



PRESBYTERIAN MEN OF THE CHURCH
FIRST, PROVIDENCE AND LOWCOUNTRY CHURCHES

IRON WILL

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17

September 2007

MEN OF THE CHURCH BREAKFAST
Thursday, September 13, 2007 @ 7:45 AM
First Presbyterian Church
Hilton Head Island

You'll want to hear our September speaker, Eric Campbell, the Area Director for Hilton Head/Bluffton Young Life. Eric has been in this position since 2006, but he has been with Young Life since 1998 when he began serving as the Area Director of Young Life in Florence, SC. He is a 1993 graduate of Clemson and received his M.Div. from Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, MO, in 1998. For the past 14 years Eric has been married to Kristy; they have three children – Hayley, 9; Huff, 6; and Mills, 4.

What is Young Life?

Picture a sea of teenage faces in a crowded school hallway. Some kids are trying to blend in; some are being carried along by the crowd; others are deliberately swimming against the tide. All of them are trying to find their way in a culture that is crowded with the noise and glare of media messages and peer expectations.

Young Life seeks to carry the message of Jesus Christ into that tumultuous tide and points teenagers toward life as they were created to live it. Since 1941, the dynamic that has characterized Young Life is its commitment to relationships — Young Life leaders meeting kids on their turf in the interest of friendship. As leaders get to know teenagers, they are able to share the love of Jesus Christ through platforms like Young Life club, Campaigners and trips to camp.

Whether kids are seeking answers or just acceptance, Young Life is there for them, armed with a desire for fun and the ultimate message of hope.

Eric's topic for our breakfast is "Don't Go There!" We all know that our young people are our future. So, come, bring five friends who haven't been to our MOC breakfast in a while, enjoy a delicious breakfast and the fellowship of men from Providence, Lowcountry, and First Churches.

Call for reservations: (843) 681-3696 (Nancy Putnam)

GUEST SPEAKERS FOR FALL 2007 PROGRAMS

You won't want to miss a single program that Mike Brock has put together for the Fall.

--- Thursday, October 11 – Ed Pulkinen, Director of Ministry for the local chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)

--- Thursday, November 8 – Lee Ozley, Personal and Interpersonal Ethics Consultant

--- Thursday, December 13 – Rev. Ward Scovel, Chaplain of Hospice Care of the Lowcountry

Mark your calendars now so you are sure not to miss a single one of these great speakers. Remember to bring your friends, neighbors, and visiting relatives, too. We want to grow our fellowship as we share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

ETHICS SYMPOSIUM COMING SOON

The annual MOC-sponsored "Symposium on Ethical Decision Making and Moral Values" will be held at First Presbyterian Church from 1-3 November, 2007. More than 80 students and 20 faculty from 20 colleges have signed up to participate in this 30th annual event.

This year's program will begin with a dinner and prestigious keynote speaker on Thursday evening, November 1st. Then, over the next two days, students participate in small discussion groups in which they have opportunities to share ideas about contemporary moral and ethical issues with facilitators and students from other schools. These discussions focus on a series of case studies based upon real life situations where students are challenged to identify the ethical issues involved. Other highlights of the symposium are dinner at the home of a Hilton Head family and free time to enjoy the Island or organized recreational activities. Special programs are also planned for faculty participants. This year's recreational time will also include an opportunity for visiting students to participate in a Gullah Heritage tour, led by well known Native Islander Emory Campbell.

Presbyterian Men of the Church covers expenses for lodging, meals, and recreational arrangements, while the colleges are responsible for transportation to and from Hilton Head Island. We urge each of you to become more familiar with this wonderfully meaningful program. Many of you already participate with various aspects of the symposium and we encourage your continued interest and involvement. Mac MacDonald is the Symposium Committee Chair.

The Presbyterian Men of the Church (MOC) has a website on the internet with current information about your organization. Visit the homepage of the MOC Website at:

<http://www.presbyterianmoc.org>

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