



VOLUNTEER HELPFUL HINTS

Thank you so much for volunteering to come to Daytona Bike Week 2019. This year is going to be fantastic and I know the Lord is extremely well pleased with you for making this commitment. This will mark the 9th year that we have given away a new Harley Davidson motorcycle, but more importantly had an opportunity to work together as F.A.I.T.H. Riders with one common goal of reaching the lost.

Each year at the conclusion of bike week, we sit down and capture what we refer to as Lessons Learned. To make this year a real success it is important that we come together in unity of purpose so that everyone's experience working the booths will be rewarding and meaningful. Below please find some guiding principles that we will all need to comply with to ensure we are not hampering our efforts and have the ability to speak to as many people as possible. The people working outside the booth are called CATCHERS and the volunteers sharing their testimony are referred to as SHARERS.

1. Come prayed up and with the focus of sharing the gospel. That is paramount to anything else that is said or done.
2. Absolutely, at no time, will we have more than four (4) people at a time serving as a catcher. Often times we see 5-7 people standing out in front of the booth talking with one another and creating an atmosphere that makes people want to walk around us instead of to us. If the area in front of the booths is congested with volunteers it intimidates people and they get the impression we are circus "barkers" and will walk a wide path to avoid us. Also the catchers cannot be begging people to come in or yelling at them. Calmly explain that we would like to take 3-5 minutes of their time and then allow them the opportunity to register for a chance to win a new Harley. Catchers will be rotated at the discretion of that day's booth captain so that the catchers are not spending 3 hours in the hot sun.
3. When not speaking with someone who has entered the tent, all eyes should be forward concentrating on the catcher and anticipating someone to come in. The catcher should not have to be hunting for someone to share. The catcher should ask the person their name and then introduce them to the person that will be sharing thus making the person feel welcome and that we know what we are doing.
4. The volunteers that are sharing should be spread out in the booth and not doing a "holy huddle" and thereby not paying attention to the catchers. When your shift is over, there is a lot of time to catch up with friends and talk as long as you like. The booth is a place to minister the gospel, and when not sharing, to be praying for those who are and the person(s) with whom they are sharing.
5. Volunteers should wear name badges that will be supplied to you. This enables the catcher to know your name when they introduce someone to you and it allows the person you are talking to the visibility of your name. Sharers should ALWAYS introduce themselves to the person they are sharing with. Sharers should also ask each person if there is anything they can pray with them about no matter what their decision is.

6. Testimonies should be within the 3-5 minute time frame and to be effective, must include the gospel message of salvation. To simply tell someone who you were before Christ, you got saved, and now life is great is not sharing the gospel. We are all sinners and we need to gently remind people of that and the incredible work that Jesus did on the cross for us to forgive our sins. Training in how to share the gospel is paramount to all that we do. If you have not had training, get some. Talk to your chapter director, chapter chaplain, or church pastor and do role playing before coming to this mission field. Practice, practice and then practice with someone. You never know, the person you are practicing with may need salvation as well. Under the booth at Daytona should not be the very first time you have shared your faith. If you come to the booth and have not shared your faith before then, please tell the booth captain before your shift starts so that you can be paired up with an experienced sharer. Your confidence will grow leaps and bounds every time you do it and we all have to do it the first time once. Do not be intimidated by the enemy!
7. Please show up for your scheduled shift on time. We have built the shifts to be 3 ½ hours. The first half hour is for briefing by the booth captain and answering question and making assignments. The critical part of that first half hour is to also pray. You will have just traveled to the booth from somewhere and need to get spiritually settled before walking into the booth to work.
8. While working your shift, work your shift. That means that during your shift is not the time to be going to get something to eat or sitting in the back fellowshiping with friends. Eat before or after your shift. The booth captain should not have to come looking for you and if there is a need for you to leave for a short period of time, please check out with the booth captain. If you have a physical ailment that prevents standing for 3 hours please let the booth captain know so that accommodations can be made. There will be a couple of stools in the booth. Those are primarily for people that come into the tent to register who made need to sit due to physical reasons. They are not for sharers to use to sit and fellowship. Physical ailments of sharers that prevent them from standing long periods of time are an exception to this.
9. The work that goes on in the booths is a battle for souls. It is not a place for us to be eating and drinking (water or Gatorade type liquids is an exception). It is also not a place for taking pictures and loud talk. Please be sensitive to what our mission is.
10. It is always much better for the sharer to not wear sunglasses under the tent while sharing the gospel with someone. They need to see the sincerity in your eyes. This does not apply to catchers as they are in the bright sunlight. Catchers do need to be ready though to share the gospel if all sharers are with someone. At that point, the catcher just became a sharer. It is better to do that than to invite someone into the booth and then tell them to wait. They won't wait.
11. After sharing the gospel with someone, it is important that the sharer comes to the counter with the person while they fill out their registration card and read it back to them to ensure the writing is legible. Please ask the person to give us their cell phone number so that we can reach them should they win. If the person accepts the Lord, the sharer turns the card over and marks yes and puts down their volunteer number (will be on your name badge). Writing already saved or other comments does no good to anyone.
12. The drawing for the new Harley will be done on Saturday the 16th March at 4PM. In all cases the person does not have to be present to win. The winner of the Harley will have to pay all applicable state taxes, registration and tag fees.
13. The booth captain is in charge of the counter. The booth captain's role is busy during the day and volunteers coming behind the counter are a distraction. Please don't do it unless asked by the booth captain.
14. Any assistance given to the booth captain during the first and third shifts opening and closing the booth is GREATLY APPRECIATED.
15. Attending evening worship service at FBC Daytona is HIGHLY encouraged. Many people have wonderful memories of the volunteers giving testimony of what occurred during the day, music is fantastic and there is always an inspiring devotional. Even if you are not sleeping at FBC Daytona, I would encourage you to attend.
16. Before coming to Daytona, I would highly encourage you to go to the national website and watch the videos on how to share your testimony. They are not an end all in training, but certainly give some great practical tips.
17. For those of you staying at FBC Daytona, for either one night or all week, please remember a couple of things. (a) Space is limited so we ask you to not bring a queen or king sized air mattress. Single only. (b) When you check in, you will receive your name badge and be assigned an area to sleep. It is also important that you let the folks working the check-in that you give them your license plate number and verify that they have a good cell phone number to

contact you. We have had many occasions where a vehicle has to be moved to accommodate church officials and it is often difficult to reach owners. We want to be excellent guests at FBC Daytona. (c) Offering to help with cleaning up after meals is very much welcomed. The great volunteers who are preparing your meals get nothing but your gratitude for their efforts. Please make sure you thank them and let them know how much you appreciate all they are doing for you. (d) Please be considerate of others who are staying at FBC Daytona. We do not have maid service, so you keeping your own space tidied up will go a long way in making everyone's stay more enjoyable. This is especially true in the bathrooms. (e) You will need to bring your own bedding and towels.

18. Pastor Robert Rhodes has arranged fantastic devotions for each morning during the breakfast time and each evening there will be testimonies and worship. Everyone, whether you are staying at FBC Daytona or a local hotel, are strongly encouraged to attend. The time of fellowship cannot be equaled anywhere else.
19. Debbie McDonald will be bringing the store to Daytona. She and her volunteers will have the store open for a few hours in the morning and a few hours in the afternoon. It will not be open in the evenings.
20. For those who arrive and have not had training in how to give your testimony, we will provide training each morning at 7:30. Our goal is to make you as comfortable as possible while working under the tent.
21. This year we will also have a limited amount of yellow vests with CHAPLAIN emblazoned on the back and front to allow volunteers to go all over Daytona and simply pray for vendors, police officers and anyone they encounter who may need prayer. We are also going to be able to respond to local hospitals when a motorcyclist regretfully gets involved in a MC accident so we can pray for them and comfort their friends or family. We are at Daytona to serve as the Lord leads us.
22. And finally, I love the book of Colossians. Chapter 4 verses 5 and 6 remind us: Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Thank you, thank you, and thank you. This is going to be a fantastic week and it would not happen without you being willing to leave home, travel to Daytona, and invest your hard earned money so that you can invest in the eternal salvation of folks who need to hear. My gratitude pales in comparison to the gratitude that the Lord has for you. I very much look forward to seeing you in March. Please call or email with any questions or concerns.

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