



**Full Gospel Business
Men's Fellowship
International**

Vision

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TRULY INTERNATIONAL: delegates who came from at least 20 countries enjoyed great fellowship at the 2010 European Convention in Dublin – which was also the 32nd All-Ireland Convention. Nations represented included Germany, Austria, France, Belgium, Italy, Sweden, Denmark, Russia, Hungary, Malta, South Africa, Nigeria, Zambia, Australia, United States and, of course, Ireland and Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales and England.



Pictured left: Carter Conlon and his wife, Teresa, were main convention speakers from New York's famous Times Square Church.

European Convention in Dublin



PRAISE AND WORSHIP was led by the musicians and singers of the ‘Worship Academy Ireland.’ Delegates and day visitors enjoyed liberating times in God’s presence. The convention theme was ‘Revive us again,’ based on the prayer found in Psalm 85:6.

Tom Maguire, right, the convention chairman, leading a main session. He also gave a big welcome to delegates on behalf of the **John Gates**, National Director, and the hard-working organising team.





Above: the Saturday night banquet at the Regency Hotel, Dublin.



Delegates agreed we were 'restored, revived and refreshed' after the great convention weekend



Above: the banquet and, (below), groups of Irish and UK leaders





Members of 'Worship Academy, Ireland' (pictured above) were mentored by well-known song-writer Chris Bowater and they included Sarah Morrison, Matthew Blair, Liz Clarke, Harry Magee and Tom Best.



A few of the many encouraging moments of fellowship, prayer, praise and worship



A selection of these and other pictures by **Ray Graham** and **Michael Wiltshire** will shortly be available on the FGB website

So many outstanding testimonies . . .

Born in St Petersburg, Russia, 47-year-old **Andrey Klementyev**, pictured left, told the European Convention he was very excited about our international fellowship — ‘together, we can have real close relationship with Jesus and we need to obey him . . . because time is short.



‘Since I joined FGB in 2005 I have found tremendous brotherhood and understanding in Russia, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Ireland and elsewhere.’

The Convention also heard from **Trevor Bendrien**, who a year ago had been invited to Russia, but he had to deal with important business problems in China involving a £2 million factory. He had faced nine hours of aggressive questioning — after six hours, the chain smoking officials asked him: ‘Are we upsetting you?’



However, a local mayor kindly said she would guarantee Trevor’s safety and even escorted him to a plane — only to hear that there were

‘technical problems’ which meant a 90-minute delay before take-off — ‘but I knew I’d be in Russia on the date we’d planned.’ And so it was: a week later he was in Russia in icy temperatures of minus 25 degrees. ‘We had a wonderful time . . . our God is a great God.’

Irish-born **Michael Horsman**, 52, told the Convention that since he was baptised in the Holy Spirit in 1985, ‘the Lord has always spoken to me in



dreams.’ In the early hours of September 11, 2001, he had a very disturbing dream about the inside of an aircraft — he saw beautiful air hostesses being savagely killed. At 5.45am he woke up with horror, feeling almost sick.

Michael said: ‘I prayed: “Lord, what’s all this about?”’

Later that morning, he went to work as a sign-maker, and was digging a hole for a new sign in a quiet place in the country. It was a sunny day and Michael had taken his radio with him while he worked outside. Then around mid-day he heard the first news reports of the air disaster at the Twin Towers in New York. “In my spirit, I knew what it confirmed — I was absolutely certain it was a terrorist attack.

I did not know why I had such a prophetic dream—but it was made clear a couple of months later. On December 21, I went to bed and at 2.45am had another vivid “waking dream.” I saw a jet aircraft flying at night and then nosedive over a town and explode. I woke up shaking and I knew at once what to do. I got on my knees and cried, “No God, no ! No God, no !” for a long time until I *knew* God has heard my cry. That morning, I got the news that the shoe bomber had been caught.’

On December 21, the UK shoe bomber had tried to board a plane, but had eventually boarded the American Airlines Flight 63 from Paris to Miami — and was caught by flight attendants and passengers. Tragedy was averted.

A question for all of us

Dear Brothers,

I wonder if you ever — as I do, from time to time — think about the moment on that awesome day when I stand before my Lord and he asks me: “What did you do for me as a Full Gospel Business Man?”

I am sure he will remind me that I was a Full Gospel Business Man because having such a calling sets the bar higher than for many, because it gives us greater privileges as well as greater responsibilities.



**Key question:
as Full Gospel
Business Men,
are we
moving
forward in
the presence
and power of
the Holy
Spirit?**

In short, we are proclaiming to the world that the Bible is not only true, but is true in *our experience*. That is the Vision. As the earliest members of this Fellowship discovered: “No subject would have to be avoided at our testimony meetings, whether it was healing, tongues or deliverance. Whatever a man’s experience, he could talk about it, just as it *happened*.” This “*happening*” was not just for the big speakers, but for “laymen, ordinary people” - like you and me. But nowadays is it truly our personal experience, or are we living off the experiences of others – the main speakers?

It is with this in mind that for our coming **UK Convention in October**, (*see details on the facing page*), we are seeking to address this aspect head-on. Our invited speaker, **Andrew Pearkes**, has ministered in churches and conventions in 20 nations and seen astounding miracles, but he also majors on teaching others to move in the same anointing.

So, we will not be coming just to sit and listen to speakers, but we intend that everyone will have the opportunity to gain practical experience in exercising the Gifts of the Spirit, and in the art of witnessing to strangers, so that we may each have our own story to tell of God’s love and miracle-working power.

Andrew loves to say that ‘church can be fun when we see God move.’ I really believe this coming Convention will not only be a time to hone our understanding and use of the Gifts, but will also be fun! **Plan to be there.**



Fulfil your destiny

IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



Your invitation to the FGBMFI

National Convention, Nottingham

October 14-16, 2011

Be 'The Happiest People on Earth' - find your gift and use it!



All are welcome to this life-changing weekend — families included — with inspirational speaker/facilitator **ANDREW PEARKES**.

Unlike previous Conventions, be prepared for challenge and active involvement

Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International



ANDREW PEARQUES has a worldwide ministry.

He has seen God heal, save and deliver many thousands of people over the last 25 years. He has seen God do extraordinary miracles, including the healing of cancers, blindness, deafness and heart disease. Andrew is the founder of

Maranatha Ministries and he moves in a strong prophetic anointing. His main role at this 2011 Convention is to motivate and facilitate every-delegate ministry in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The weekend convention programme includes:

- Anointed praise and worship led by Trevor Bendrien and the Power Praise Band
- Inspiring testimonies
- Practical teaching and encouragement
- Good hotel package deals plus family rooms and special rates for day visitors
- Convention banquets on Friday and Saturday
- Special activities for children and young people.
- Times to relax at the hotel's leisure club (use of this is included in hotel package deals).

Ideal convention venue: The Village Hotel, Nottingham

Easily located, the comfortable Village Hotel is a large, friendly venue with leisure club, heated swimming pool, sauna, plus a choice of dining areas. All rooms feature tea and coffee-making facilities, internet access and satellite TV.





Great hotel package deals

Please reserve your places as soon as possible (availability is only guaranteed until August 31)

• **Full Convention Delegate**, sharing a twin or double room, including two nights Bed and Breakfast, Saturday and Sunday Lunches, Friday and Saturday Banquet Dinners, teas/coffees, etc, for just £144; or for **single occupancy**, £194.

• **Third or fourth person**, (child under 12) sharing in a family room (as above), at £60.

• **Day Visitor**: fees as below for all meetings including meals, teas, coffees, etc.

How to get there: The Village Hotel is located at Brailsford Way, Chilwell, near Nottingham, **NG9 6DL**.
 By road: exit the M1 at Junction 25; from M1 turn right off A52 at first roundabout into B6003 Toton Lane, then left into A6005 Nottingham Road. Hotel is in trading estate on the right. • By rail: Nottingham City Centre, (6 miles) • By air: East Midlands Airport, (10 miles).



Advance Booking Form for the 2011 National Convention

Booking Fee: £10 per person, payable to the FGB Office: the balance of delegate fee may be made by credit card direct to the hotel at check-out (provided that your credit card details have been **'phoned through to the FGB Office** at the time of booking to be used to guarantee your reservation).

Name of person booking.....

Name of person sharing room.....

Name of third person (child) sharing room.....

Name of fourth person (child) sharing room.....

Name of day visitor(s).....

For day visitors, please tick as appropriate:

Friday Banquet Meeting £25 , Saturday (incl. Lunch) £12 ,

Saturday Banquet Meeting £25 Sunday Morning & Lunch £15

Address of person booking **Total:**

Post code..... Tel..... Email.....

Member of an FGB chapter? Please state.....

Cost

Inspiring Convention Programme



Friday October 14th:

4pm-7pm, registration with tea or coffee; 7-10pm, welcome and evening dinner meeting with worship and testimonies.

Saturday October 15th:

9am: prayer, praise, worship and ministry; 11am: coffee, tea and fellowship; 11.30-1pm: ministry with Andrew Pearkes; 1-2pm lunch; 2-4pm workshops; 4-7pm leisure time; 7-10.30pm Convention Banquet meeting with Andrew Pearkes.



Sunday October 16th:

9am: prayer, praise, worship and ministry; 11am: coffee, tea and fellowship; 11.30-1pm, ministry with Andrew Pearkes; 1pm: Sunday Carvery Lunch and convention close.



Book now!

*Reserve your
place as soon
as possible*

*Simply clip this booking form and
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Blessed are the pure in heart

This is one of the powerful themes of ministry by **Carter Conlon** at the Dublin Convention — “if your heart is pure, you’ll see God. That’s what will make a difference in these last days.”

He reminded us that Jesus promised: “Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God,” (Matthew 5:8).

‘Blessed’ in the Greek is *makarios* which means ‘being indwelt by God and fully satisfied.’

Carter said it was impossible to really ‘see’ God with natural eyes. He spoke of the elderly Simeon and Anna who waited in faith to see Jesus, ‘the consolation of Israel’. But the busy religious opportunists around them in the Temple never realised that Jesus was there.

“Today, selfish, self-focussed Christianity will never see God, either. It’s not about ourselves, it’s about *others* — and bringing them the Gospel. Sadly, there are a lot of frauds in suits in the church at large.”

Speaking with great passion, Carter highlighted unlikely, ordinary people of faith to whom God gave supernatural provision, such as the widow gathering sticks in 1 Kings 17.

“If you will reach out to human need, if you will call on the Lord and say, ‘Here I am,’ you’ll see the provision of God, you’ll see the heavens opened, the miraculous workings of God— but it

only comes from *doing* the work of God. And what incredible opportunities we have at such a time as this!

“Whatever God has given you to do, *do it* with all your heart. It may seem ordinary, but simply do what you’ve been given to do, honestly and honourably.”

Canadian-born Carter Conlon and his wife, Teresa, are pastoral leaders of the famous **Times Square Church** in New York which has more than 40 different ministries to the disadvantaged, the widowed and the poor, including the feeding of 5,300 children each day—“and the supply of God is constantly there.”

On average they see 60 decisions for Christ every Sunday night, and the church has sent out hundreds of missionaries around the world.

Jerry Hampton, a businessman and co-worker with Carter, told us how the New York church had an amazing premonition of a “terrific calamity” months before the 9/11 Twin Towers disaster.

The New York church had felt led to cancel major meetings as God reminded them from Hebrews to come boldly before God in prayer. They had found it hard to sing, and sometimes sat in totally silent prayer, night after night. They knew that God was calling them to be ready to comfort, counsel, feed and bless.

Jerry spoke movingly of his friend, David, a money manager who had accepted Christ just a short time before the disaster. David died in the Twin Towers disaster — ‘but I’ll see him again in heaven.’

Transformed lives

Ireland has had a long history of supporting the work of the Full Gospel Business Men since its earliest days in Europe.

Among the notable personalities is **Hugh Casey**, born in Lurgan, and now 83 years young. Thirty-five years ago he was also strongly involved in the charismatic renewal. He was the first Roman Catholic mayor of Craigavon, Northern Ireland, and did much work in promoting job opportunities and assisting in the peace process.



Hugh was awarded the MBE in the same year as his dear wife, **Maryita** passed away — they have 18 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Because of his long period of public service, Hugh has met many VIPs, including the Queen, Prince Charles, Nelson Mandela, former President Clinton — and he has been to the White House three times.

When asked what is the greatest lesson he's learned in life, he replies 'forgiveness'. And his favourite chorus? That timeless old song, "He touched me." He smiles and sings:

*He touched me, oh he touched me,
And oh the joy that floods my soul.
Something happened and now I know,
He touched me and made me whole!*



Kul Bal and his wife, Elaine, now live in Australia. Kul led a healing workshop at the the European Convention

Born in Malaysia and educated in Scotland, **Kul Bal** — whose grandfather was from India — is from a Hindu and Sikh background. Kul had what he calls "a Damascus Road experience" after he and Elaine lost twins in 1987. Today, they have two daughters and live in Melbourne.

In their early days together, Kul worked in electronics and also loved martial arts. Before he became a Christian, he'd seen "a tremendous change" in his wife who had already become a believer. But Kul had a friend he calls 'Johnny Walker' (the whiskey brand), and for 15 months kept breaking his promise to Elaine that he'd give up alcohol.

After the loss of their twins, there were serious complications as Elaine gave birth to their daughter. In desperation, Kul cried out to Jesus — and heard him say, 'Peace . . . I'll always be in control'. Kul gave his heart to Christ, and he and Johnny Walker 'were friends no more!' Kul later studied theology, became a senior pastor, and now seeks to bring revival in many nations, bringing healing, and training Christians in the five-fold ministry, (Eph.4: 11-12).

New CDs and DVDs

For details of new high-quality DVDs, plus CDs from the European Convention in Dublin, please see details on Page 19.

Obeying God's call

Demos Shakarian, the founder of our worldwide Fellowship, describes a surprising and powerful encounter in Germany



I went to Hamburg, Germany, to visit my friend **Hal Herman** and to join in meetings in a great gospel tent that we had given for the work there, just after World War Two.

Incidentally, Hal Herman, a former journalist, had once filmed the terrible aftermath of the atomic bombings in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan.

Eventually, Hal had become a Christian and, in 1952, we helped him to do evangelistic outreach in Germany. While there, an elderly stranger came up to me. He was stooped and probably weighed less than 110 lbs. He looked frail, emaciated, and his skin was drawn. As he approached me, his entire body was shaking as though trembling with fear.

"Could I talk to you?" he whispered. The elderly man had once been a prosperous German industrialist. He explained: "Before the war - and before the Allied bombs began to fall - I had three ammunition factories. I was making a fortune, the German equivalent of millions of dollars, and I had 6,000 employees.

In tears, the elderly man said, 'The worst part is that God does not talk with me anymore'

"Even in those days, I loved Jesus, and the Lord told me to do something, but I would not do it. I said, 'later, Lord'.

God spoke to my heart a second time and asked me to obey him, but I said, 'I'll do it later.'

The third time the Lord spoke to my heart, saying "Do it *now!*" But I replied, "No, Lord, I'll do it later . . . right now, I

am making a fortune, and one day I'll put it into God's work."

This is what I *thought* - then, without warning, the war hit my factories. The bombers came, and the first bombs hit my ammunition factories. They were totally destroyed. Everything I had was wiped out."

He added: "Now I'm old, my health is gone, my strength and my money have vanished, and I've nothing left. Everything I once might have done for God, I cannot do now.

'God does not talk to me anymore'

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"When I *could* have listened to God, I did not . . . and now that I want to, I can't. **But the worst part is that God does not talk with me anymore.**"

Then he broke down and cried, weeping on my shoulder, his body shaking with grief. I turned to look at his face and saw pain and fear written all it.

Years before, this man had been an industrial giant, a German business man of stature. But now, as I looked at his features, I recognized he was a broken person. Now, he was crying, helplessly.

In my heart, I prayed: "Dear Jesus, what do I tell this man?" An inner voice said: "Tell him I still love him . . . *tell him I still love him.*"

*'Yes, you failed
Jesus, but He
still loves you'*

I turned to the elderly man and said, "Sir, I just heard from the Lord. Jesus told me to tell you that He still loves you."

The man seemed unable to hear, so I finally shook him very gently: "I want you to understand what I am telling you. **I heard from Jesus right now. He still loves you,** my brother. Yes, you failed Him, but he loves you. You are his child. He loves you. He loves you!"

Suddenly, the elderly business man understood. He tried to wipe away his tears, but by then we were both crying . . . with tears of joy.

I hugged him and his fears seemed to vanish. Then he kissed me and hugged me again. A few steps later, he grabbed by arm and said repeatedly, "Thank you, sir . . . thank you, sir . . . thank you!"

Even as he left, he was still waving gratefully.

A vision of God's plan

Looking back, I believe that experience was also for me. How many times I wanted to quit. How many times the enemy would battle me, and I would feel so discouraged. Then I would remember, Jesus gave His all for me. I realise: all this work, all this money, all this travel, all this hardship, is nothing compared with what Jesus did for me.

Now, whenever I am surrounded by the fog of confusion and contradiction, I remember that old German gentleman who failed the Lord. **I have determined that the pain of staying true is much less than the pain of failing God.** Now, I look straight up to Heaven and remember the VISION.

Because of the VISION, I know the plan of God. I know that he is building the mighty end-time army of harvesters for the Kingdom of God. Now around the world, I see THE SLEEPING GIANT beginning to awaken.



Bill Milsom, the new national director for South-West Region

A man of many talents, Bristol-born **Bill Milsom**, who spent most of his working life in senior management with the Royal Mail, has been elected as the new South West regional director.

He recalls the day in 1982 when a Christian friend first invited him to an FGB breakfast in Swindon: the speaker was **Bill Pyatt** from the US, who had a word of knowledge about ‘someone with a back problem’ - and that ‘someone’ was Bill who then experienced God’s healing power.



Bill, *left*, has since found great strength in his Christian life through his love of his Bible – he especially loves the book of Genesis.

He also loves walking on the cliff tops and along the river valleys in his home area – and he also began surfing in the sea at New Quay, Cornwall at the age of

50. He still surfs.

For four years, he has studied the Russian language, encouraged by his

Peter who is married to Russian-born **Anna**.

Bill and his late wife, **Joyce**, were married for 50 years. Their three grown-up children, **Susan**, **Peter** and **Rachel** were each born on a Sunday, all of them around 6.15am.

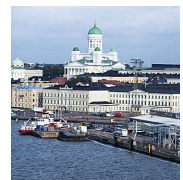
When Bill’s dear wife died, it was also on Sunday morning – and the time, surprisingly, was once again 6.15am. Bill feels this ‘coincidence’ was really God’s loving sign of their marriage ‘completion’ after a 50-year journey together.

Incidentally, as a Russian language student, Bill notes that the Russian word for ‘Sunday’ literally means ‘resurrection’ - another reminder of God’s love.

*Our sincere thanks go to the former South-West director **Tom Rice**, who has stepped down, following changes in his work and home location.*

Helsinki, Finland,

is the venue for the next FGB European Convention for men and their wives,



May 20-22, 2011. Details available on the European website:

www.fgbmfi-europe.com



Some of the 70 men who attended the recent South-West Advance at Brunel Manor

MORE NEWS IN BRIEF

From Severnside/South-West:

Plans are already under way for the *next* South-West Advance (Jan.27-29, **2012** at Brunel Manor, Torbay) after the success of this year's recent Advance when Jacob John, FGB London director, was the main speaker,

with worship led by Bob Waters and Terry Lavery, *reports Richard Cordy.*

Jacob gave powerful examples from Scripture on the need to seek greater intimacy with God. Jacob also spoke about stirring up the gifts within us and most of the delegates received prayer ministry

South East England Regional Advance

Saturday April 2, 2011

at The Arlington Rooms

905 London Road,

Leigh on Sea, Essex, SS9 3LL

with guest speaker **Ian James**, pictured, (former South London solicitor), with Jim Dooler and John Middleton, plus worship led by David and Pauline Fellowes. The day starts with a buffet breakfast at 8.30am prompt, plus a buffet lunch with refreshments during the day, followed by an early evening banquet (ending 7.30pm): all for £25 per person.



Pre-booking is essential by Monday March 21. Cheques made payable to FGBMFI.

Contact: Terry Lowe, 23 Mafeking Road, Walderslade, Kent.ME5 9HG.

Email: **Mafeking23@aol.com**

or contact Cliff Halls.107 Western Esplanade, Canvey Island, Essex, SS8 0AY

• Many Chapters report unusual blessings at their December dinners—for example, 20 city VIPs, the Lord Mayor and community leaders were among 90 guests who booked for the **Norwich** Dinner to hear testimonies by healing evangelist Ash Kotecha and Major General Roddy Porter.

There were 15 decisions for Christ—"we should never hesitate to invite local VIPs to these special outreach events," says a chapter officer.

• **Salford** FGB visitors included a Ukrainian, Tanya, who had first met FGB men in her home country. Now Tanya is in the UK and also runs a house group with people attending from Iran Nigeria, Zambia, Ghana, China – and the Ukraine.

• European director John Walker and his wife, Margaret, have been invited by **Russian members** to speak at leadership meetings in St Petersburg. John Wright, international director, has been in **Malta** to meet with FGB colleagues there.

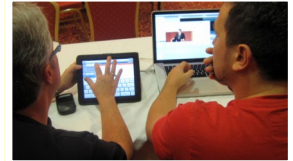
More TV broadcasts are planned — UCB (United Christian Broadcasters) have already screened FGB speakers and events in the UK.

We are hoping that high-quality recordings from our recent European Convention will be screened on UCB TV. You can watch UCB TV on Sky Channel 586 and also online. For details go to <http://www.ucb.co.uk/tv>

UCB TV is also available on most mobile phones worldwide at www.yamgo.mobi/ucb



John Gates, Ireland Director, (left), and the busy technical teams overseeing the production of CDs at the recent European Convention in Dublin.



‘How to witness to strangers’

The popular teaching DVD by FGB international director John Wright on how to witness to strangers can soon be downloaded via a website that gets 750,000 visitors a month — simply visit:

www.freechristianteaching.org

This website by Dr Richard Kent and others may soon be attracting one million visitors a month!

You may also order your own copy of John Wright’s teaching DVD to show to churches and house groups (for £10, postage free) by calling 01508 494 366 or emailing **wrights@bedron.freemove.co.uk**

Free online teaching school:

Evangelist Ash Kotecha has a free online ‘International Healing School’ plus a free online course in evangelism. Just visit:

www.healingschoolonline.org

or call 01908 501 643 for details.

New DVDs and CDs available

You can order high-quality DVDs and CDs of the latest European Convention from the UK and Ireland Office.

The complete set of seven DVDs is available at the special price of £20 (which includes postage).

The set of eleven CDs is available for £15.

Contact: FGBMFI Office, PO Box 11, Knutsford, Cheshire WA 16 6Q

Email: office@fgbmfi.org.uk

Tel: 01565 632 667

***Sow your seed into
good ground – and
expect a harvest!***



Jesus spoke about sowing into the harvest and the rewards of sowing into good soil.

When you and I sow, in faith, into the ‘good soil’ of this united Full Gospel ministry, *we can be certain of a blessing*. For Jesus said, ‘Give, and it *shall* be given unto you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will it be poured into you lap. For with measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.’ (Luke 6:38). That is a wonderful and amazing promise — it is a key to our abundance because God loves a trusting, generous heart.



As you know, our national finances depend entirely on donations from members, chapters and supporters. We are so grateful to God for those who sow regularly into this ‘good soil.’ If you would like details about making a sacrificial seed-gift today, contact the Office below for details of how best to do it — and be blessed!



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