4). Pastor's Name
Church
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We know that God is in the restoration business. We all have a past. God has redeemed us from our past and has set us on the path to becoming like Christ. We are changed “from glory to glory” by stages. Even the apostle Paul said, *“Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.”* *Philippians 3:12-15*

In thinking of your spiritual life, please initial each statement and scripture below if it applies to your life since you have accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and Lord or if you are growing in that area and have achieved a measure of victory. Write S where you still struggle and leave blank those you have chosen to ignore.

A. Every officer, pastor, director, teacher, leader in God Speed Ministry shall try to imitate Christ and become more Christ-like throughout their life. _____ initial

Matthew 13:52 He said to them, "So then, every teacher of God's word who has been made into a disciple for the Kingdom of Heaven is like the owner of a home who brings out of his storage room both new things and old." _____ initial

Mark 12:14 And they came up and said to Him, Teacher, we know that You are sincere and what You profess to be, that You cannot lie, and that You have no personal bias for anyone; for You are not influenced by partiality and have no regard for anyone's external condition or position, but in truth You teach the way of God. _____ initial

Hebrews 13:7-8 Remember your leaders, those who spoke God's message to you. Reflect on the results of their way of life, and imitate their trust - Jesus the Messiah is the same yesterday, today and forever.

_____ *initial*

I Timothy 3:9 They must possess the formerly hidden truth of the faith with a clean conscience.

_____ *initial*

10 And first, let them be tested; then, if they prove themselves blameless, let them be appointed congregation leader. _____ *initial*

Part 2:

Relationship with Self and Others

13. What talents, gifts and abilities do you have?
14. What experience do you have in leadership?
15. What positions or work have you done in your local church or with other Christian agencies?
16. Why do you want to work with God Speed Ministry?
17. What do you feel God has called you to do?
18. What racing experience, if any, do you have?
19. If married, is your spouse willing to support you in your ministry with God Speed? (It is our belief that “two shall be come one” and that God has given us our spouses as a partner in this life as a complement to everything we do. If your spouse is not involved and supportive, we feel that you can only give half of your full potential; and that ministry with God Speed will divide your loyalty to your family commitments.)
20. What is your educational background?
21. How long do you expect or desire to work with God Speed Ministry?
22. Do you believe God Speed Ministry is worthy of your total support?
If yes: Will you support it with your time? How?
With your talents? How?
With your money? How?
With your presence? How?
23. Please provide the names, addresses and phone numbers of 3 personal references and your current employer (if applicable.) Please make sure all info is accurate as we may contact them during the review process. **These should be the people you had fill out a reference for you. Please let your references know to expect.**
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 - (2). Name
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 - (3). Name
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Phone

- Email
- (4). Employer's Name
- Business Name
- Address
- Phone
- Email

B. Every officer, pastor, director, teacher, leader in God Speed Ministry shall meet the criteria set forth by Holy Scripture as set forth below. Any person who seeks a position of authority or leadership in God Speed Ministry shall only be accepted after a season of prayerful consideration by church leaders as led by the Holy Spirit. _____ *initial here*

1 Timothy 3:1-2 Here is a statement you can trust: anyone aspiring to be a congregation leader is seeking worthwhile work. 2 A congregation leader must be above reproach, he must be faithful to his wife, temperate, self-controlled, orderly, hospitable and able to teach. _____ *initial here*

3 He must not drink excessively or get into fights; rather, he must be kind and gentle. He must not be a lover of money. _____ *initial*

4-5 He must manage his own household well, having children who obey him with all proper respect; for if a man can't manage his own household, how will he be able to care for God's Community?
_____ *initial*

6 He must not be a new believer, because he might become puffed up with pride and thus fall under the same judgment as did the Adversary. _____ *initial*

7 Furthermore, he must be well regarded by outsiders, so that he won't fall into disgrace and into the Adversary's trap. _____ *initial*

8 Likewise, the leader must be of good character, people whose word can be trusted. They must not give themselves to excessive drinking or be greedy for dishonest gain. _____ *initial*

11 Similarly, the wives must be of good character, not gossips, but temperate, faithful in everything.
_____ *initial*

12 Let the congregation leader each be faithful to his wife, managing his children and household well.
_____ *initial*

2 Timothy 2:14-16,

14 Keep reminding people of this, and charge them solemnly before the Lord not to engage in word-battles. They accomplish nothing useful and are a catastrophe for the hearers! _____ *initial here*

15 Do all you can to present yourself to God as someone worthy of his approval, as a worker with no need to be ashamed, because he deals straightforwardly with the Word of the Truth. _____ *initial here*

16 But keep away from godless babbling, for those who engage in it will only become more ungodly, _____ *initial here*

22 So, flee the passions of youth; and, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart, pursue righteousness, faithfulness, love and peace. _____ *initial here*

23 But stay away from stupid and ignorant controversies - you know that they lead to fights,
24 and a slave of the Lord shouldn't fight. On the contrary, he should be kind to everyone, a good teacher, and not resentful when mistreated. _____ *initial here*

25 Also he should be gentle as he corrects his opponents. For God may perhaps grant them the opportunity to turn from their sins, acquire full knowledge of the truth,
26 come to their senses and escape the trap of the Adversary, after having been captured alive by him to do his will. _____ *initial here*

Titus 2:1 But you, explain what kind of behavior goes along with sound teaching. 2 Tell the older men to be serious, sensible, self-controlled and sound in their trust, love and perseverance. _____ *initial here*

3 Likewise, tell the older women to behave the way people leading a holy life should. They shouldn't be slanderers or slaves to excessive drinking. They should teach what is good, 4 thus training the younger women to love their husbands and children, 5 to be self-controlled and pure, to take good care of their homes and submit to their husbands. In this way, God's message will not be brought into disgrace. _____ *initial here*

6 Similarly, urge the young men to be self-controlled, 7 and in everything set them an example yourself by doing what is good. When you are teaching, have integrity and be serious; 8 let everything you say be so wholesome that an opponent will be put to shame because he will have nothing bad to say about us. _____ *initial here*

9 Tell slaves (employees) to submit to their masters(employers) in everything, to give satisfaction without talking back 10 or pilfering. On the contrary, they should demonstrate complete faithfulness always, so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Deliverer more attractive. _____ *initial here*

11 For God's grace, which brings deliverance, has appeared to all people. 12 It teaches us to renounce godlessness and worldly pleasures, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives now, in this age; _____ *initial here*

C. God Speed Ministry shall not, cannot, do any fundraiser. The scriptures exhort us to support this ministry from within, to accept nothing from the Gentiles - those outside the faith which is

what most fundraisers are aimed to do. What message does it send to those outside the faith for us to do fundraisers? "Why should I serve a God that cannot take care of and support His own church and people? Why should He take care of me?" Our goal is to exemplify God - All Sufficient, Provider, Sustainer.

3 John 1:5-8 Dear friend, you are faithful in all the work you are doing for the brothers, even when they are strangers to you. They have testified to your love in front of the congregation. You will be doing well if you send them on their way in a manner worthy of God, since it was for the sake of the Lord that they went out without accepting anything from the Gentiles. It is we, therefore, who should support such people; so that we may share in their work for the truth. _____ *initial here*

Deuteronomy 12:11 11 then you will bring all that I am ordering you to the place The Lord your God chooses to have his name live -your burnt offerings, sacrifices, tenths, the offering from your hand, and all your best possessions that you dedicate to The Lord God; _____ *initial here*

Malachi 3:10 Bring the whole tenth into the storehouse, so that there will be food in my house, and put me to the test," says The Lord of Hosts. "See if I won't open for you the floodgates of heaven and pour out for you a blessing far beyond your needs. _____ *initial here*

Part 3

Physical Ability

The Apostle Paul wrote: “Instead, I discipline my body and bring it under strict control, so that after preaching to others, I myself will not be disqualified.” (1 Corinthians 9:27)

Motorsports ministry can be grueling work. Jesus specifically said, “Pray therefore that the Lord of the harvest will send out **laborers** into his harvest.” Matthew 9:38 Applicants must understand the physical requirements and be able to fulfill the required duties. These duties can be performed from a wheelchair or with other necessary equipment if part of your life. Our goal in this section is to you help you fully grasp the physical nature of motorsports ministry.

- Travel may be involved.
- Long periods of being outside in the sun, rain or cold are common.
- Being in the staging lanes for hours or going through the pits (whether on foot or in a wheelchair) is also common. (Golf carts, scooters or bicycles are also used.)
- Setting up for chapel service may require strength and mobility.
- Responding to accidents often require chaplains to access the track or top end in rough terrain or by climbing over guard walls.

Your health should be good enough that you can meet these expectations. If your health poses no medical emergency, we will work with you to place you in the right arena of ministry.

24. Describe your physical condition.

25. To the best of your knowledge do you believe you are able to perform the above duties? For how many days in a row?

26. Do you require assistance in performance of some activities outlined above?

27. Are you able to travel long distances by car and by air?

D. There shall be no sexual impurity (fornication, adultery, homosexuality, pornography, lust, incest, etc.), greed, coveteousness or idolatry in any officer, pastor, leader in God Speed Ministry. If such is found, they will be asked to resign their position of leadership, effective immediately. They shall remain a part of God Speed Ministry (if they so desire) with admonishment and the prayer that they repent and return again to the way of God. They may be restored to leadership if true repentance with confirming fruit is witnessed for an appropriate time.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 Don't you know that unrighteous people will have no share in the Kingdom of God? Don't delude yourselves - people who engage in sex before marriage, who worship idols, who engage in sex after marriage with someone other than their spouse, who engage in active or passive homosexuality, who steal, who are greedy, who get drunk, who assail people with contemptuous language, who rob - none of them will share in the Kingdom of God. Some of you used to do these

things. But you have cleansed yourselves, you have been set apart for God, you have come to be counted righteous through the power of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Spirit of our God.

_____ *initial here*

Ephesians 5:3-5 Among you there should not even be mentioned sexual immorality, or any kind of impurity, or greed; these are utterly inappropriate for God's holy people. Also out of place are obscenity and stupid talk or coarse language; instead, you should be giving thanks. For of this you can be sure: every sexually immoral, impure or greedy person - that is, every idol-worshipper - has no share in the Kingdom of the Jesus Christ and of God. _____ *initial here*

Hebrews 13:17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your lives, as people who will have to render an account. So make it a task of joy for them, not one of groaning; for that is of no advantage to you. _____ *initial here*

Hebrews 10:26-31 For if we deliberately continue to sin after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but only the terrifying prospect of Judgment, of raging fire that will consume the enemies. Someone who disregards the Law of Moses is put to death without mercy on the word of two or three witnesses. Think how much worse will be the punishment deserved by someone who has trampled underfoot the Son of God; who has treated as something common the blood of the covenant which made him holy; and who has insulted the Spirit, giver of God's grace! For the One we know is the One who said, "Vengeance is my responsibility; I will repay," and then said, "The LORD will judge his people." It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God!

_____ *initial here*

I Corinthians: 9:25 Now every athlete in training submits himself to strict discipline, and he does it just to win a laurel wreath that will soon wither away. But we do it to win a crown that will last forever. 26 Accordingly, I don't run aimlessly but straight for the finish line; I don't shadow-box but try to make every punch count. 27 I treat my body hard and make it my slave so that, after proclaiming the Good News to others, I myself will not be disqualified. _____ *initial here*

I Corinthians 6: 12 You say, "For me, everything is permitted"? Maybe, but not everything is helpful. "For me, everything is permitted"? Maybe, but as far as I am concerned, I am not going to let anything gain control over me. 13 "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"? Maybe, but God will put an end to both of them. Anyhow, the body is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body. _____ *initial here*

15 Don't you know that your bodies are parts of the Messiah? So, am I to take parts of the Messiah and make them parts of a prostitute? Heaven forbid! 16 Don't you know that a man who joins himself to a prostitute becomes physically one with her? For the Tanakh says, "The two will become one flesh"; 17 but the person who is joined to the Lord is one spirit. 18 Run from sexual immorality! Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the fornicator sins against his own body. 19 Or don't you know that your body is a temple for the Ruach HaKodesh who lives inside you, whom you received from God? The fact is, you don't belong to yourselves; 20 for you were bought at a price. So use your bodies to glorify God. _____ *initial here*

***Your name:** _____

***Address:** _____

***phone numbers:** cell _____

home: _____

work (if applicable) _____

email address: _____

***age:** _____ **date of birth:** _____ **sex:** _____

spouse's name if married: _____

Date submitted: _____

***= Required**