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

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MEN OF THE CHURCH

PRESENTS

2009 MAN OF THE YEAR



Reverend Ben Williams

Thursday Morning, May 14th at 7:45am
Fellowship Hall – First Presbyterian Church
Breakfast Cost: \$8.00/person

We are expecting a large turnout from the community, so please call the First Presbyterian Church office for reservations at 681-3696

MOC MAY PROGRAMMING

On Thursday, May 14, 2009, the MOC will recognize **Reverend Ben Williams** as its Man of the Year.

The purpose of the Man of the Year Award is to recognize a Christian man for selfless service to others. After prayerful consideration, the nominating committee was led by the Holy Spirit to offer the Man of the Year award to Reverend Williams. The list of candidates was top notch and thankfully the Holy Spirit made the choice clear.

Ben Williams is widely acknowledged as the leader among the pastors of the Island's predominately African American churches. Ben is a true icon amongst the entire religious community on the Island. Through his participation in many civic and ecumenical activities and for his over thirty years as Pastor of Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Ben clearly meets the criteria for the MOC Man of the Year Award.

Ben's work with youth at the High School and his leadership of the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday celebration have made a long and lasting impact on the Island. Over the years, Ben has also reached out in many ways to bring The Native Island community together with the thousands that moved to the Island in more recent years.

He has a heart filled with the joy of God's love and a tremendous willingness to share it. Our Island is a far better place for his presence among us.

The award will be presented at a Special Award Breakfast to be held in the Fellowship Hall at First Presbyterian Church, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

In a symbolic way, this award also emphasizes the need for all Christian men to provide their unique and valuable services to their fellow man.

The Men of the Church recognizes that today there are many men actively engaged in carrying out the mission of the Church. Through the presentation of the Man of the Year Award to one individual, the Men of the Church hopes to highlight the need for all Christian men to respond to the call of God in the home, at work and at church throughout their lives.

[MOC – PROGRAM RECAP – 13th Annual Christian Heritage Breakfast](#)

On Wednesday, April 15th nearly six hundred people came to the Heritage Breakfast in the ballroom of



the Crowne Plaza Resort on Hilton Head Island.

Associate Pastor, Reverend Sam Martin of First Presbyterian initiated the convocation with an opening Prayer.

Thereafter, special guest Brooke Pernice entertained the group with song after song from her latest CD *"help from above"*.



Organizers Mike Brock, John Scott, and all the volunteers worked tirelessly to make this year's event a success. Despite a down year economically many sponsors stepped up to enable ten youth groups to attend and hear the testimony of featured speaker, PGA Tour Professional, Tom Pernice.



✠ The youth groups attending included:

✠ Young Life

✠ The Boys and Girls Club

✠ Hilton Head Preparatory School

✠ Hilton Head Christian Academy



- ✚ International Junior Golf Academy
- ✚ Hilton Head High school
- ✚ Bluffton High school
- ✚ Providence Presbyterian Youth Group
- ✚ First Presbyterian Youth Group
- ✚ Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Jim Ersay, the Director of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes described the grind that touring Professional Golfers navigate through going from one venue to the next. There are no "home" games for



these guys. He shared how important the weekly Bible study the players participate in is in helping them to keep perspective. With their "rock star" status, it would be easy for the players to succumb to the temptations afforded them when traveling. The small accountability group Bible study enables them to go about their business/game standing on a firm foundation.



Finally, our featured guest Tom Pernice joined Jim and discussed a myriad of topics from the use of leading edge technology in the sport, to role

models on the tour, and the prospect of Tom joining the Champions Tour ("senior tour"). Tom said that he still had the passion to compete at the highest

level and would relish the idea of competing head to head against Tiger on any given Sunday.

The following article was first published Wednesday, April 15, 2009 in the Island Packet Newspaper by JOSH McCANN - jmccann@islandpacket.com. With their kind permission, I am reprinting it below.

Pro golfer puts things into perspective at men's breakfast

Tom Pernice Jr. is nearing his 50th birthday, but he's not about to back down from the world's best golfers.

Pernice has won twice on the PGA Tour, and he has no immediate plans to join the Champions Tour, the professional circuit for players 50 and older.

"If I'm continuing to give myself the opportunity to win out here, that's where I want to be," Pernice said. "I feel like I can still win out here, and I want to prove that."

As the guest speaker for the 13th annual Christian Heritage Breakfast, Pernice spoke to an audience of several hundred people about golf and faith Wednesday at the Crowne Plaza Resort on Hilton Head Island. The event is sponsored by The Presbyterian Men of the Church, a 32-year-old organization of the island's First Presbyterian and Providence Presbyterian churches.

Among the other subjects Pernice discussed:

- Beating Tiger Woods. While many observers relish the thought of entire tournaments full of golfers cowering in Woods' presence, Pernice said he doesn't fear one of the game's most dominant forces. "I love the competition, the challenge," he said. "Nothing would thrill me more than to come down the stretch and beat Tiger."
- Kenny Perry's misfortune at last week's Masters. Pernice said he was surprised to see Perry lose the major tournament in a playoff after taking the lead. "He really had it pulled together," Pernice said. "I thought he could pull it off."
- Technology's role in golf. There's no reason today's players shouldn't enjoy better equipment than their predecessors, Pernice said. What matters, he said, is

how a player stacks up against his contemporaries. "I've always believed technology's been part of the game," Pernice said. "We all play the same equipment when we're out there playing this week."

- The death of fellow pro Payne Stewart. Both Stewart and Pernice are from Missouri, and Pernice said the plane crash that claimed his childhood friend in 1999 inspired him to redouble his commitment to his faith. "It really opened my eyes," said Pernice, who participates in Bible study sessions while on tour. "I needed to do more."

- His best golf tip. Focus on your better swings and don't linger over the rest. "Forget your bad shots as quickly as possible," he said. "Really reward yourself and enjoy your good ones."

- His best "God tip." Don't try to handle everything in life by yourself. "Ultimately, I just pray to the Lord for trust," he said. "That frees you."



Tim Malchak of the internet ministries "Tim Malchak Ministries led us in a closing song "Fishers of Men" You can find out more about

Tim's mission at <http://www.timmalchak.com/ministry.htm>

The closing Prayer was offered by Reverend Greg Kronz, Rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Before concluding, Mike Brock presented Tom Pernice with an oil painting of the famous 18th hole of Harbour Town Golf Links by renowned local artist Linda Hartough. She has a self-titled Gallery in Harbour Town and her work can be viewed at <http://www.hartough.com.us>

The Presbyterian Men of the Church made a \$1,000 donation to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (<http://www.southcarolinafca.org>) and Yong Life (<http://www.younglife.org>)

MAY – WE RECOGNIZE OUR MOTHERS

This history of Mother's Day is taken from

<http://www.chiff.com>

<http://www.theholidayspot.com>

<http://www.time.com>

Mother's Day, Muttertag, La Festa della Mamma, Mothering Sunday, Fête des Mères, Día de las Madres... it goes by many different names, but however you say it, the expression of love and appreciation is the same.

Motherhood has always been celebrated. In prehistoric tribes the mother Goddess was worshiped as the creator of life. Female goddess figures are found in many archeological digs. In Egypt, Isis was the Queen of Heaven who ruled over all matters concerning mothering. In ancient Greece Rhea was revered as the mother goddess and in ancient Rome it was Hera, the jealous wife of Zeus, and another mother goddess known as Cybele. Most mothering festivals in early history were in the springtime to celebrate the rebirth of the land and the beginning of the most fertile time of the year. These festivities honored the goddess in all women.

The history of Mother's Day is centuries old and the earliest Mother's Day celebrations can be traced back to the spring celebrations of ancient Greece in honor of Rhea, the Mother of the Gods. During the 1600's, the early Christians in England celebrated a day to honor Mary, the mother of Christ. By a religious order the holiday was later expanded in its scope to include all mothers, and named as the Mothering Sunday. Celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Lent (the 40 day period leading up to Easter), "Mothering Sunday" honored the mothers of England.

During this time many of the England's poor worked as servants for the wealthy. As most jobs were located far from their homes, the servants would live at the houses of their employers. On Mothering Sunday, the servants would have the day off and were encouraged to return home and spend the day with their mothers. A special cake, called the mothering cake, was often brought along to provide a festive touch.

As Christianity spread throughout Europe the celebration changed to honor the "Mother Church" - the spiritual power that gave them life and protected them from harm. Over time the church festival blended with the Mothering Sunday celebration. People began honoring their mothers as well as the church.

With the passage of time, the practice of this fantastic tradition ceased slowly. The English colonists settled in America discontinued the tradition of Mothering Sunday because of lack of time.

The modern version of Mother's Day with families bringing flowers and gifts to their moms can be traced back to seventeenth century England. Mothering Sunday was the fourth Sunday in Lent...a special day when all the strict rules about fasting and penance were put aside. Older children, who were away from home learning a trade or working as servants, were allowed to return home for Mothering Sunday. The family gathered for a mid-Lenten feast with Mother as the special guest. Along with a rare visit from her children, mothers were given treats of cakes and wildflower bouquets. While 'Mothering Sunday' is still celebrated, most now know it as Mother's Day.

The history of Mother's Day in the rest of the world is a bit different. In the USA, the early English settlers often disapproved of the more secular holidays and the Mothering Sunday tradition never really took hold. Early attempts to have a day to honor mothers were mixed with woman's suffrage and peace movements and were not very popular.

Julia Ward Howe, who wrote the words to the Battle Hymn of the Republic, suggested the idea of an International Mother's day to celebrate peace and motherhood in 1872. There were many other women who were active with local groups holding annual Mother's Day remembrances, but most were more religious gatherings and not the holiday that we know today.

One of the women, who was working on establishing Mother's Day as a national celebration was the mother of Anna Jarvis. Mrs. Jarvis held an annual gathering, Mother's Friendship Day, to heal the pain

of the Civil War. After she died in 1905, Anna campaigned for the establishment of an official Mother's Day to commemorate her mother.

"Miss Anna Jarvis was as good as her word. She devoted her entire life to the struggle to have Mother's Day declared a national holiday. In the spring of 1908, Anna wrote to the Superintendent of Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia, where her mother had taught Sunday school classes for over 20 years. She requested that a Mother's Day service be held in honor of her mother. Thus, the first official Mother's Day celebration was held at Andrew's Methodist Church on May 10, 1908, with 407 persons in attendance. Anna Jarvis sent 500 white carnations to the church in Grafton. One was to be worn by each son and daughter and two by each mother in attendance. Another service was held in Philadelphia later that afternoon where Anna resided with her brother. Anna had requested that the first official service be held in Grafton, where the Jarvis family had lived so much of their lives and where her mother had served for so long as a teacher and public servant."

Anna Jarvis' campaign is the reason we have a formal holiday. In 1914 President Woodrow Wilson declared that Mother's Day should be celebrated as a national holiday on the second Sunday in May.



Mother's Day Stamp

From the Monday, Mar. 19, 1934 issue of Time Magazine -The Post Office last week announced it would issue a new 3¢ stamp in honor of Mother's Day (May 13). Officials agreed it would be a reproduction of Whistler's Portrait of the Artist's Mother, could

not decide whether to have her clasped hands hold a bouquet of carnations, Mother's Day symbol. The stamp will be issued May 1.

It didn't take very long for Mother's Day to change from a semi-religious occasion of prayers for peace and appreciation of the work and love of mothers around the world to gifts, flowers, candy and dining out extravaganza. Anna Jarvis was actually arrested at a Mother's Day festival while trying to stop women from selling flowers. Jarvis said "I wanted it to be a day of sentiment not profit."

Mother's Day may not have turned out to be the holiday that Julia Ward Howe, Anna Jarvis and countless other women around the world imagined, but it is a celebration of mothers dedicated to honoring the women who give so much to their families without asking for anything in return. Perhaps every day should be Mother's Day, but most families are too busy with everyday business to say thank you for every meal or every good night kiss.

Once every year, the world stops being busy and says thank you. Flowers, cards and gifts are just the outward signs. What mothers love most is the fact that their families really do notice all that they do and for one day every mom is queen for a day...

MAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Deuteronomy 5:16- "Honor your father and your **mother**, as the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and that it may go well with you in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A teacher gave her class of second graders a lesson on the **magnet** and what it does.

The next day in a written test, she included this question: "My full name has six letters. The first one is M. I pick up things. What am I?"

When the test papers were turned in, the teacher was astonished to find that almost 50 percent of the students answered the question with the word **Mother**.

2009 MOC ETHICS SYMPOSIUM

Planning is underway for the 2009, 32nd Annual Ethics Symposium. The Symposium committee has established that the 32nd Symposium will be held at First Presbyterian Church on November 5th-7th.

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 endowments and donations in the past, the MOC has been able to keep the Symposium viable. However, this year we presently are about \$1,000 short. Next year, we will have depleted the funds entirely, thereby having to raise the total amount.

The fundraising committee is pursuing ways to cut costs and find new sources of funding.

Each year, host families invite students from a college to dine with them in their homes on Friday evening. The students report that this is one of the most popular activities the students participate in. There is no substitute for a good home cooked meal. If you would like to host a group of 4 students and their faculty member, please contact Bob Heidrich (843-681-9534 - moclist1@hargray.com) or Dexter Jones (843-705-3552 - Dexeljon@aol.com).

If you are unable to host a family in your home for dinner, we are offering an alternative. On Thursday night, we hold a group dinner and enjoy a presentation from a local prominent business person. You can join with us on that night by sponsoring and dining with a group of 4 students and their faculty member. Again you can contact either Bob or Dexter to sign up.

The single largest expenditure in hosting the Ethics Symposium is the cost of putting the students and their faculty up in a hotel. This year we hope to lower our costs by asking members of the community to offer either their vacant homes, condos or even their spare rooms to the students. The Men of the Church will cover the cleaning costs and will be responsible for any incidental damage. The Ethics Symposium successfully utilized this approach in past years. While more work needs to be done to iron out issues such as transportation logistics; we are soliciting volunteers who may wish to host a family for Thursday and Friday evening. If you may be

interested in supporting the Ethics Symposium in this fashion, please contact Dave Grandt at grandt3550@adelphia.net

Another alternative way of supporting the Ethics Symposium is by sponsoring a student for the 3-day event. Sponsorships are available for \$125. 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.

To see a brief video of what the Ethics Symposium is all about, on the internet please go to <http://presbyterianmoc.org/Symposium.htm>

MOC - COMMUNITY OUTREACH

First Presbyterian Church -

New Voices presents Joseph M. Martin's cantata, "Covenant of Grace" at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

On Sunday, May 17 is Music Sunday at FPC with beautiful music at all services. Immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service will be the all-church picnic. Menu: hot dogs, hamburgers and all the fixins', cost: \$6/adult, \$3/children under 12, \$15/immediate family members.



You are invited to join your fellow fisherman for the **Inaugural Mission Fishing Gamefish Tournament**. This tournament and all its proceeds will benefit Deep Well. Here's what you need to know:

When: Tuesday, May 19, 2009 (Blessing of the fleet at 6:00 a.m. - lines in at 7:00 a.m. - and weigh in from

5:00-6:00 p.m., with awards and banquet following immediately after.)

Where: Off the coast of Carolina with weigh in and catered dinner at the Hilton Head Boat House on Squire Pope Road.

How Much: \$150 with optional Calcutta (This fee covers dinner for 4 team members and 4 raffle tickets. Additional dinner and raffle tickets will be available at the Captain's Meeting.)

Captains meeting and registration is on Monday, May 18, 2009 @ the Hilton Head One Hot Mama's, 5:30—7:00 P.M.

Have questions or need more information? Please contact Pete Barbano, 683-4768, David Grandt, 342-3550 or William Farrar, 422-6319.



Christian Fellowship

Providence's annual Golf Scramble is coming up and we are trying to pin down some numbers. Any early reservations will be a help for our planning. This is a terrific time of fellowship, food, fun, and occasional good golf:).

If you want to play, we encourage you to e-mail Bill Taylor at hmaggibil@roadrunner.com for a tentative reservation. This is a great event to reach out and bring a friend to as well.

When: Saturday May 23 - Tee Time - 8:30 Coffee, Danishes, Range Balls - 8:00

Where: Crescent Pointe Golf Club

Cost: \$60 per man including lunch and prizes

How: Create your own foursome.

Please contact Bill Taylor at 341-2238 or hmaggibil@roadrunner.com with any questions and to reserve your place.



3rd Annual Coastal Golf Classic

Monday, May 18th - Hampton Hall Golf Club

Registration begins at 11:30

Shotgun Start at 12:30

Dinner & Awards Presentation following play

Registration Fee: \$150/golfer

For general tournament information, please contact Player Coordinator, Dan Monroe, at (843) 785-8482



Eric Campbell, Area Director of Young Life is taking a group of Hilton Head high School students to camp this summer. They will be going to the Frontier Ranch in Colorado.

Frontier Ranch is owned and operated by Young Life. We are

located west of Denver and Colorado Springs in Buena Vista, Colorado...the heart of the Rockies. Built on the side of 14,197 foot Mt. Princeton, our spectacular setting includes stunning views, rugged high cliffs, majestic pine trees and a seasonal mountain stream.

Eric told the MOC Council that the cost to send one student to camp is \$850.

If you would like to help fund this excursion, please contact Eric Campbell 843-304-4525 or hiltonheadblufftonyl@yahoo.com.

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 650 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

This is your newsletter. If you would like to suggest a change, please send an email to newsletter@presbyterianmoc.org. Likewise, if you would like to be a contributor, please submit your input to newsletter@presbyterianmoc.org for consideration.

HELP WANTED

The Men of the Church are looking for volunteers. There are a great number of activities that you can be involved in. No special skills are required. All you need is a passion for serving Jesus Christ.

In Matthew 28:19-20 Jesus told his disciples: Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

Becoming and active participant in the Men of the Church is a great way to fulfill Jesus' command to all of us.

As the newsletter editor, I am making a special appeal for volunteers to assist me on the

communications committee. I am looking for men to help with communications coordination with the churches, developing and distributing the newsletter, and maintaining our web presence. It would be a great opportunity to utilize the spiritual gifts God blessed you with. If you are interested in these types of activities please let me know.

Jaime Palatucci - 843-816-1506 or
newsletter@presbyterianmoc.org

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 Church
<http://www.fpchhi.org> First Presbyterian Church
<http://www.lowcountrypres.org> Low Country Presbyterian Church

The following two links were provided by my friend Tom Berrigan. I have checked them out and found them to be terrific. Thanks Tom!

<http://www.biblos.com>

<http://www.gotquestions.org>

Submitted by Wes Taylor!

<http://www.jrsbible.info/bible.htm>

WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

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

Bible Study	8:00am - Wednesday	Providence- Hilton Head	hhipal@gmail.com
Faith Lessons -Video	6:30pm - Monday	Providence - Hilton Head	hhipal@gmail.com
Bible Study - Acts	6:30pm - Monday	Providence - Hilton Head	hhipal@gmail.com
Lunch & Program	12:00-4 th Wednesday	First Presbyterian	Office: 681-3696
Lunch	Wednesday	Church of the Cross - Bluffton	Jason.carnes@htc.hargray.com
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.