

**CONFERENCE OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST EVANGELISTS
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

DATE _____

**Please complete the Form and return with \$150 dues (non-refundable) for Vocational Evangelist
Or \$125 dues (non-refundable) for Bi-Vocational Evangelist
Payable to COSBE, to the address below:**

**Southern Baptist Evangelists, Inc. (SBEI)
860 Johnson Ferry Rd, Suite 140-280
Atlanta, GA, 30342

NAME _____

MINISTRY NAME _____

GROUP NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME TELEPHONE _____ BUSINESS TELEPHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

WEB SITE ADDRESS _____

MINISTRY INFORMATION

TYPE OF MINISTRY (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ART - Chalk Art Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> IS - Inspirational Speaker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BHE - Biblical Health Evangelism | <input type="checkbox"/> MCE - Marriage Conference Evangelism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> C - Conference Evangelism | <input type="checkbox"/> ME - Music (Revivals and Crusades) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CA - Concert Artist Evangelism | <input type="checkbox"/> MM - Men's Evangelism Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CD - Crusade Director | <input type="checkbox"/> MWE - Mission Work Evangelism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CE - Children's Evangelism | <input type="checkbox"/> OE - Outreach Evangelism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CL - Clowning Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> P - Prison Ministries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COM - Comedy Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> SE - Street Evangelism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CS - Counseling Seminar Evangelism | <input type="checkbox"/> SFS - Stewardship / Financial Seminars |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CSE - Collegiate Student Evangelism | <input type="checkbox"/> SPE - Sports Evangelism Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> D - Drama Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> V - Ventriloquism Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> E - Evangelist (Harvester Preacher) | <input type="checkbox"/> WM - Women's Evangelism Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ER - Evangelist (Revivalist Preacher) | <input type="checkbox"/> YE - Youth Evangelism Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IL - Illusionist/Magician Evangelism | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

YEAR ENTERED MINISTRY: _____

YEAR ENTERED EVANGELISM: _____

VOCATIONAL

BI-VOCATIONAL

MARITAL STATUS:

Married

Divorced and remarried

Single

Widowed

Does your spouse support you in this ministry? _____

Current church membership: _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Does your church support the Cooperative Program? _____

Do you tithe to your home church? _____

Do you and your family faithfully support your Pastor? _____

If you cannot affirm any of the following, please explain why. (Typed on a separate page, if necessary)

1. I have never sued a church or church staff member.
2. I have never been terminated from a job for immoral conduct.
3. I do not currently drink alcoholic beverages or use illegal drugs
4. I do not practice homosexuality nor am I a pedophile.
5. I am not addicted to nor do I view pornographic materials.
6. I am committed and faithful to my spouse and family.
7. I am not a pastor, church staff member or agency employee.
8. I meet the requirements of my home states conference of evangelists
(Although you do not have to be a member of the group, membership is encouraged.)

I AFFIRM ALL.

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

EDUCATION

INSTITUTION

CITY/STATE

GRADUATION YEAR

DEGREE

CHURCH OR DENOMINATIONAL EXPERIENCE

CHURCH/AGENCY

Position

Dates

1. Please give the number of revivals, special evangelistic events, concerts, one day crusades, etc...since you have been in full-time evangelism. Please do not count interims or supply days.

REVIVALS _____
CONCERTS _____

SPECIAL EVANGELISTIC EVENTS _____
ONE DAY CRUSADES _____

2. Number of meetings before entering fulltime evangelism: _____

3. I give my energies and time to the pursuit of evangelism--- and it is my primary source of income.

Yes No If your answer is no, briefly explain. _____

DATE OF ORDINATION _____

ORDAINING CHURCH _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

In making this application I recognize the Endorsing Council of the Conference of the Southern Baptist Evangelists and the North American Mission Board to be the body designated to endorse qualified Southern Baptist evangelists. I hereby agree to cooperate with the policies and programs of the agency it represents. I also recognize that it is the responsibility of the Endorsement Council to grant and/or withdraw denominational endorsement. Therefore should I prove by temperament, disposition, attitude or conduct to be unsuited for endorsement in the opinion of the Endorsing Council and should it decide my denominational endorsement should be withdrawn, I agree to abide by its decisions.

SIGNED: _____ **DATE:** _____

CONFERENCE OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST EVANGELISTS
AFFIRMATIONS OF ACCOUNTABILITY

We the members of the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists do hereby, before the Lord and each other, affirm the following statements concerning our accountability as vocational evangelists.

I

We confess Jesus Christ, the Son of God, as Lord and Savior and declare our obedience to the Great Commission, our willingness to advance its purpose and our availability to fulfill its meaning.

II

We align ourselves with the doctrinal position of the 2000 Baptist Faith and Message and reaffirm our belief that the Bible is the infallible, inerrant word of God.

III

We assert the call of the vocational evangelist is an authentic New Testament call; thereby, we approach our vocation with the same degree of preparation and integrity as is demanded of other Christian vocational skills.

IV

We are accountable to the local church where we are members by participating in its programs and supporting it with our tithes. We will strive to conduct our ministries so as to build up the local body of believers by proclaiming the great doctrines of the scriptures.

V

We acknowledge that conviction of sin is a work of the Holy Spirit and we will extend the invitation with integrity and without coercion or manipulation.

VI

Our priorities are: first, to a disciplined devotional life, ensuring our personal spiritual development; second, to our families, demonstrating our commitment as companions and parents; third, to those with whom we minister giving evidence of the creditability of our message.

VII

As servants of God we confirm our duty to live morally clean, pure, holy lives. What we proclaim in public, we are obligated to practice in private.

VIII

We declare to be faithful and responsible under God in the reporting of all our finances and statistics.

IX

We need and desire to be filled and controlled by the Holy Spirit in order that we may be thoroughly prepared and thoroughly empowered.

X

We seek to promote evangelism with integrity through every segment of our ministries and, in so doing; we expect the same standards from those with whom we serve

Signed _____ Date _____

Consumer Reports and Investigative Consumer Reports Disclosure Notice and Authorization

Disclosure:

This form is to notify you that a Consumer Report and/or an Investigative Consumer Report may be obtained as part of a background check for your application process. A “consumer report” is any written, oral, or other communication bearing on reputation, personal characteristics and/or mode of living. An “investigative consumer report” contains information which is obtained through personal interviews with your business associates, family members, friends, neighbors, or other third parties with whom you are acquainted. This information will include inquiries regarding your personal characteristics and/or mode of living.

If any adverse decision is made based on the information contained in a consumer report or an investigative consumer report, you will be given a copy of the report as well as a summary of your rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act.

Authorization:

By my signature below, I authorize the **People Check by Gana**, and/or any of its affiliates to receive information in connection with my application for endorsement to work/volunteer with this organization. I authorize all law enforcement agencies and courts to release all written and verbal information about me to include criminal history record information and driving license history record information. I further authorize the performance of, the procurement of and the release of consumer reports and/or investigative consumer reports. I further understand that any and all information contained in my application may be utilized for the purpose of obtaining the consumer reports or investigative consumer reports and I confirm that all such information is true and correct. This authorization will remain in effect for 90 days from the date of signature and, for periodic background checks as long as I remain an active volunteer or employee with this organization.

APPLICANT’S NAME: _____

MAIDEN NAME or OTHER NAME USED: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____

DRIVER’S LICENSE # _____ STATE: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

APPLICANT’S SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

***(Please include a copy of your driver’s license and/or another form of identification with this form.)
Form 1103 (updated 4/07)**

Frequently asked Questions

Concerning the application for new members.

1. Does this membership application need to be adhered to by men who are already members prior to June 2004? Yes and No.

Yes- You must meet all the standards of the affirmations. For instance if for any reason you do not Qualify for your State Evangelists Conference or Fellowship you cannot be a member of COSBE. This is an added safeguard for the integrity of COSBE membership. Although the requirements go from none at all in California to more strict qualifications of Georgia it still adds a safety net.

NO- You do not have to go through the thorough background check of New Members.

2. If I have been out of evangelism only briefly, do I need to meet the new application requirements?

If it has been five years or less the answer is no. (With the exception of a moral failure or doctrinal question)

3. Why do a back ground check?

In the very beginning of COSBE a pedophile and all around con artist was one of our early members. It has taken over 40 years to recover from some of the damage he did. A background check would stop this from happening again. This would help us with any liability problems and add integrity to our organization. This standard is used by NAMB and gives greater authority to the endorsement process.

4. Why do we pay a membership fee?

Because of the escalating economy of publicity, room rental etc...

5. Why such a lengthy application?

Because you have had to fill out two applications in the past, depending on what year you joined. In addition the prayerful filling out of such a form both teaches us what God expects of us and reminds us that the office of evangelist must be held to the highest biblical standard!

6. How do I count the years in vocational evangelistic ministry?

When answering the question how many years have you been in evangelism, do not count years in the pastorate or in a staff or denominational capacity. Count only the years this has been your sole ministry.