



PRESBYTERIAN MEN OF THE CHURCH
FIRST, PROVIDENCE AND LOWCOUNTRY CHURCHES

IRON WILL

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

February, 2008

**MEN OF THE CHURCH
VALENTINE'S DAY BRUNCH
AND MUSICALE
Thursday, February 14, 2008
@ 12 NOON
First Presbyterian Church
Hilton Head Island**

Did you ever wonder what Valentine's Day is anyway and why we celebrate it?

Saint Valentine's Day or **Valentine's Day** is a [holiday](#) on [February 14](#). It is the traditional day on which lovers express their love for each other; sending Valentine's cards, donating to charity or gifting candy. It is very common to present flowers on Valentine's Day. The holiday is named after two men, both Christian martyrs among the numerous Early Christian martyrs named Valentine. The day became associated with romantic love in the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer in High Middle Ages, when the tradition of courtly love flourished.

The day is most closely associated with the mutual exchange of love notes in the form of "valentines." Modern Valentine symbols include the heart-shaped outline and the figure of the winged Cupid. Since the 19th century, handwritten notes have largely given way to mass-produced greeting cards. The mid-nineteenth century Valentine's Day trade was a harbinger of further commercialized holidays in the United States to follow. The U.S. Greeting Card Association estimates that approximately one billion valentines are sent each year worldwide, making the day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year behind Christmas. The association estimates that women purchase approximately 85 percent of all valentines

So guys, here is your chance to show your wife or girl-friend or daughter you know.

The Men of the Church will be hosting a Valentine's Day Brunch and Musicale on Thursday, February 14th, 12 Noon at the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. While you share a terrific meal, you and the sweetheart of your choice will hear local music talent Lavon Stevens along with Paul Elgin, Music Director of Providence Presbyterian Church; play your favorite love songs.

Mark your calendar, and don't forget a card!

Cost of brunch is only \$20 per couple, payable at the door
For reservations, call: 681-3696

If you missed the January Men of the Church Breakfast, you missed a doosey. We started the New Year off with Providence hosting the good ol' fashioned, all-you-can-eat breakfast with bacon, eggs, sausage, pancakes and all-the-fixin's. Sharon Bell, wife of former MOC President Hugh Bell, played the piano and a good time was had by all while we shared food, fellowship and fun.

We were treated to a personal devotion entitled "Who is Your Neighbor?" by our very own John Scott, 2001 Man of the Year and past President of MOC. Finally, our guest speaker, Dr. Martin Lifer, new Senior Pastor of Providence Presbyterian Church, shared his inspiring talk, "Christianity: Part-timer, Full-timer or Lifer?" Nearly ninety men from First, Providence and Lowcountry Churches attended. Martin took questions from the floor and stayed around after 9:00AM to visit. It was a great way to start 2008. If you were there and enjoyed the program, tell someone that was not there. If you didn't like anything about the morning, tell me or another MOC Council member listed at the bottom of every newsletter.



Men of the Church Kitchen: (left to right): Paul Cifaldi, Phil Smith and Tom Rasch



At the Piano: (left to right): Hugh Bell, Glenn Neff and Sharon Bell

2007 Annual Report

Presbyterian Men of the Church

The Presbyterian Men of the Church (MOC) is an organization of over 1,200 men of First, Providence, and Lowcountry Presbyterian churches. Its mission is to provide a joint effort to lead the Men of the Church into a vital relationship through Jesus Christ. MOC offers fellowship, service, and evangelism with a particular focus on high school and college students.

Breakfasts are held each month. The program includes good food for the body as well as for the soul through a devotional and an inspirational talk by extraordinary men and women who follow a Christian lifestyle. All men of the three churches are invited to join in this time of fellowship and spiritual enrichment.

In 2007 the MOC held its 30th annual Symposium on Ethical Decision Making and Moral Values. Sixty-nine students and 20 faculty members from 19 colleges spent November 1-3 on Hilton Head Island. They discussed case studies raising challenging ethical issues in small groups facilitated by community and business leaders; attended dinners hosted by members of our churches; and participated in the many fun activities that are available on HHI.

In April, in association with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), the MOC hosted the Christian Heritage Breakfast. Approximately 600 people, including student guests from area high schools, attended. Aaron Baddeley, winner of the 2006 Verizon Heritage Golf Tournament, was the breakfast speaker. A grant of \$1,500 to support FCA Golf Ministries was made from the proceeds of the breakfast. Financial support was also provided to Hilton Head/Bluffton Young Life.

Our 2007 Man of the Year is Dr. Chuck Duvall, a member of First Presbyterian Church. Chuck has served his church in many ways—as a Deacon, Elder, Stephan Ministry group leader, symposium discussion group facilitator, and as past President of the MOC. He continues to practice medicine at the Volunteers in Medicine and serves on VIM 's Advisory Board. This award recognizes Chuck's tireless efforts, dedicated talents, and passionate leadership in the relentless pursuit of God.

2007 MOC officers were Bob Wallhaus, President; Mike Brock, First Vice president; and Blaine Lotz, Second Vice President

WHO IS BLAINE LOTZ? WHY IS HE RUNNING FOR CONGRESS?

Blaine Lotz is a member of our Men of the Church organization and is running for US Congress, 2nd District of South Carolina. Blaine and his wife, Lynne, have been married for 35 years. They have two adult children and two grandchildren. Son Trip, is a public elementary school counselor. His wife, Amy, is managing director of the non-profit American Women in Radio and Television. Daughter Ginny is a stay-at-home mom and part-time real estate sales person. Her husband, Danny, is an attorney and assistant clerk at the US Supreme Court. Blaine's 91 year-young mother, Virginia, has lived with Lynne and Blaine for the past 11 years.

He wants to create jobs and build a new economy by ending our dependency on foreign oil, help fuel America through innovation, including agricultural products, and put South Carolina's farmers at the forefront of that effort. He wants to honorably end US combat in Iraq, restore our nation's greatness and respect in the world, repair our immigration program, establish a comprehensive health care program and solidify Social Security and Medicare, and develop a strategic economic plan which will aid the middle class and our small business people. He wants to protect our environment and our public education system. Everything Blaine does in Washington will be in a bipartisan and consensus-building spirit, working to end the political bickering which today typifies Congress and the White House.

Blaine and Lynne moved to Hilton Head Island, South Carolina in 2005, after Blaine retired from 13 years as a career civilian in the Defense Department. Lynne and Blaine have been property owners on Hilton Head since 1974. Here they have been involved in church and community. At First Presbyterian Church, Blaine is a member of the Board of Deacons and also served on the Men of the Church Council as 2nd Vice-President during 2007. He and Lynne are volunteers who both grow food on their neighborhood farm plots and deliver food each week for Deep Well, a local service organization which helps those less fortunate in our community. He currently serves as the 1st vice-chair of the Beaufort County (SC) Democratic Party and as president of the South of the Broad (River) Democratic Club.

Blaine served for 26 years on active duty in the US Air Force as an intelligence officer. He has an undergraduate degree from The George Washington University in Washington, DC, and a master's degree in public administration from Auburn University. Blaine received the Bronze Star for his service in Vietnam. Much of his military duty was at the Pentagon where he worked in policy development, as the Air Force Director of Intelligence Estimates, and as Commander of the Air Force Intelligence Agency. Today, Blaine is very much concerned about veterans' issues and has recently been elected as director for legislative affairs of the Hilton Head chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA). After retiring from the Air Force as a colonel in 1992, Blaine became a career civilian in the Defense Department. In 1996, he was selected for the Senior Executive Service, and in 1998 he was appointed by Secretary of Defense Cohen to be Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Intelligence Oversight.

We wish Blaine well in his campaign and in pursuit of his goal of making a difference for all the people in the 2nd Congressional District, South Carolina, and the United States in his continued public service. We also thank Blaine for his recent past service as editor of our MOC Newsletter, **IRON WILL**.



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Website at: <http://www.presbyterianmoc.org>

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