



PRESBYTERIAN MEN OF THE CHURCH
FIRST, PROVIDENCE AND LOWCOUNTRY CHURCHES

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

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**MEN OF THE CHURCH
BREAKFAST
Thursday, June 12, 2008
@ 7:45am
First Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall
Hilton Head Island**

Fellowship Fore Faith

"In His Grip" Golf Association has as their mission to equip and empower Christian golfers to reach their community for Christ. There are over 20 million male golfers in the U.S. and, for many, golf is not just a game; it is a passion. The golf course provides a common ground for the church and the community to build relationships and utilize a cultural interest to share the love of Jesus Christ. Like Fellowship of Christian Athletes helps reach professional athletes and coaches, "In His Grip" golf ministry helps reach, teach and send recreational golfers, non-professionals, to grow in their faith and share the good news.

Hilton Head Island resident and financial analyst Rob Gillinder will share how the "In His Grip" golf ministry is changing the world for Jesus one swing at a time. He will discuss this organization's core values and how they apply to regular guys who like golf and love God. Rob will explain the world-wide organization that has a local invitational golf tournament later this year in which every man can participate.

**Mark your calendar and bring a guest. Our \$8 breakfasts are open to men, women and young adults.
Call 681-3696 for reservations.**



All-you-can-eat-breakfast: \$8.00



Faith, fun and fellowship: Priceless

Roots and Wings

We recently celebrated Memorial Day, Memorial Weekend and fond memories of special people and times gone by. Gone but not forgotten, one such person was Powell Fraser. Powell started Men of the Church on Hilton Head Island back in the late 70's. Fraser was a decorated Army veteran that started Men of the Church organizations wherever he happened to be stationed during his long and storied military career. He retired to Hilton Head Island, joined First Presbyterian Church and the rest is history.

His story, Christ's story, is what drove Powell to create the Men of the Church organization we know now that includes First, Providence and Lowcountry Presbyterian Churches. A devout Christian and life-long Presbyterian, Powell taught ROTC, Reserve Officer Training Corps, on the campus of Presbyterian College in upstate South Carolina. Albeit he left PC to become President of King College in Bristol, Tennessee, he would return to South Carolina. He met his wife Nell while at Presbyterian College and felt God calling him back to the state they loved.

First, at First Presbyterian Church over 30 years ago, Powell organized men in their communities who were interested in the spiritual and moral development of men. Then at Providence in the mid 80's and finally, before his death, he helped to bring Lowcountry in the 90's into the Men of the Church. Powell helped develop the Symposium which was originally taught in the Fraser Youth Camp and Chapel in the Woods on the back of what is now Providence's church property. This year Men of the Church will conduct the 31st Annual Ethics Symposium where moral decision-making and ethical values will be taught to college students from all over the country helping give them their wings to succeed in a world and a time where doing the right things is as important as doing things right.

Powell Fraser's legacy also lives on through his memory in the Man of the Year Award he started in 1985. The purpose of which is to recognize a Christian layman for their selfless service to others. An impressive Band of Brothers has been heretofore recognized by the Men of the Church. This year in early May, Jim Collett, was added to the list as the 23rd recipient. Jim accepted the award with humility and gave the glory to God just like Powell did in 1987 when he too was recognized for unique and valuable service to their fellow man. Memories and thanks from the Men of the Church for a rich past and hope for a bright future as we deepen the spiritual life of men through Christian fellowship. Special thanks to Phil Martino, 2002 Man of the Year, for his contributions to MOC and this article.



Jim Collett, right, with Stu Rodman, left, David Lauderdale, center, and others

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MOC Council member Bob Heidrich and the Men of the Church recently hosted a Tennis Round Robin for guys that like tennis and fellowship. The event, which took place at the Port Royal Racquet Club, was the first of what will certainly be repeated in the future. Bob says it was a resounding success and attendees want to do this every few months or so. Plans are underway for a sequel on Saturday, October 18th for sure and probably again during the summer before then. The fun of a little friendly competition followed by light refreshments is always a way to get men together and share. BIG THANKS to all those that came out and participated. If you are interested in future opportunities to play or to help Bob organize other tennis events, he can be reached at MOCl1st1@hargray.com or by calling 843-681-9534. This MOC Tennis Round Robin, like similar events in the future, is open to all area men regardless of their faith or church affiliation. It's your serve!

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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