



FGB

Full Gospel Businessmen
UK & Ireland



membership
information and
application form

Hello – and welcome!



WE REALLY appreciate your interest in this Fellowship - and for taking the time to review this booklet. We gladly welcome into membership men of all backgrounds who acknowledge Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

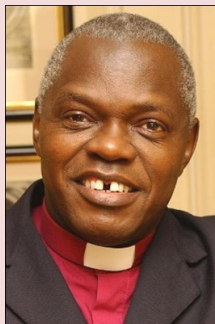
Countless numbers of people can testify to transformed lives through their involvement with this worldwide Fellowship. For many of us, being a member the Full Gospel Businessmen (UK & Ireland) - or FGB for short - is a significant step in developing our God-given gifts to fulfil our destiny as men of God. Whether we are a new Christian or have been a follower of Jesus for decades, we realise that we are all 'a work in progress'.

Our God-given vision

The God-given Vision of FGB is to see people set free by the power of Jesus Christ, bringing people together from all types of backgrounds, arranging meetings, large and small, in hotels, restaurants and marketplace venues, where men and women share informally how God has changed their lives.

Our members come from different Christian denominations (or none). FGB is a dynamic 'every-member' ministry - a summary of our main aims is on Page Five.

At our meetings, men from different Christian denominations and various business or employment backgrounds, share how the power of God has transformed their lives in everyday situations. Members include those from all aspects of the marketplace, from the student world to the boardroom . . . from the retired to the unemployed. No-one is excluded.

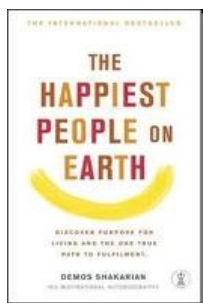


Leaders from a wide range of churches affirm support for FGB, including the Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, (left) who says: "We need more men like them."



FGB is for men of all backgrounds

Members accept our basic beliefs (*see Page Six*) and should respond to the call from God to be actively involved in FGB to share their faith with those who are not yet Christians. 'Women of the Fellowship' also supports the objectives of FGB. For membership, please see our website **www.fgbuk.org** and the associated 'Women of the Fellowship' leaflet.



A global fellowship

The inspiring story of how this global fellowship began is told in the best-selling paperback, ***The Happiest People on Earth***. This is a classic, faith-building book about a businessman named Demos Shakarian, *pictured right*.



After a challenging start in building the Fellowship, Demos sought the wisdom of God and one night was given an extraordinary vision of millions of men all over the world who appeared lifeless, cold, trapped in misery and spiritually dead. Then the vision changed and he found himself viewing people on every continent, transformed, set free, linked in a community of love as they had found the secret to becoming "the happiest people on earth."

Eventually, Demos and his colleagues saw the work with the Full Gospel Businessmen (FGBMI) grow to more than 8,000 local groups (called Chapters) in 132 nations. The vision has continued for 60 years through national fellowships on every continent - closely knit together, but loosely associated. Together, they inspire multitudes of men and women to fulfil their God-given destiny. The book by Demos has also had a significant impact on the Christian world. Copies are available from your local Chapter or via the on-line shop on our website, and also direct from the FGB National Office, address below:

FGB National Office, P.O. Box 11, Knutsford, Cheshire, WA16 6QP.

Tel 01565 632 667 Email office@fgbuk.org website www.fgbuk.org



National and international conventions (above) are a great source of encouragement as FGB members from all walks of life share their true-life stories.

Similar testimonies are featured in the **Voice** magazine, pictured below. Millions of copies in various languages have been distributed around the world in outreach and personal evangelism over the past 60 years. Follow-up materials include the booklet, 'Finding God,' also pictured here.



Voice magazines with personal testimonies are used for outreach and evangelism



Local gatherings large and small: a way to share fellowship and 'new life stories'

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Our aims

The aims of the Fellowship can be summarised under five headings:

To reach men and women in all nations for Jesus Christ.

To reveal the power of Christ through the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

To share Christian fellowship and mentoring.

To bring greater unity to the Christian Church.

To equip men to fulfil the great commission.



Every-member ministry

Members participate in FGB ministry through:

1. Involvement in a worldwide Christian Fellowship for encouragement and the sharing of personal testimonies.
2. Conventions, training seminars and fellowship meetings for sharing, mentoring, ministry and prayer. FGB aims to be a dynamic 'every-member' ministry.
3. Encouragement to move forward in the power of the Holy Spirit, in ministry to others.
4. Outreach meetings where friends and colleagues are invited to hear how people like them have become Christians and have been empowered by the Holy Spirit.
5. FGB resources include mailings of *Voice* magazine, online news and Inspiration, plus the range of resources available on the website, at: **www.fgbuk.org** to help us to more effectively reach others for Christ.

Our Biblical beliefs

In order to avoid any misunderstandings, here are 10 foundational beliefs for membership. We believe . . .

1. In one God, Maker of all things, and the Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
2. In the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who became incarnate, begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and is true God and true man.
3. In the Bible, in its entirety, is the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and conduct.
4. In the resurrection of the dead, the eternal happiness of the saved and the eternal punishment of the lost.
5. In the personal salvation of believers through the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.
6. In the sanctification by the blood of Christ and in personal holiness through the redeeming work of Jesus Christ.
7. In divine healing, through faith, and that healing is included in the Atonement.
8. In the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, accompanied by the initial physical sign of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit of God gives utterance (*Acts 2:4*), as distinct from the new birth, and in the nine gifts of the Holy Spirit listed in *1 Corinthians 12*, as now available to believers.
9. In the Christian's great hope, the imminent, personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ.
10. In intensive world evangelism and missionary work in accordance with the Great Commission, with signs following.

APPPLICATION for membership implies acceptance of the beliefs listed here. We trust that as God calls men into FGB, they will be **actively involved** in the ministry, including contributing financially to the administration and outreach work.

The cost of running the FGB organisation is equivalent to around £10 per month per member. However, members are encouraged to donate whatever the Lord directs them to give. *Every donation, however large or small, is really appreciated* and helps us to maintain effective administration for our outreach ministry.

The directors believe that every member who has been called by God into the Fellowship will want to ensure that we are able to operate at full strength, and will also appreciate the huge privilege it is to be part of the God-given Vision for our nation. In short, we must be good stewards of this treasure entrusted to us.

THANK YOU again for your interest and we look forward to receiving your application and membership donation which you can detach and post to:

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tel: **01565 632 667** email: **office@fgbuk.org**
website: **www.fgbuk.org**

- **If you are completing the application form electronically on the website**, then please note that the application does need to be approved by your local FGB Chapter or Group President. You should enter the approving President's name before submitting the application and the FGB Office will validate this before your application is confirmed as accepted.

- **Electronic Standing Orders** for membership donations should be submitted through online banking or a scanned copy of the signed form submitted by email. **Gift Aid declarations** can be confirmed via the website.

Full Gospel Businessmen UK & Ireland
Membership Application Form

My full name

Date of Birth, d/m/yr.

Address

Postcode

Email

Day tel. Evening tel.

Occupation First name of spouse*

Applicant's signature

Chapter or Group President's Signature

FGB Chapter or Group

Here is my **donation** of £ Date

It costs approximately £10 per member per month - or £120 a year - to maintain the ministry. Your donations may be made by Standing Order (mandate form overleaf) or by one-off payments (by cheque, bank transfer or credit card by ringing the National Office on 01565 632 667). Cheques payable to: **FGB UK & Ireland**

GIFT AID DECLARATION

I want to Gift Aid this and any future donations until I notify you otherwise.

I am a UK tax payer and understand that if I pay less Income/Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Sign here Date

If setting up a **Standing Order**, please complete the form overleaf.

*All personal data on members or those making application for membership is securely held by FGB for the running of the organisation, (Charity Ref. No. 275987). This data will not be given to any third party beyond the officers of FGB. If the name of a spouse is provided in the application, then the permission of the spouse (if not a member) should be obtained for storing their personal data.

Completed forms should be sent to the FGB Office at the address below
- or a scanned copy of the signed forms emailed to office@fgbuk.org

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Standing Order Mandate

To my bank

Postal address

Post code

Please pay by banker's Standing Order, cancelling any previous instructions regarding this payee:

To (Bank): **NATWEST, 23 Stamford Rd, Altrincham, Cheshire, WA14 1DB.**

Sort Code: **51-61-11** Number: **02025442.**

Name of Account: **Full Gospel Businessmen (UK and Ireland).**

The amount of £

Amount (in words)

Payable: Monthly / Annually - *(please delete as applicable).*

Commencing on (date, d/m/yr.) and on the same day of each succeeding month / year, as indicated above, until further notice, and debit my account.

Name of my account

My account number Sort code

I hereby authorise you to set-up this Standing Order payment on my account.

Signed: Date

My name (BLOCK CAPITALS)

My address

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Day tel. Evening tel.

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