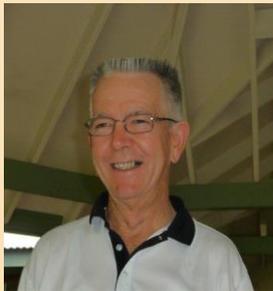




From the National President's Desk



Let's do the Good Works Ephesians 2:10. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. Fellow members of FGBMFI, God is always working His works, that's how we are His workmanship; each one of us who call ourselves Chapter Members, are so because of the work that He has worked in our lives transforming us from what we have been to what He desires us to be, or from the Kingdom of darkness to the Kingdom of light.

John 5:17. Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at His work to this very day, and I, too am working.

We can see from these two Scriptures that both Father God and our Lord Jesus Christ are working in synergy to complete their works. Have you, as a Full Gospel Business Man, ever thought of going into a partnership arrangement with them?

Thereby forming a three strand rope, according to Ephesians 4:12 a three strand rope is not easily broken. The real business of our fellowship is the winning of souls, yes bringing lost men to the knowledge of the saving grace of God, through Jesus Christ's Life, Death and Resurrection. We do this by sharing our testimonies at meetings, but that can become our comfort zone and therefore we only witness once a month and that's not a true partnership. A good, successful partnership is when all the members of the partnership are working in synergy to achieve set goals.

Remember, each of us have been created in

Christ Jesus for good works; if Father God is working and Jesus Christ is working then we also should be working the good works that extend the Kingdom of God. The good works were prepared by God beforehand; how much before? Well Ephesians 1:4 tells us that God chose us in Christ Jesus before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.

Therefore I conclude that if we have been called in the foreknowledge of God, then God has a plan and purpose for our lives. If we take the time to seek God, who is a quickening Spirit, He will reveal that purpose to us and give us new and exciting strategies to help us establish new Chapters and take this land in Jesus' Name. Our International President, Richard Shakarian wrote this in the Resource Manual, and I quote:

"It is our destiny to lift up Christ in every business centre, every marketplace, every government centre and university...every nation, city, town and crossroads of the world. Men of faith, shining with God's glory, bringing the uplifting message of Christ's power...reaching out, helping, encouraging and lifting. Today, through these efforts, we believe one million men come to Christ each year". Gentlemen, I can smell revival in the air, there is a rustling in the mulberry trees, and God is getting ready to pour out His Holy Spirit over this land. Let's concentrate our prayers until we have God's strategies, to enable us to harvest the harvest; it may be the last before the return of Christ. God Bless you each one. Len.

Unbroken – the story of Louis Zamperini

On a May afternoon in 1943, a US bomber crashed into the Pacific Ocean. After an agonising delay, a young lieutenant finally bobbed to the surface and struggled aboard a life raft. So begins one of the most extraordinary odysseys of the Second World War. The lieutenant's name was Louis Zamperini. As a boy, he turned to petty crime until he discovered a remarkable talent for running, which took him to the Berlin Olympics. But as war loomed, he joined up and was soon embroiled in the ferocious battle for the Pacific. Now Zamperini faced a journey of thousands of miles of open ocean on a failing raft, dogged by sharks, starvation and the enemy. Driven to limits of endurance, Zamperini's fate, whether triumph or tragedy, would depend on the strength of his will...

I read this book and found that I could not put it down. A comment Louis made has stayed with me. Louis said that had he known what

was before him he would never have survived. I think of God's goodness in only releasing his plan for us on a day to day basis so that we are not swamped or without hope.

From Ron Oastler

We need the Andrews



'My coffee & conversations with James:' ... from Ron Oastler.

The wind was a bit too chill down at the marina the other day – a cool Easterly was blowing across the harbour waters - so James came around to our place for our coffee & conversation...

Typical of James, just as he sat down in a comfortable chair he started our conversation - with a question: 'Well,' he said, 'what do you know or remember about Andrew, 'the quiet one', from the New Testament record?'

Not a bad opening gambit for an interesting conversation, I thought.

I remembered the account in John 1 where Andrew had his first encounter with Jesus, so I offered: 'He was Simon Peter's brother...he was a disciple of John the Baptist...and... when John pointed Jesus out as being the 'Lamb of God' Andrew turned and followed Jesus to where He was staying,...and of course...he went and told Simon Peter: 'we have found the Messiah' and brought him to Jesus.'

'Anything else about Andrew?' James prodded.

'Let me think ...Oh yes...there was another time...when Jesus asked how they might feed the people who had been gathered to hear Him, Andrew was the one, according to John 6:9, who said: 'Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish', was my response.

'Good. Now, interesting is it not, that in that first account Andrew showed that he was spiritually oriented as well as relationship



oriented. He not only supported the spiritual message of John the Baptist but connected with him personally as a disciple. Yes? Then when John pointed to the Messiah, his spirit responded and he took action to relate directly with Jesus. Finally, when he was convinced about whom Jesus was, his automatic reaction was relationship focused and he brought his brother to meet Jesus. Andrew was a real people person with a real sensitivity to the Holy Spirit.'

Then without drawing a breath James continued: '...and what do we see in the account of the loaves and fish? Who found the lad with the lunch-bag? Andrew. How? Chance? I think not. Being a people person he would have been the one who made friends in the crowd between times. Chatting with folk he probably asked 'what have you got there my lad?'...and heard that the lad's mother had packed peasant bread and some fish. So what does Andrew do then? He brought the lad to meet Jesus, not necessarily knowing quite what to expect, but expecting something, I believe.'

'OK James, where are you taking me in this revelation?' I asked.

'Well, there is one more cameo of Andrew at which we should look before I answer that question. This is the account in John 12 where some Greeks who were attending Passover, asked Philip to introduce them to Jesus. What did Philip do? He went and told Andrew...Yes? And Andrew accompanied him to Jesus. Why? Because Andrew was the people person who was used to bringing people to Jesus AND he knew that 'any two agreeing on what they ask, it will be done.' So Andrew brought them to Jesus.

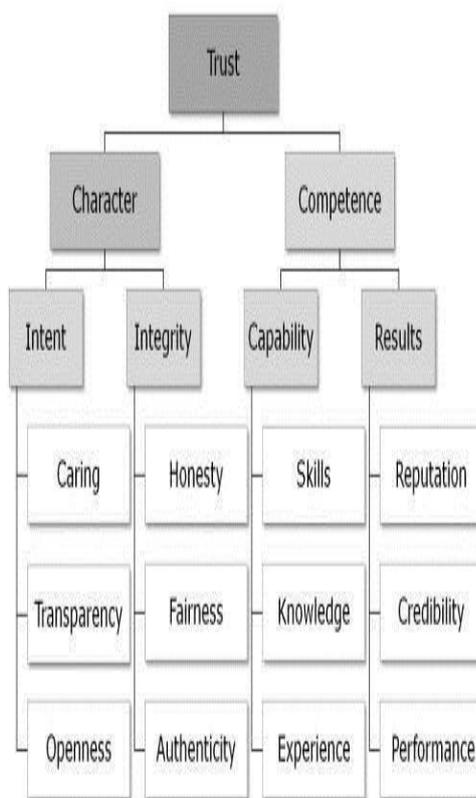
In a rather emphatic tone, James then stated his case: 'To put it unequivocally, we need to foster more Andrews within the Fellowship. We do not need more prominent men – we need more significant men. We need men who are spiritually oriented. Men who are also relationship oriented - who relate readily with others. We need the Andrews of today who are both Holy Spirited and people oriented.

We need to encourage a generation of 'Andrews', who will bring others to Jesus.'

FGBMFI Business Tips

What do you look for in your employees

The diagram below may help you in looking for the qualities essential when employing new staff or evaluating current employee performances.



Staff performance may largely depend on your leadership and positive reinforcement of those in your care. The old saying "monkey see monkey do" is very true so it is important that your efforts are good examples for your staff to follow. In short you can not ask for one thing from your staff while you do another. This becomes a credibility issue where you will lose respect and struggle to get the very best out of people. Remember to do things with **EXCELLENCE** and that will inspire those round you.

Chapter Report

Batemans Bay had their first Chapter meeting on 20 September 2014. Michael Welch and Kevin Miller and their wives (Josephine and Sharon respectively) organised a first rate meeting with a great venue and meal.

The guest speaker Gary Raymond was not available due to a tragedy within the Police Force (Gary being their Chaplain) so our National President Len Donaldson shared his testimony. Overall a really good night with a well run meeting and it now looks likely that there may be up 4 men considering joining the chapter. Thank you also for those men who travelled from Sydney and Canberra.

GOD THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

In the 1980's Abraham Cohen, FGBMFI President of the Jerusalem Chapter was invited to speak at a number of New Zealand chapters. I warmed to Abraham quickly as he was a tank mechanic in the Israeli Army during the 6th Day War in 1967. If you can remember Israel was pressed on all sides by its Arab neighbours and the world was expecting Israel to disappear into the abyss.

What many people do not know was God turned the tide. You will remember that the Egyptian army had crossed the Suez Canal and were advancing on Israel outnumbering the Israeli units. Abraham said that they had no idea why the Egyptian Army started to retreat en masse until they interrogated many of the Egyptian prisoners after the battle.

The Egyptian prisoners said to their Israeli captives "you must have seen them". Seen what the Israelis asked? – The Heavenly Host that were advancing towards them. Abraham said that the Israelis did not see a thing but the Egyptians certainly did, hence their retreat. What could cause such fright that they deserted their tanks and weapons and ran back to Egypt? It was never mentioned in any news report!





ASA CANDLER – COCA COLA



Asa Candler was the entrepreneur behind Coca Cola and a fantastic example of what a Christian can do when he puts God first in his business. Starting from humble beginnings as a drugstore owner in Atlanta, he purchased the Coca Cola

secret formula in 1888 and through his innovative marketing, sales and distribution efforts, grew Coca Cola into a national brand and an extraordinarily profitable business. Asa Candler was a major philanthropist for the Methodist Church and his contributions are still felt today, some 85 years since he went to be with the Lord. His \$1M gift to a small college in Oxford, GA to become the Methodist College of the South, became the prestigious Emory University we know today. He also gave millions to what is now Emory Hospital. Candler was elected mayor of Atlanta in 1916. Another giant for God.

Who Have You Won to Christ?!

'Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.' Mark 16:15 NKJV

One day a pastor told the manager of a big department store, 'I've talked about carpets and bedding and appliances with you many times, but I've never talked about my business. Will you give me a few minutes?'

After being led to a private office, the pastor took out his New Testament and urged the manager to become a Christian. Finally, tears began to roll down the man's cheeks and he said, 'I'm seventy years old. I was born in this city, and more than a hundred ministers and five hundred officers of various churches have known me in a business capacity. But you're the only man who has ever talked to me about my soul.' That day he knelt down and gave his life to Christ.

We've got the cart before the horse! We keep thinking if we can just bring visitors to church or a meeting they'll get saved. And thank God that happens. But when those in the New Testament church met together to celebrate, usually they'd already been won to Christ by someone before they got there!

- Christ's last act before He died was winning a soul.
- His last command was for us to win souls.
- His last prayer on the cross was for the forgiveness of a soul.

You don't have to be theologically articulate; you just have to be in love with Jesus. When you're in love, it shows on your face and expresses itself in your words. Jesus said, 'if I be lifted up...will draw all men unto Me.' (John 12:32 KJV) Don't worry about drawing people to Christ; just introduce Him and He will do the drawing.

'From The Word for Today' by Bob Gass



"His Banner Over Us is Love"

Membership

Full Gospel Fellowship International (Australia) is open to all men who wish to be part of this vibrant organisation, who have a heart to reach others and bring them into a relationship with Jesus Christ. You must read and understand our Doctrinal Statement and be willing to serve as a chapter member giving of your time and expertise.

Please return your completed membership application (along with our doctrinal statement) form to our treasurer John Diamond at 43 Knight St Rochedale South QLD 4123. Membership forms can be printed from our website: fgbmfiustralia.com

Membership fees are \$100.00 per annum. To have an effective Fellowship we need all members to pay their dues to fund the ongoing expenses of the Fellowship as per the budget approved by the National Board. Being paid up members of the Fellowship is important and all personnel should hold their membership as significant and of value. Being members allows you to experience all the benefits that are associated with the organisation including being able to vote and have your say at the appropriate time. If you have no chapter in your area or it is not functioning your membership will be held as a National member. Those already in an active chapter will also be National Members and then chapter members. This way all members are included and not overlooked when information is being passed on.



INTERNATIONAL Our Mission

FGBMFI is one of the largest Christian business organizations in the world. Founded in 1953, we are in 142 nations - meeting in over 7,000 chapters. Our members and leaders include every race, culture, social status and language.

By God's grace, we connect people with opportunities to reach out and help others find a better life and work together to build better communities.

We do this by:

Calling people back to God...

there is a better life by following Jesus Christ.

Promoting integrity and good character...

being a reflection of God to our world.

Participating in God's good work...

releasing gifts, talents and resources to help others.

Working together to build better cities & nations...

impacting our leaders and our culture.

Taking the message of God's love to every family...

a true grass roots effort that is changing the world.

"The mandate from God is that we break the chains of despair in the world. Our mandate is to destroy the isolation of loneliness, and link the world to God!"

Demos Shakarian, Founder



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Richard Shakarian, International President



Richard & Vangie Shakarian



Former Mafia Captain Works for a New Boss by Kevin Miller

CONTINUED..... A 19 year old dancer managed to do what a Federal task force could not. Michael was so taken in by Cammy and her genuine commitment to the God in whom she believed, that he planned to do what no other "made member" of La Cosa Nostra had done before him. Quit! Others before him had defected to become government informants, slipping into the cover of the witness protection program. But no one had ever quit. The timing was right. The feds had managed to turn one of Michael's principal business associates and hit him with yet another racketeering indictment. Seeing it as an opportunity to begin his break from the mob, Franzese instructed his attorneys to negotiate a plea with the government attorneys. Rather than proceed to trial, he would plead guilty, do some time and gradually plan his defection from the mob life. He would marry Cammy, move to the west coast and settle there upon his release from prison, far from the mobbed up streets of Brooklyn. The government jumped at the opportunity to convict him. He would agree to a 10 year sentence, \$15 million restitution and forfeiture of considerable assets. The deal was done. Michael's plan was in motion. Apparently, however, God had another plan. Cammy had introduced Michael to her faith in Christ, an introduction that ultimately led to his surrender, not just to the law, but to grace, to the Lordship of Jesus. Vanity Fair called Cammy "the woman who changed the face of organized crime in America" because of her impact on Michael, an impact she continues today as his wife of 22+ years. After serving five years in prison Michael was released on

parole to begin his life new life with Cammy. But the government was relentless in their desire to have Michael cooperate against his former associates. And the family boss wanted him dead. Under tremendous pressure from both sides, he violated his parole and was sent back to prison for what the feds assured him would be a very long stretch. "This was the darkest moment in my life. Everyone was mad at me – the mob, the Feds, even my wife. What would Cammy do now? What about my kids? Would I survive the mob's fury in prison? I was angry with myself, beaten down -- emotionally drained. The pain I felt in my heart was unbearable. A guard walked by my cell and noticed my demeanour, asking if I was OK. He left and returned with a bible. I never saw him again. Angry with God, I threw the Bible against the wall. Although I had turned on God for that moment, God did not turn on me. The Bible fell open to **Proverbs 16:7** – 'When a man's ways are pleasing to the Lord, he makes even his enemies be at peace with him.' The fellowship of a prison guard completed what Cammy had started. That night, alone and on my knees, I surrendered control of my life to the God in whom I had only believed." The fed's plan for a very long prison stretch turned into Michael's serving 3 years in the hole where he hungered to develop his personal relationship with Jesus. God's plan for Michael's life was in full motion. Upon his release, Michael was recruited to educate student and professional athletes about the dangers of gambling. He is a regular speaker at Christian events, including Churches, Men's Groups and Festivals, and he is frequently the keynote at events for corporations, business and law schools, and law enforcement groups. His book "Blood Covenant," tells his story of transformation. (www.michaelfranzese.com)