

# men@trinity

## Newsletter

### March 2007

#### **Future events**

Bowling 16th March

Cafe night 30th March

Life Discovery 7th April

Church working party 21st April

### **Have You Prayed About That?**

Pat Morley CEO of Man in the Mirror wrote in a recent Weekly Briefing;

“Norm Miller, principal owner of Interstate Batteries, recalled that in the early 1980s, their competitors were trying to establish independent distributors mimicking the way Interstate had pioneered (e.g., service stations and auto repair garages). Those competitors decided to have a convention.

Norm said, “We had never pulled our customers together, so we decided we better have a convention too—and we decided on Hawaii. We started preparing and it sank in, ‘We’ve never had a convention! What if we mess it up? We could get all our distributors to attend, but really blow it.’ So we thought, ‘What do we do?’”

“We decided we needed to pray.” Interesting choice. When confronted with an unknown, the first disposition of Norm’s heart was to pray.

Norm continued, “We made a list of everything we wanted the convention to accomplish, and what we wanted to avoid—like negatives and dissension. We wanted to bless the people so that they would have a great time. We asked for His presence to be evident, but also for pragmatic things.”

Once they finished their list, they were about 18 months out from their convention. They began to meet every morning at 9:00 a.m. with their list to pray over.

When they went to the convention in Hawaii, God blesses it item by item as they had prayed. Some people even repeated back the exact words they had prayed, like, “Hey, this is great. I feel love here. What is the deal?”

Norm said, "We had prayed that the love of God would be present there; that it would be a wonderful, fun, exciting, great time; and that there would be no dissension."

One man's wife said, "I do 15 conventions a year, and I've never seen anything like this in my life!" The attendees came up with the name, the "Interstate Family," and that's what it has been called ever since.

Interstate's first convention was a huge success, built on a foundation of prayer.

Do you pray about your business needs? Usually I do, but recently I found myself falling back on three things:

- My competence: I know what needs to be done
- My experience: I've done this before, and
- My determination: I've always been wilful about things I really want.

I have to say, Norm's story was a great reminder. The Bible says, "It does not depend on might or power, but my Spirit" (Zechariah 4:6, paraphrased).

What is the first disposition of your heart? Is it to pray? Or is it to fall back on what you already know? Or if you don't know what to do, do you try to substitute determination for prayer?"

He conclude with this challenge and application that will be helpful in your environment whether it be work or retirement

"Here's an idea you may want to try. Make a list of all the things you really, really want, but have maybe been relying too much on your own competence, experience, or determination to achieve. Now make a daily appointment with yourself to pray about your list. Be sure to thank God for his answers (nobody appreciates someone who forgets to say, "Thank you.").

Your story is will be always welcome and your thoughts on what Pat Morley has said in this article can be fed back to [men@trinitymethodist.org.uk](mailto:men@trinitymethodist.org.uk)



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In a recent issue of Charisma magazine the following was part of a prophecy that was shared with the readers and is reprinted here for you to think about and seek the Lords guidance on how it can apply to you.

“I feel the Lord is crying out for us to be more hungry for Him. It’s so easy to get into programs and meetings. Even during the time of Moses, it was very easy for them to fall into a form of religion without having a hunger and a fire for the presence of the living God.

There is a cry in each one of us to not be an empty shell. We so need His fire in the depths of who we are! We need our bones to burn because we love Him so much. We need our blood to boil, so to speak. We need a divine hunger put into the depths of who we are. We need the Lord to grab hold of us and shake off apathy and complacency until there is a fresh love for Jesus Christ our Lord.”

You can always share your thoughts by writing them down and submitting them for the encouragement of others through the [Men@Trinity](#) newsletter

# Bowling

**At Hollywood Bowl  
Crawley**

**16th March 2007**

**£10 for 2 games**

(includes £1.60 donation to Church funds)





## FROM THE POTTING SHED

Greetings!

March is here and hopefully we'll get some spring weather. At least the wet autumn & winter has done its job & now the hosepipe bans are lifted so we can water to our hearts content. Once things dry out it will be time to dig in manure and prepare for planting and sowing.

Sweet peas & hardy annuals can be sown under glass and half-hardy annuals sown in a heated propagator. Vegetables can be sown in modules under glass for planting out in April so it's a busy month.

### Plants of Interest

March is a good month for all sorts of bulbs such as Crocus, Narcissi, daffodils and early Tulips. Hellebores continue to perform and other woodland plants are also flowering such as primroses, celandine and Pulmonaria and later in the month Wood Anemone. March is the month for Camellias and there are loads to choose from. Forsythia, flowering quince and Magnolias all flower now and there are also some climbers in flower such as Clematis armandii and C. cirrhosa. For scent Skimmias start flowering; and the new fronds of ferns start to unfurl. There really is so much to see so get out there.

God bless and happy gardening.