



## PRESBYTERIAN MEN OF THE CHURCH

# IRON WILL

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

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### MEN OF THE CHURCH Celebrates Martin Luther King's Birthday

January 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, 1/15/2009 - 7:00 pm - Rev. Ben Williams- Queen Chapel AME Church  
Saturday, 1/17/2009 - 8:00 to 9:00am - Free Breakfast - All Saints Episcopal  
Monday, 1/19/2009 - 10:00-11:00am MLK Memorial March - HHI High School

During January, our country celebrates the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. The Men of the Church will participate in this celebration by attending the festivities being offered in the community. It is our hope that by joining these functions, the Men of the Church will broaden their ecumenical linkages with our Christian brothers across the island.

Martin Luther King Jr. won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. He was the youngest person to ever earn this distinction. The following is his biography as posted on the Nobel Prize website - <http://www.nobelprize.org>.

Martin Luther King, Jr., (January 15, 1929-April 4, 1968) was born Michael Luther King, Jr., but later had his name changed to Martin. His grandfather began the family's long tenure as pastors of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, serving from 1914 to 1931; his father has served from then until the present, and from 1960 until his death Martin Luther acted as co-pastor. Martin Luther attended segregated public schools in Georgia, graduating from high school at the age of fifteen; he received the B. A. degree in 1948 from Morehouse College, a distinguished Negro institution of Atlanta from which both his father and grandfather had graduated.

After three years of theological study at Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania where he was elected president of a predominantly white senior class, he was awarded the B.D. in 1951. With a fellowship won at Crozer, he enrolled in graduate studies at Boston University, completing his residence for the doctorate in 1953 and receiving the degree in 1955. In Boston he met and married Coretta Scott, a young woman of uncommon intellectual and artistic attainments. Two sons and two daughters were born into the family.



In 1954, Martin Luther King accepted the pastoral of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. Always a strong worker for civil rights for members of his race, King was, by this time, a member of the executive committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People,

the leading organization of its kind in the nation. He was ready, then, early in December, 1955, to accept the leadership of the first great Negro nonviolent demonstration of contemporary times in the United States, the bus boycott described by Gunnar Jahn in his presentation speech in honor of the laureate. The boycott lasted 382 days. On December 21, 1956, after the Supreme Court of the United States had declared unconstitutional the laws requiring segregation on buses, Negroes and whites rode the buses as equals. During these days of boycott, King was arrested, his home was bombed, he was subjected to personal abuse, but at the same time he emerged as a Negro leader of the first rank.

In 1957 he was elected president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, an organization formed to provide new leadership for the now burgeoning civil rights movement. The ideals for this organization he took from Christianity; its operational techniques from Gandhi. In the eleven-year period between 1957 and 1968, King traveled over six million miles and spoke over twenty-five hundred times, appearing wherever there was injustice, protest, and action; and meanwhile he wrote five books as well as numerous articles. In these years, he led a massive protest in Birmingham, Alabama, that caught the attention of the entire world, providing what he called a coalition of conscience, and inspiring his "Letter from a Birmingham Jail", a manifesto of the Negro revolution; he planned the drives in Alabama for the registration of Negroes as voters; he directed the peaceful march on Washington, D.C., of 250,000 people to whom he delivered his address, "I Have a Dream", he conferred with President John F. Kennedy and campaigned for President Lyndon B. Johnson; he was arrested upwards of twenty times and assaulted at least four times; he was awarded five honorary degrees; was named Man of the Year by Time magazine in 1963; and became not only the symbolic leader of American blacks but also a world figure.

At the age of thirty-five, Martin Luther King, Jr., was the youngest man to have received the Nobel Peace Prize. When notified of his selection, he announced that he would turn over the prize money of \$54,123 to the furtherance of the civil rights movement.

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On the evening of April 4, 1968, while standing on the balcony of his motel room in Memphis, Tennessee, where he was to lead a protest march in sympathy with striking garbage workers of that city, he was assassinated.

In **Appendix A** at the end of this newsletter you can read Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech.

The **Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration** activities are as follows:

- ✦ Thursday, January 15, 7 pm--Community Worship Service at Queen Chapel AME Church on Beach City Road.
- ✦ Saturday, January 17, 8-9 am--Free breakfast for community volunteers at All Saints. Food prepared by local clergy and MLK Committee members. 9-Noon--Choose indoor or outdoor work projects. Bring work gloves, rakes, clippers, paint brushes along with friends and family. Each project has a leader. Volunteers of all ages are welcome and needed.
- ✦ Monday, January 19, 10-11 am--MLK Memorial March. March begins and ends outside the Visual & Performing Arts Center at Hilton Head Island High School on Wilborn Rd. 11 - Noon--Program featuring Keynote Speaker--Dr. Walter Edgar, renowned professor of history at USC, Children's choirs from St. James Baptist Church and The Children's Center, and presentation of the MLK Community Service Award. 12-1 pm--Free cook out in the high school cafeteria provided by The Hilton Head Hospitality Association.

## MOC – PROGRAM RECAP

The Men of the Church gathered for breakfast and a presentation by Dr. Andrew Sorenson, retired President of the University of South Carolina (USC), on Saturday morning, December 5<sup>th</sup>.



Approximately 50 men and a handful of guests attended. In addition to Dr. Sorenson, we were pleased to welcome Dr. Jane Upshaw, Chancellor of USC Beaufort and

Thomas Leitzel, President of the Technical College of the Lowcountry.

Dr. Sorenson is the son of a Presbyterian minister. Early in his career, he too served as a Pastor. Given that experience, he said he felt right at home addressing the Men of the Church. Dr. Sorenson reminded us that South Carolina was the leading economic power of the original 13 colonies.



Unfortunately, the state failed to keep pace. Unlike, neighboring North Carolina, Silicon Valley, or the I28 corridor near Boston, South Carolina missed out on the economic opportunity associated with the age of information technology. He said: "South Carolina must make changes to its economy". It can no longer rely on being a low cost, cheap labor based economy. It must make the change from a low cost provider to a high quality, value add economic engine. His passion is to use the university system's research acumen to drive a myriad of intellectual capital based business opportunities. One example is the university's small business incubator. In recent years, the University has partnered with 155 entrepreneurs to develop business opportunities based on the university's research. The University "owns" the intellectual capital (patents, licenses, or royalty rights) and encourages these entrepreneurs to bring them to market. The benefit to the university is that they profit by earning income from their research investment. So far, there have been many new spin-off businesses. USC is among the top tier of universities in developing new business.



Despite the success of the business incubator, fund raising remains a challenge to the success of the University. Over his tenure at

USC he has seen the state legislature cut funding from 38% to 21% of the annual \$1.1B budget. This year, the state has further cut their appropriation to 17%. In his current position as an executive recruiter, and in times of economic turmoil, he sees businesses developing a "hunker down" mentality. Their strategy is to lie low and ride out the storm. However, at the university, they don't have that luxury. They have to invest. They must invest now. They have set aside \$30m per year to recruit the best talented professors through endowed chairs. The medical program applied for and received a highly competitive \$21M grant from the Doris Duke Foundation. They have also established the Gamecock Guarantee Program. The program provides free tuition for students whose family income level falls below the poverty level. However, the program requires students to take jobs to pay for their room and board.



Overall, Dr. Sorenson has great hope for the continued success of the state's higher education institutions. He is optimistic that through collaboration between the private sector and the university's research capabilities, the overall economic future of South Carolina is bright.

### MOC = BIBLE VERSE(S)

This month's bible verse(s) is directly related social justice. The same justice that Martin Luther King Jr. sought for all people during the civil rights movement. (RSV)

**Psalms 82:3—4** Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

**Proverbs 21:3** Do what is right and just; that is more pleasing to God than sacrifice.

**Isaiah 1:16—17** Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; defend the fatherless, plead for the widow.

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## PROVIDENCE'S REV. CARMEN FOWLER

The following is an excerpt from the January, 2009 issue of The Layman.

LENOIR, N.C. - The Rev. Carmen S. Fowler will head the ministry of the Presbyterian Lay Committee as president and executive editor, beginning March 2, 2009. Fowler is currently serving as associate Pastor of the Providence Presbyterian Church in Hilton Head, S.C., where she has developed and administered the program ministries of the 800-plus member congregation since 2003.

"We are extremely excited to report the news. We believe that the Lord has brought Carmen to us 'for such a time as this,'" said Stephen Brown, chairman and chief executive officer of the Lay Committee, recalling the Lord's call to Esther at a critical time in Israel's life. The Lord has blessed Carmen with gifts that inspire and equip lay leadership."



Her pastoral experience spans the spectrum from the 5,600-member First Presbyterian Church in Orlando, Fla., to the 100-member Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church in the mountains of northeast Georgia.

Fowler earned a degree in business administration from the University of Florida and a master of divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary. "There is, I believe, a global realignment of the Church under way," Fowler said in her partnership discussions with the Lay Committee. "God is drawing together those who are not ashamed of the Gospel, those who submit their lives to the authority of the Scriptures, those who understand the calling of the church to be the Great Commission and are willing to live it out at risk of their own lives. We are privileged not only to 'see' what God is doing in our generation, but also to participate in it. Equipping the saints for the work of God's mission is a worthy calling.

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## MOC – COMING ATTRACTIONS

The MOC is sponsoring a "night out on the town" with your loved one.

In February, we turn our focus towards our "sweethearts".

In the middle of the month, we celebrate

Valentine's Day.

It is one of those dates on the calendar that you had better not

miss the significance of. On Friday, February 13, 2009 at 7:00pm the MOC is hosting a Valentine's Day Jazz Party with a romantic buffet dinner at the Bear Creek Country Club. Local Jazz aficionado, Bob Masteller (trumpet/flugelhorn) and his accompanist will entertain us with New Orleans style Jazz. Bob will mix in a narrative on the history of Jazz.

The cost for the evening will be \$30 per person (\$60 per couple). There will be a cash bar available. Included in the cost is a contribution to a local charity that promotes music for our young folk.

Reservations are required. Please contact Jean Tharin at 681-3696 or [jtharin@fpchhi.org](mailto:jtharin@fpchhi.org)



## MOC – LOOKING FORWARD

### 13th Annual Christian Heritage Breakfast - April 15, 2009

We are proud to announce the details of an event that has come to be synonymous with the PGA Tour's Verizon Heritage. The Men of the Church will again host what will be our 13th Annual Christian Heritage Breakfast on Wednesday, April 15th, 2009, at The Crowne Plaza Resort in Shipyard on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. This year's guest speaker will be Tom Pernice, Jr. and his daughter, Brooke, will sing again as she did at last year's event. Previous speakers have included such noted PGA Tour golfers as Tom Lehman, Steve Jones, Loren Roberts, Larry Mize, Bernhard Langer, Stewart Cink, Jonathan Byrd, Aaron Baddeley and Fred Funk, just to name a few of them.



Photo: Brooke Pernice surrounded by her parents, Sydney and Tom Pernice, and talking with Jim Nantz of CBS Sports, at the 2008 Christian Heritage Breakfast

Six top 10 finishes, the second-highest total in his career, gives Tom plenty of positives as he contemplates the 2009 PGA Tour season. Four of Pernice's top 10s were eighth-place finishes last year helping him to an 80th place in the FedEx Cup point standings and money earnings of over \$1.3 million. Tom is one of the Tour's ironmen having started his career in Asia and South Africa in 1983 and continuing to average playing in 31 events annually. Tom, who has served on the Tour Player Advisory Council, now is active on behalf of the Foundation Fighting Blindness in support of his daughter, Brooke, who has Leber's Amaurosis, a disease she has had since birth, which has not stopped her from pursuing her calling. This teenager's voice is far beyond her years. If you attended last year, you already know. So, save the date, Wednesday, April 15th, Tax Day 2009, and watch for details on the Men of the Church web site, <http://www.presbyterianmoc.org>. Tickets will go on sale in February and you will not want to miss this inspiring event.

### 2009 MOC ETHICS SYMPOSIUM

Planning is underway for the 2009, 32nd Annual Ethics Symposium. The Symposium committee has established that the 32<sup>nd</sup> Symposium will be held at First Presbyterian Church on October 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>.

Looking forward, one area of great need is the financing of the program. To put on the 2008 Symposium, it cost about \$13,000. Thanks to

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endowments and donations in the past, the MOC has been able to keep the Symposium viable. A fund raising committee has been formed to replenish the budget. If you would like to sponsor a student for the 3-day event, please send a check for \$125 payable to Men of the Church to your church office with Ethics Symposium on the memo line. If \$125 is beyond your means, any donation is appreciated.

The world needs better leaders. Help inspire a college student to see that it is possible to be ethical and successful while making morally strong decisions. For more details please contact Bob Wallhaus at [Wallhaus@hargray.com](mailto:Wallhaus@hargray.com).

### ON A LIGHTER NOTE

#### A Prayer:

It is New Year's Eve, and you have gone to bed early. As it approaches midnight, you decide to start out the New Year with a prayer. At the stroke of 12:00, you begin:

Dear Lord,

So far this year I've done well.

I haven't gossiped I haven't lost my temper; I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or overindulgent. I'm very thankful for that. But in the morning Lord, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on I'm probably going to need a lot more help.

Amen

#### And a joke:

On New Year's Eve, Daniel was in no shape to drive, so he sensibly left his van in the car park and walked home. As he was wobbling along, he was stopped by a policeman. 'What are you doing out here at four o'clock in the morning?' asked the police officer.

'I'm on my way to a lecture,' answered Roger.

'And who on earth, in their right mind, is going to give a lecture at this time on New Year's Eve?' enquired the constable sarcastically.

'My wife,' slurred Daniel grimly.

### Finally, a cartoon!

I resolve to take better care of my health. I'll schedule an appointment with m doctor.



### HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES

The Works of John Wesley (1872 ed. by Thomas Jackson), vol. 11, ¶ 29, pp. 366-446.

#### A PLAIN ACCOUNT OF CHRISTIAN PERFECTION,

AS BELIEVED AND TAUGHT BY THE REVEREND MR. JOHN WESLEY, FROM THE YEAR 1725, TO THE YEAR 1777.

[It is not to be understood, that Mr. Wesley's sentiments concerning Christian Perfection were in any measure changed after the year 1777. This tract underwent several revisions and enlargements during his life-time; and in every successive edition the date of the most recent revision was specified. The last revision appears to have been made in the year 1777; and since that period, this date has been generally continued on the title-page of the several editions of the pamphlet.]

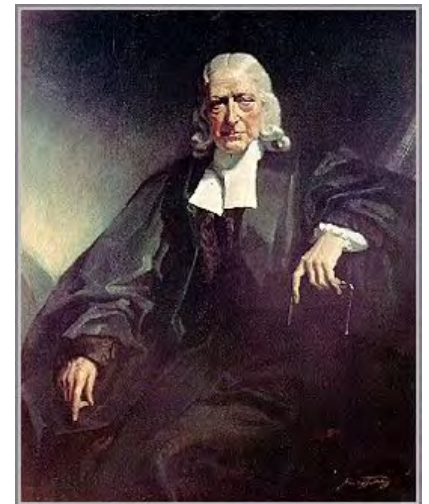
This is a multi-part series. (Part 2)

8. In August following, I had a long conversation with Arvid Gradin, in Germany. After he had given me an account of his experience, I desired him to give me, in writing, a definition of "the full assurance of faith," which he did in the following words: *Requies in sanguine Christi; firma fiducia in Deum, et persuasio de gratia divina; tranquillitas mentis summa, atque serenitas et pax; cum absentia omnis desiderii carnalis, et cessatione peccatorum etiam internorum.*

"Repose in the blood of Christ; a firm confidence in God, and persuasion of his favor; the highest tranquility, serenity, and peace of mind, with a deliverance from every fleshly desire, and a cessation of all, even inward sins."

This was the first account I ever heard from any living man, of what I had before learned myself from the oracles of God, and had been praying for, (with the little company of my friends,) and expecting, for several years.

9. In 1739, my brother and I published a volume of "Hymns and Sacred Poems." In many of these we declared our sentiments strongly and explicitly. So, turn the fall stream of nature's tide; Let all our actions tend To thee, their source; thy love the



guide, Thy glory be the end. Earth then a scale to heaven shall be; Sense shall point out the road; the creatures all shall lead to thee, and all we taste be God. Again, -- Lord, arm me with thy Spirit's might, Since I am call'd by thy great name: In thee my wand'ring thoughts unite, Of all my works be thou the aim: Thy love attend me all my days, And my sole business be thy praise. Again, -- Eager for thee I ask and pant, So strong the principle divine, Carries me out with sweet constraint, Till all my hallow'd soul be thine; Plunged in the Godhead's deepest sea, And lost in thine immensity! Once more, -- Heavenly Adam, life divine, Change my nature into thine; Move and

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spread throughout my soul, Actuate and fill the whole.

It would be easy to cite many more passages to the same effect. But these are sufficient to show, beyond contradiction, what our sentiments then were.

10. The first tract I ever wrote expressly on this subject was published in the latter end of this year. That none might be prejudiced before they read it; I gave it the indifferent title of "The Character of a Methodist." In this I described a perfect Christian, placing in the front, "Not as though I had already attained." Part of it I subjoin without any alteration:

"A Methodist is one who loves the Lord his God with all his heart, with all his soul, with all his mind, and with all his strength. God is the joy of his heart, and the desire of his soul, which is continually crying, 'Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth whom I desire besides thee.' My God and my all! 'Thou art the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.' He is therefore happy in God; yea, always happy, as having in him a well of water springing up unto everlasting life, and over-flowing his soul with peace and joy. Perfect love living now cast out fear, he rejoices evermore. Yea, his joy is full, and all his bones cry out, 'Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, according to his abundant mercy, hath begotten me again unto a living hope of an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, reserved in heaven for me.'

"And he, who hath this hope, thus full of immortality, in everything, giveth thanks, as knowing this (whatsoever it is) is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning him. From him therefore he cheerfully receives all, saying, 'Good is the will of the Lord;' and whether he giveth or taketh away, equally blessing the name of the Lord. Whether in ease or pain, whether in sickness or health, whether in life or death, he giveth thanks from the ground of the heart to Him who orders it for good; into whose hands he hath wholly committed his body and soul, 'as into the hands of a faithful Creator.' He is therefore anxiously 'careful for nothing,' as having 'cast all his care on Him that careth for him;' and 'in all things' resting on him, after 'making' his 'request known to him with thanksgiving.'

"For indeed he 'prays without ceasing;' at all times the language of his heart is this, 'Unto thee is my mouth, though without a voice; and my silence speaketh unto thee.' His heart is lifted up to God at all times, and in all places. In this he is never hindered, much less interrupted, by any person or thing. In retirement or company, in leisure, business, or conversation, his heart is ever with the Lord. Whether he lie down, or rise up, 'God is in all his thoughts.' He walks with God continually; having the loving eye of his soul fixed on him, and everywhere seeing Him that is invisible.'

"And loving God, he 'loves his neighbor as himself;' he loves every man as his own soul. He loves his enemies, yea, and the enemies of God. And if it be not in his power to 'do good to them that hate' him, yet he ceases not to 'pray for them,' though they spurn his love, and still 'despite; fully use him, and persecute him.'

"For he is 'pure in heart.' Love has purified his heart from envy, malice, wrath, and every unkind temper. It has cleansed him from pride, whereof 'only cometh contention;' and he hath now 'put on bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering.' And indeed all possible ground for contention, on his part, is cut off. For none can take from him what he desires, seeing he 'loves not the world, nor any of the things of the world;' but 'all his desire is unto God, and to the remembrance of his name.'

"Agreeable to this his one desire, is this one design of his life; namely, 'to do, not his own will, but the will of Him that sent him.' His one intention at all times and in all places is, not to please himself, but Him whom his soul loveth. He hath a single eye; and because his 'eye is single, his whole body is full of light. The whole is light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth enlighten the house.' God reigns alone; all that is in the soul is 'holiness to the Lord.' There is not a motion in his heart but is according to his will. Every thought that arises points to him, and is in 'obedience to the law of Christ.'

"And the tree is known by its fruits. For, as he loves God, so he 'keeps his commandments;' not only some, or most of them, but all, from the least to the

greatest. He is not content to 'keep the whole law and offend in one point,' but has in all points 'a conscience void of offence towards God, and towards man.' Whatever God has forbidden, he avoids; whatever God has enjoined, he does. 'He runs the way of God's commandments,' now He hath set his heart at liberty. It is his glory and joy so to do; it is his daily crown of rejoicing, to 'do the will of God on earth, as it is done in heaven.'

"All the commandments of God he accordingly keeps, and that with all his might; for his obedience is in proportion to his love, the source from whence it flows. And therefore, loving God with all his heart, he serves him with all his strength; he continually presents his soul and 'body a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God;' entirely and without reserve devoting himself, all he has, all he is, to his glory. All the talents he has, he constantly employs according to his Master's will; every power and faculty of his soul, every member of his body.

"By consequence, whatsoever he doeth, it is all to the glory of God.' In all his employments of every kind, he not only aims at this, which is implied in having a single eye, but actually attains it; his business and his refreshments, as well as his prayers, all serve to this great end. Whether he 'sit in the house, or walk by the way,' whether he lie down, or rise up, he is promoting, in all he speaks or does, the one business of his life. Whether he put on his apparel, or labor, or eat and drink, or divert himself from too wasting labor, it all tends to advance the glory of God, by peace and good-will among men. His one invariable rule is this: 'Whatsoever ye do, in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God, even the Father, through him.'

"Nor do the customs of the world at all hinder his running the race which is set before him.' He cannot therefore 'lay up treasures upon earth,' no more than he can take fire into his bosom. He cannot speak evil of his neighbor, any more than he can lie either for God or man. He cannot utter an unkind word of any one; for love keeps the door of his lips. He cannot speak idle words; no corrupt conversation' ever comes out of his mouth;' as is all that is not 'good to the use of edifying,' not fit to 'minister grace to the hearers.' But 'whatsoever things are pure,

whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are' justly 'of good report,' he thinks, speaks, and acts, adorning the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.'"

These are the very words wherein I largely declared, for the first time, my sentiments of Christian perfection. And is it not easy to see, (1.) That this is the very point at which I aimed all along from the year 1725; and more determinately from the year 1730, when I began to be homo unius libri, "a man of one book," regarding none, comparatively, but the Bible? Is it not easy to see, that this is the very same doctrine which I believe and teach at this day; not adding one point, either to that inward or outward holiness which I maintained eight-and-thirty years ago? And it is the same which, by the grace of God, I have continued to teach from that time till now; as will appear to every impartial person from the extracts subjoined below.

### SPECIAL THANKS

The MOC would like to extend a special thank you to the Hilton Head Island Computer Club. (HHICC) They have volunteered to do all the hard work necessary to distribute this newsletter electronically to 1200 e-mail addresses. We are blessed to have them. You can learn more about their organization at <http://hhicc.org/>

I would also like to thank my editor who finds all my spelling and grammatical errors.

### FEEDBACK

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## RESOURCES

<http://www.ibs.org> International Bible Society  
<http://unbound.biola.edu> The Unbound Bible  
<http://www.upperroom.org> The Upper Room  
<http://www.bible.com> Bible.com  
<http://www.bible.org> Bible.org  
<http://www.audio-bible.com> Audio-Bible  
<http://bible.gospelcom.net> Bible Gateway  
<http://bible.crosswalk.com> Crosswalk  
<http://www.biblesearch.com> Bible search  
<http://www.blueletterbible.org> Blue Letter Bible  
<http://www.christnotes.org> Christ Notes  
<http://www.searchgodsword.org> Search Gods Word  
<http://www.e-sword.net> E-Sword  
<http://www.crosswire.org> The Sword Project  
<http://www.tniv.info> Today' New International Version  
<http://www.christianitytoday.com> Christianity Today  
<http://www.christianity.com> Christianity.Com  
<http://www.beliefnet.com> Belief Network  
<http://www.religionfacts.com> Just Religion Facts  
<http://www.billygraham.org> Billy Graham Evangelism  
<http://www.nae.net> National Association of Evangelicals  
<http://www.causegodjoy.com> Providence Presbyterian  
<http://www.fpchhi.org> First Presbyterian Church  
<http://www.lowcountrypres.org> Low Country Presbyterian Church

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## WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

The following list is "open" gatherings of Christian men.

Bible Study	8:00am - Wednesday	Providence- Hilton Head	<a href="mailto:hhipal@gmail.com">hhipal@gmail.com</a>
Faith Lessons -Video	6:30pm - Monday	Providence - Hilton Head	<a href="mailto:hhipal@gmail.com">hhipal@gmail.com</a>
Bible Study - Acts	6:30pm - Monday	Providence - Hilton Head	<a href="mailto:hhipal@gmail.com">hhipal@gmail.com</a>
Lunch & Program	12:00-4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	First Presbyterian	Office: 681-3696
Lunch	Wednesday	Church of the Cross - Bluffton	<a href="mailto:Jason.carnes@htc.hargray.com">Jason.carnes@htc.hargray.com</a>
Lunch	Tuesday	Truffles - Bluffton	Rick Turner
Lunch	Thursday	St. Helena - Beaufort	Keith.watsonconstruction.com
Life Lessons over Lunch	12:15 Wednesday	Christ Lutheran Church	tgaffer@roadrunner.com
Bible Study / Outreach	7:30 -8:30 am	Every other Tuesday	Starbucks in Pineland Mall James Y. "Jim" Robinson 368-5641 or 671-4662

We are trying to compile an exhaustive list of all Men's Ministries discipleship opportunities. If you participate in one or know of one, please let me know at [newsletter@presbyterianmoc.org](mailto:newsletter@presbyterianmoc.org).

We welcome your passion, creative ideas, and participation. We need you, but more importantly, you need God and God wants you!

Appendix A - Martin Luther King's Acceptance Speech, on the occasion of the award of the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, December 10, 1964

Your Majesty, Your Royal Highness, Mr. President, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I accept the Nobel Prize for Peace at a moment when 22 million Negroes of the United States of America are engaged in a creative battle to end the long night of racial injustice. I accept this award on behalf of a civil rights movement which is moving with determination and a majestic scorn for risk and danger to establish a reign of freedom and a rule of justice. I am mindful that only yesterday in Birmingham, Alabama, our children, crying out for brotherhood, were answered with fire hoses, snarling dogs and even death. I am mindful that only yesterday in Philadelphia, Mississippi, young people seeking to secure the right to vote were brutalized and murdered. And only yesterday more than 40 houses of worship in the State of Mississippi alone were bombed or burned because they offered a sanctuary to those who would not accept segregation. I am mindful that debilitating and grinding poverty afflicts my people and chains them to the lowest rung of the economic ladder.

Therefore, I must ask why this prize is awarded to a movement which is beleaguered and committed to unrelenting struggle; to a movement which has not won the very peace and brotherhood which is the essence of the Nobel Prize.

After contemplation, I conclude that this award which I receive on behalf of that movement is a profound recognition that nonviolence is the answer to the crucial political and moral question of our time - the need for man to overcome oppression and violence without resorting to violence and oppression. Civilization and violence are antithetical concepts. Negroes of the United States, following the people of India, have demonstrated that nonviolence is not sterile passivity, but a powerful moral force which makes for social transformation. Sooner or later all the people of the world will have to discover a way to live together in peace, and thereby transform this pending cosmic elegy into a creative psalm of brotherhood. If this is to be achieved, man must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love.

The tortuous road which has led from Montgomery, Alabama to Oslo bears witness to this truth. This is a road over which millions of Negroes are traveling to find a new sense of dignity. This same road has opened for all Americans a new era of progress and hope. It has led to a new Civil Rights Bill, and it will, I am convinced, be widened and lengthened into a super highway of justice as Negro and white men in increasing numbers create alliances to overcome their common problems.

I accept this award today with an abiding faith in America and an audacious faith in the future of mankind. I refuse to accept despair as the final response to the ambiguities of history. I refuse to accept the idea that the "isness" of man's present nature makes him morally incapable of reaching up for the eternal "oughtness" that forever confronts him. I refuse to accept the idea that man is mere flotsam and jetsam in the river of life, unable to influence the unfolding events which surround him. I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality.

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I refuse to accept the cynical notion that nation after nation must spiral down a militaristic stairway into the hell of thermonuclear destruction. I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. This is why right temporarily defeated is stronger than evil triumphant. I believe that even amid today's mortar bursts and whining bullets, there is still hope for a brighter tomorrow. I believe that wounded justice, lying prostrate on the blood-flowing streets of our nations, can be lifted from this dust of shame to reign supreme among the children of men. I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality and freedom for their spirits. I believe that what self-centered men have torn down men other-centered can build up. I still believe that one day mankind will bow before the altars of God and be crowned triumphant over war and bloodshed, and nonviolent redemptive good will proclaim the rule of the land. "And the lion and the lamb shall lie down together and every man shall sit under his own vine and fig tree and none shall be afraid." I still believe that We Shall overcome!

This faith can give us courage to face the uncertainties of the future. It will give our tired feet new strength as we continue our forward stride toward the city of freedom. When our days become dreary with low-hovering clouds and our nights become darker than a thousand midnights, we will know that we are living in the creative turmoil of a genuine civilization struggling to be born.

Today I come to Oslo as a trustee, inspired and with renewed dedication to humanity. I accept this prize on behalf of all men who love peace and brotherhood. I say I come as a trustee, for in the depths of my heart I am aware that this prize is much more than an honor to me personally.

Every time I take a flight, I am always mindful of the many people who make a successful journey possible - the known pilots and the unknown ground crew.

So you honor the dedicated pilots of our struggle who have sat at the controls as the freedom movement soared into orbit. You honor, once again, Chief Lutuli of South Africa, whose struggles with and for his people, are still met with the most brutal expression of man's inhumanity to man. You honor the ground crew without whose labor and sacrifices the jet flights to freedom could never have left the earth. Most of these people will never make the headline and their names will not appear in *Who's Who*. Yet when years have rolled past and when the blazing light of truth is focused on this marvelous age in which we live - men and women will know and children will be taught that we have a finer land, a better people, a more noble civilization - because these humble children of God were willing to suffer for righteousness' sake.

I think Alfred Nobel would know what I mean when I say that I accept this award in the spirit of a curator of some precious heirloom which he holds in trust for its true owners - all those to whom beauty is truth and truth beauty - and in whose eyes the beauty of genuine brotherhood and peace is more precious than diamonds or silver or gold.