
▶ 2010 GDOP FAQ's

Website: www.gdopmanasota.org/connect

How did this service come into being?

A group of leaders were meeting on an entirely different subject when one pastor confessed to the group his sin against biblical unity. A discussion ensued about the spirit of sectarianism that is so prevalent in Manatee & Sarasota counties. This in turn led to the suggestion that since the Global Day of Prayer team had already rented the Convention Center why not have a service of repentance for this sin in the AM, followed by the GDOP? A few weeks went by and the idea began to take shape. The GDOP team sensed that if repentance were to happen in the AM service, it seemed wise to combine the two meetings into one service on May 23, which is Pentecost Sunday.

What will be the components and goal of this service?

It will have great participatory worship; the preaching of the word; a time of repentance for the sectarian spirit in our region; and praying for the Kingdom of Christ to come around the world. The service will be led by a group of spiritual leaders from our region comprising different races, ages and church affiliations. The worship team will be made up of local leaders from various church bodies in the area.

Christian people of all ages, traditions and races, from Manatee and Sarasota counties, joining together in a joint service of worship, preaching of the word, repentance and times of prayer, to demonstrate biblical unity and Jesus Christ's Kingdom rule.

What is the time and location of the service?

Service begins at 10:00 am and concludes at 12:30pm. The doors will open at 8:45 am at the Sarasota/Bradenton Convention Center just East of the airport. See map on our web site.

What about the offering?

No honorariums will be given. There is therefore no need for a love offering to be taken. All in attendance will make out their checks to their own local church and place the checks and/or cash in a special envelope developed for this one occasion and sealed. Each church would then receive all of their own funds still sealed and fully designated as if you were in your own sanctuary. This has already been done here locally for a similar event and no churches suffered financial hardship as a result. All love offering will be counted and divided equally among the participating churches.

What about visitors that will come to my church not knowing about the joint service?

An easy way to handle this is to leave a few leaders at your church building. When visitors come tell them about this exciting day and that you would be glad to escort them to this special service. This will build relationships on a quicker and deeper way and show your commitment to the larger Kingdom of God.
