

Gospel Roads Writers' Guidelines

Our Mission

Gospel Roads magazine exists so members of the body of Christ can be:

- Energized in their walk with the Lord
- Empowered in their worship of the Lord
- Enlightened in their work for the Lord, and
- Encouraged in their witness about the Lord.

Our Style and Format

Gospel Roads magazine publishes personable, readable, and relatable, articles that help our readers live their lives of faith in a meaningful way.

- **Pray** as you research and write your article so that if published, it will reach the hearts and possibly change the lives of many readers.
- **Prepare** your article being mindful of correct spelling and syntax, and paying special attention to precise and meaningful word choices. When quoting Scripture, always indicate the version used and double-check for accuracy. Gospel Roads prefers the use of Scripture from translations rather than from paraphrases.
- **Submit** all articles to Sharon Elliott, the managing editor, at SElliott@gospelroads.com. Type "Article Submission" and your last name in the subject line. **Also let me know the section of the magazine for which your article is suited.**
 - **Attach** your article as a Microsoft ® Word document.
 - **Format** headers and page numbers on succeeding pages
 - **Keep** to requested word count
 - **Indicate** the rights you are offering. Gospel Roads accepts first and reprint rights, and considers simultaneous submissions from non-competing markets. With reprints, please do not submit within the first year of the article's previous publication. Be sure you have maintained the rights to resubmit your article.
 - **Submit** all photographs for "After the Service" feature to Nate O'Neal at NOneal@gospelroads.com. Have each person in the photograph sign the photo permission form. Include names of the people in the photograph (double-check spelling), the name of the church they attended that day, the pastor of the church, and the city they're in. There is no payment for photographs.
 - **Use** the following heading at the top of page 1

Full Name	First or Reprint Rights
Address	_____ Words
City, State, Zip	©2011 (Name)
Phone number and e-mail address	website (if any)
Xxx	Simultaneous Submission

Gospel Roads pays in copies at this time.
Most areas of Gospel Roads are open to freelance submissions.

Features

Major articles related to the issue's theme, the magazine's mission, or the time of year (2 - 4 per issue). 850 - 1,000 words

Church Focus: What's great about this church, its pastor, and its program? Include pictures of the church and the pastor. 850 - 1,000 words

Parachurch Focus: What are ordinary Christians doing outside of the church in the name of the Lord? This could be an article related to a mission organization, community service, or some other private work. 850 - 1,000 words

Trial to Ministry: How has your trial or life experience been transformed into a ministry through which you reach out to help others? 850 - 1,000 words

Not Ashamed: This is a short feature on a Christian celebrity. 850 - 1,000 words

Columns (425 words each)

A Heart for the Word - Inspirational column by Sharon Norris Elliott

One Flesh - Marriage column, open to guest writers

Honorable Parenting - Parenting column, open to guest writers

Not Slothful in Business - Business column, open to guest writers

Health

Temple Watch, Physical Health
Open to guest writer's 300 words

Sound Mind, Mental Health
By Dr. Daniel Lee 300 words

Study!

This Bible study lesson should clearly reflect the meaning of a particular

passage of Scripture. Include 3 questions that readers can easily answer from the text, and 2 personal application questions.

Departments

After the Service: Photo gallery which is a montage depicting people leaving their church services. Include names of the people in the photograph (double-check spelling), the name of the church they attended that day, the pastor of the church, and the city they're in.

Church Happenings: Listing of key events happening at churches. Send the name of the event, church, location address of the event, date, time. Most interested in major events like men's and women's retreats and special conferences and revivals that are open to the public.

Book Reviews: We will publish a review about a non-fiction book and a novel each issue. Send a 250 - 350 word excerpt as well. Indicate the publishing company's name, publication date, and a 300dpi photo of the book cover. 150 words each

Movie Reviews: 350 words each

UpNotes: Music reviews. GR will publish reviews of gospel and contemporary Christian music. We will also print reviews of family-friendly DVD's (comedy, movies, educational, etc.). 150 words each

Worth Checking Out: Short articles about noteworthy ministries in each of the following areas:

- Men's Ministry
- Women's Ministry
- Children's Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- College Ministry
- Singles Ministry

250 words each

It's a God Thing: Tell us your inspiring testimony or a life observation of some happening only explainable by Gods' intervention. This piece will be placed on the last page of the magazine to leave our readers

with encouragement for the walk of faith
ahead. 350 words