



**Inspiring Women in the Workplace™**

**Fellowship of Christian Business & Professional Women** (FCBPW) is a nonprofit organization, established to encourage and strengthen Christian women in becoming everything God intends them to be. As revealed in scripture, we exhort one another to be women of noble character (Ruth 3:11 and Proverbs 31:10-31), and kindhearted women who gain the respect of others (Prov. 11:16).

**FCBPW** holds quarterly luncheons the second Wednesday of February, May, August and November, in which business professionals give their testimony and encourage women to share their faith in the workplace. In addition, **FCBPW** holds monthly bible studies in Minneapolis with plans to expand into other cities as the organization grows. We also offer the opportunity to participate in community volunteer projects and special events throughout the year.

**FCBPW's** members represent a broad spectrum of professionals with diverse backgrounds and experiences.

## **FCBPW MISSION**

Providing opportunities for women in the workplace to come together for Bible-based worship, fellowship, discipleship, and encouragement; advancing the spread of the gospel for the glory of God.

## **FCBPW VISION**

Reaching and inspiring women in workplaces everywhere to know the love of Christ and grow in grace and the knowledge of God.

Bringing women together to build relationships; teaching, encouraging, and equipping them for works of service to the building up of the body of Christ.

All this for the glory of God!

## **FCBPW VALUES**

**Inspiration** – Meeting the unique spiritual needs of women

**Worship** – Glorifying and honoring God through our example and actions

**Spiritual Growth and Discipleship** – Equipping each other to follow Christ

**Witness** – Standing firm in our faith and boldly sharing the Gospel

**Community** – Expressing love, support and commitment through accountability, encouragement, fellowship, love, relationships, counsel and prayer.

**Servant hood** – Considering others first

**Networking** – Building relationships with Christian women in their workplace

## **FCBPW STATEMENT OF FAITH**

- We believe the Bible is the inspired and inerrant Word of God.
- We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- We believe that we are saved by grace through faith and that is not of ourselves, it is the gift of God.
- We believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God, that he died for our sins and was raised from the dead, and that whoever believes in Him will have everlasting life.

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## **SPEAKER GUIDELINES**

Thank you for your interest in speaking at our FCBPW luncheon event. We hope the following guidelines will be useful to you as you prepare your presentation.

### **Remember FCBPW's Purpose**

To present Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord to business and professional women (Christians and non-Christians) and to encourage Christian business and professional women to carry out their faith in the workplace.

This forum is for women of faith and a place for non-Christian co-workers and friends to get a glimpse of today's Christian women in action. Please realize non-Christian women are present as well.

### **Speak from an Experiential Point of View**

Our program structure is for you to tell our guests how you found the Lord and how you integrate your faith in the workplace. We encourage you to share personally how God has brought you through struggles as well as victories in your life as it helps women in your audience identify with you and also be encouraged by you.

### **A Gentle Reminder to Avoid the Following Possible Pitfalls**

When communicating the Gospel and relating your Christian experience with the group, please keep in mind your audience. Please do your best to **avoid** the following:

- **Theological terms and clichés** – words we understand and hold dear may not be as familiar or not familiar at all to non-Christians. If religious terms are used, they should be fully explained. Be simple and clear.
- **Promoting** – a church, program, project ministry or political party – no matter how worthy.
- **Emphasizing specific habits** – such as smoking, drinking, gambling, etc. so you don't leave the impression that giving up these habits makes you a Christian, nor do we want imply that habits must be changed before a person can become a Christian.
- **Put Downs** – don't "put down" or even mention in a negative way particular denominations, political parties, ethnic groups, individuals or anything else that might offend a guest.

## **Please Do the Following in Preparation for Your Speaking Engagement**

- Please submit a one-page bio and picture as soon as possible to the FBCPW to publish in our promotional materials for the event.
- Please let us know if you plan to distribute handouts or use equipment (such as LCD panel, etc.). All handouts need to be approved by the Board.
- Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements or need assistance in any way with wheelchair access for you or your invited guests.
- Please plan to arrive early to spend a short time in prayer with members of the Board of Directors. Please confirm how early you should arrive with your Program Committee Contact.
- Please plan to spend a few moments after your presentation to answer questions and converse with attendees.

We hope this helps you prepare for our event. The **FBCPW Board of Directors** will be praying for you, both now and during your presentation.

Please contact us at [fcpbwboard@gmail.com](mailto:fcpbwboard@gmail.com) or Sherry Meyer (612-376-9361), Chair of the **FBCPW** Program & Events Committee if we can help in any way.



## Speaker Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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(City) (State) (Zip)

Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Business Category: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of your business – What do you do? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you had previous speaking experience? Yes No How Long? \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us a little about your previous speaking:

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How long have you been a Christian? \_\_\_\_\_

Please briefly describe how you came to know Jesus Christ:

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Please provide two (2) professional references and two (2) personal references:

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I have read and support the following **FCBPW** materials:

- Mission
- Vision
- Core Values
- Statement of Faith
- Speaker Guidelines

I am available to speak the following months/dates: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please email this completed application to: [fcbpwboard@gmail.com](mailto:fcbpwboard@gmail.com)

Questions? Call Sherry Meyer at (612) 376-9361

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