



**PRESBYTERIAN MEN OF THE CHURCH**

# **IRON WILL**

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

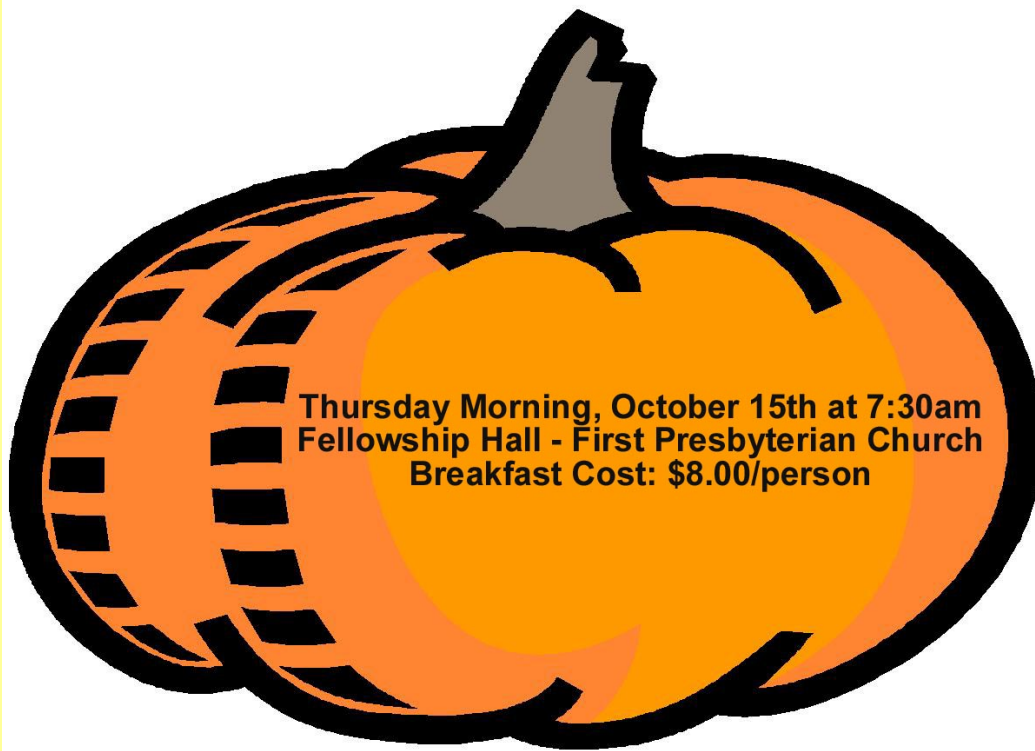
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PRESBYTERIAN MEN OF THE CHURCH (MOC)

PRESENTS

*"Visioneering"*



Thursday Morning, October 15th at 7:30am  
Fellowship Hall - First Presbyterian Church  
Breakfast Cost: \$8.00/person

Please call the First Presbyterian Church office for reservations at 681-3696

## [MOC OCTOBER PROGRAMMING](#)

On Thursday, October 15, 2009, the MOC will gather for breakfast at First Presbyterian Church at 7:30 am.

Periodically it is useful for each of us to identify visions and make adjustments as appropriate.

Incoming MOC President, Stu Rodman will highlight Andy Stanley's Visioneering which identifies God's blueprint for developing and maintaining a vision for each of the roles of our life.

Then we will have a Work Session to start to engineer a God-ordained vision for expanding the Men of the Church Ministry.

## MEN OF THE CHURCH – 2009 – 2010

The Men of the Church is looking forward to another great year. We have many great events and activities planned. We hope to put together a slate of programs that you will all enjoy participating in.

At last spring's Man of the Year Breakfast, a new slate of MOC officers was elected. These officers will serve a one year term.

Along with the MOC Council, this group of men intend on fulfilling the stated purpose of the MOC. The Men of the Church by-laws, state the purpose as:

- 1. To provide a joint effort to lead the Men of the Church into a vital relationship with Jesus Christ.**
- 2. To deepen the spiritual life of men through Christian fellowship which finds its expression in mission, service and ethical conduct in their homes, communities, and vocations.**
- 3. To encourage participation in programs and projects through which men can serve Christ in their congregations, communities, and vocations.**
- 4. To motivate and equip men to meet the mission needs and social challenges in the contemporary world.**
- 5. To provide opportunities for the Presbyterian men in the Churches to engage in joint activities involving fellowship, missions, and establishment of new churches.**

Your officers for 2009-2010 are:

President -	Stu Rodman
1st Vice President -	Len Stubbs
2nd Vice President -	Jaime Palatucci
Treasurer -	Dennis Buckley
Asst. Treasurer -	Dexter Jones
Recorder -	Fred Hoaglin
At Large -	Mike Brock
	Will Marvel
	Bob Taylor
	Bob Wallhaus

## 2009 MOC ETHICS SYMPOSIUM

### 32<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM ETHICAL DECISION MAKING AND MORAL VALUES

From November 5, 2009 thru November 7, 2009 the Men of the Church (MOC) will be hosting the 32nd Annual Ethical Decision Making and Moral Values Symposium. This year, the event will be hosted at Hilton Head Island's First Presbyterian Church.

Each year, four upper-class students are chosen from 20 selected south eastern U.S. regional colleges to come to Hilton Head to attend this highly acclaimed Symposium. The students are accompanied by a faculty member who also actively participates. The objective of this extracurricular program is to help the participants recognize and understand contemporary ethical issues and how to factor these insights into their own decision making. This is done through a series of small discussion groups considering real life case studies involving ethical issues. By working in small groups, it is possible for everyone to optimize their contributions to the discussion.

The small groups are facilitated by highly experienced volunteers, predominantly from Providence and First Presbyterian Churches. The students and faculty participants are typically evenly split between men and women. As such, the Men of the Church have invited some prominent women to act as facilitators. We are pleased to have two highly competent women join our ranks this year.

This year, there are 20 colleges that have accepted the MOC's invitation. They are:

Catawba College	Charleston Southern University	College Of the Ozarks
Columbia College	Davidson	Davis and Elkins College
Eckerd College	Erskine College	Flagler College
Hampden- Sydney College	King College	Mary Baldwin College
Montreat College	Mount Union College	Presbyterian College

Queen's  
University of  
Charlotte  
  
Warren  
Wilson

St. Andrews  
Presbyterian  
College

Wofford College

USC - Beaufort

offer their time, homes, business, and financial resources.

If you are wondering what you can do to benefit this cause, there are many options. You can:

- † Sponsor a student(s) for \$100. Actually any contribution would be appreciated.
- † Volunteer to sponsor a table for the Friday night dinner and keynote speech for \$50.
- † Host a college for dinner on Friday night (4 students and their faculty representative).
- † Provide lodging for students.
- † Volunteer your time assisting the administration of the Symposium.

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 the ethics symposium chairman, Bob Wallhaus at [Wallhaus@hargray.com](mailto:Wallhaus@hargray.com).

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

## [MOC ETHICS SYMPOSIUM – A LOOK BACK](#)

*By Jaime Palatucci*

I have had the good fortune of coming across some historical documents relating to the MOC that have been wisely preserved. One of my hopes is to create an on-line archive of these documents so that they can e read by all.

One of the documents is a hand written 17 page narrative titled "Observations in the Development of the Program for Men in the First Presbyterian Church and Providence Church on Hilton Head Island, SC" written by Powell Fraser on June 17, 1994.

Powell was one of the founding fathers of the Men of the Church. Over the next couple of months, I will transcribe this document and publish elements of it in upcoming newsletters.

The program gets started on Thursday evening with a catered dinner followed by a keynote speaker. This year's speaker is DAVID EKEDAHL. Dave was born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pa. He graduated from Bucknell University in 1956 with a BA in Economics. He was commissioned a US Army Transportation Corps officer and served on active duty and in the Reserves for eight years. Dave began work with GE Financial Services in 1957 in Pittsburgh. He worked at GEFS for 38 years, retiring in 1995 as Chairman, Global Consumer Finance.



During his business career and retirement Dave has been involved in several communities thru Hospice Care, St Luke's Lifeworks, United Way, Preble Street Project, HH Symphony Orchestra, Second Helpings, First Presbyterian Church Day School, Volunteers in Medicine, Habitat for Humanity, Deep Well Project, Katrina Relief and grade school tutoring. He served 18 years as Trustee at Bucknell and is currently Trustee Emeritus. He is an active Elder at First Presbyterian Church on Hilton Head.

The students also get to enjoy the hospitality of host families for dinner on Friday evening. In addition, the students are able to enjoy some of Hilton Head's many recreational opportunities.

All of this would not be possible without many hours of planning and hard work by members of the MOC. Likewise, the program would not be successful without the many volunteers and businesses that

Powell A. Fraser, a native of Brunswick, Georgia, graduated from Presbyterian College, and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Army in 1941. He spent four years in combat in the Pacific, earned the Distinguished Service Cross, and advanced to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. When he retired from the Army, he returned to PC as Director of Development. He later served as President of King College in Bristol, Tennessee. Col. Fraser lived a life based on PC's motto, "Dum Vivimus Servimus". He founded the Military Protestant Men of the Chapel, organized the Presbyterian Men of the Church, was voted the National Outstanding Presbyterian Layman of the Year, and founded the Christian Faith and Economic Values Forum. He was awarded honorary degrees from both Presbyterian and King Colleges. He died on October 23, 2005 at the age of 87.



For this month, I thought I would transcribe a portion of the document that related to the Ethics Symposium. Please be reminded that these are the words written by Powell. While his hand writing is neat, I may from time to time make a mistake. Please forgive and error on my part.

*"The Men of the Church was organized in the spring of 1978 and held their first monthly men's breakfast in the dining hall of the Fraser*

*Camp (now the "back property" on Providence's campus) with over 40 men in attendance. Some of the members of the planning committee were: Tom Wilsom, Ben Racusin, Charles Johansmeyer, Ben Grant, Esra Woodberry, Bill Comella, Powell Fraser, John Walker, Jack Ellor, and Walter Courtenay, interim pastor. The camp was chosen as the meeting place because of the availability of facilities and the plans of the Long Range Planning Committee of the Session at First Church that at some time in the future there would be a need for another Pres. Church on the south end of the Island and the there would be a need for all the Presbyterians on the Island to help develop the program and facilities at the camp.*

*The men who started the men's program in the church in 1978 had the aim of gearing of every man in to the program of the church. This meant that every man should be given opportunities and motivated to become better informed and more active in the church which included: worship and Bible study, evangelism and missions, Christian nurture and personal growth, stewardship and service, and ministry in vocation.*

*One of the first projects of the organized men of the church was the sponsorship of the first symposium for college students on October 19 and 20, 1978. The event was designed to provide an exchange of ideas between the college students and faculty members of the Presbyterian Church related colleges, and island business and professional leaders. The leaders of the men of the church were of the opinion that the professional and business leaders who were active in the local church could be of assistance to the colleges in their mission of Christian higher education by providing the students with their experiences in relating their faith to their vocations.*

The keynote presentation at the first symposium was given by Dr. John Leith, Professor of Church History at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, VA. His subject was "The Christian Faith and Economic Values - a theological perspective". Other presentations were given by Ben Grant, an elder in the church and former Executive Vice President, U.S. News and World Report, and economic professors from the participating colleges. Local men provided leadership for the discussion groups. In attendance were 75 students and faculty from 15 church related colleges.

Not only was the symposium designed to help college students relate their faith to a vocation and to help them bridge the gap between the campus and the business community, but also to help the men of the church gain a deeper understanding of the meaning of their ministry in their vocations. The men were able to share with the students what was right and what was wrong with capitalism and the free market and discuss what could be done in the future to improve the way of life in the nation.

The keynote presentation was published in the Presbyterian Survey, the official magazine of the General Assembly.

The next symposium was staged on April 24-25, 1979 with the subject "The Christian Faith and the Medical Profession", for the students planning to go into a medical college and enter the medical profession. Over forty students and twelve faculty members attended. Under the leadership of Dr. Bill Credle, (retired MD) and Dr. Joe Blach, pathologist at the local hospital, with representatives from the Medical University of S.C. and Medical College of Virginia, Charlottesville. Discussion groups were organized in which questions were discussed regarding faith and the ministry of medical practice. Ten island doctors from the church

participated in the discussion and related to the pre-medical students what they would do differently today if they were starting their medical practice over again."

- - -To be continued - - -

### MAY'S BIBLE VERSE

**John 16:8 (NIV)** - <sup>13</sup>But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth.

### ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

"Johnny," said his teacher, "if coal is selling at \$6 a ton and you pay your dealer \$24 how many tons will he bring you?"

"A little over three tons, ma'am," said Johnny promptly.

"Why, Johnny, that isn't right," said the teacher.

"No, ma'am, I know it ain't," said Johnny, "but they all do it."

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"Relativity applies to physics, not ethics."

— Albert Einstein

### MOC - MAN OF THE YEAR - RECAP

On May 14, 2009 the Men of the Church named Reverend Ben Williams its Man of the Year award. The Island Packet has graciously allowed us to reprint the article they published about this event.

#### Island Packet

By DANIEL BROWNSTEIN  
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Published Thursday, May 14, 2009

When Ben Williams first visited Hilton Head Island soon after a two-lane swing bridge connected it to the rest of the world, it was desolate and poor enough for him to wonder whether he was in a forsaken place.

Fifty years later, the longtime pastor of Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church on Squire Pope Road sees the same island as a modern Jerusalem of sorts, a place that attracts people from all slices of life to see and share God's bounty through our unique, beautiful environs.

Ripples of charity, made possible through development, transformed Hilton Head in those



intervening years. Some became waves, like Volunteers in Medicine, which spread free clinics throughout the country.

Williams, or "The Rev.," as he's known to many, is one of the leaders who made Hilton Head's transformation possible. He was honored Thursday as the 25th annual Man of the Year by the Men of the Church, a group of parishioners from both First Presbyterian and Providence Presbyterian.

**SUGAR RAY LEONARD** - Williams, raised on a 52-acre farm in the middle of North Carolina, was first intimidated by visions of the pulpit he said he began seeing at 8 years old. He viewed the role of the preacher as protecting people from eternal damnation.

"I thought that responsibility was a little too great for a little country boy like me," he said.

He pursued the ministry, nonetheless, graduating near the top of his class from Bethel Bible College in New York City. His calling brought him to Hilton Head with his late wife, native islander Elizabeth Patterson, and their young son in 1973.

He eventually went on to provide spiritual guidance to boxing great Sugar Ray Leonard, who twice trained for fights on Hilton Head.

It was a turbulent period in Leonard's life and he already had retired a couple of times.

Williams baptized the boxer in the salty waters of Skull Creek. In return, Leonard bought robes for the Mount Calvary choir and a Lincoln Continental for "The Rev." Some of Williams' other baptisms were filmed by National Geographic.

"It was such an incredible experience to train at Hilton Head for the (Marvin) Hagler fight," Leonard wrote in a letter for the Man of the Year breakfast.



"What a magical place with perfect weather and great people. I had the special privilege of being baptized by Rev. Ben Williams many, many, many years ago, and I want to personally congratulate Rev. Ben on all his accomplishments over the years."

Those accomplishments include more than 25 years as a pastor, and volunteer work at Hilton Head Island Middle School, where he is a mentor to at-risk boys.

Williams organized the island's first celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, even bringing the fallen civil rights leader's father from Atlanta on one occasion.

**THE BRIDGE** - Mayor Tom Peoples described Williams as "a true unifier of islanders from every background," not unlike the two-lane bridge that brought Hilton Head to the world, if not the other way around.

"He's an awesome man -- a great character," Peoples said.



With a sharp wit, booming voice and genuine curiosity, Williams exudes love and compassion, said Jim Collett, who introduced "The Rev." on Thursday. "When I sat down with Rev. Williams, we spent half the time laughing and the other half the time shaking hands, but in between the

laughing and handshaking, I was struck by Ben's compassion for every race, every creed, native islanders and people who only recently arrived."

Williams accepted the award Thursday and then launched into a singing testimonial, the story of his faith, ending with the hymn "He Touched Me."

"I'm happy today that God sent Ben Williams to a little island that's the most special place on earth," he said. "From the depths of my heart, thank you for this special moment."

### [MISSION OPPORTUNITY - FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES \(FCA\)](#)

The local chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes is really beginning to take its stride. It offers Christians in our community an opportunity to reach youngsters through their involvement in sports.

If you would like to join in this mission, please contact:

**Brett Wetherington**  
Area Director  
843-304-1652  
[bwetherington@fca.org](mailto:bwetherington@fca.org)

If you would like to learn more, I refer you to the South Coastal FCA website at <http://www.southcoastalfca.com/>

I found the attached description on the FCA website. I found it to be a good overview of what the FCA is all about.

## **Beginner's Guide to FCA**

By Nick Dunn -- October 2008

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is the largest Christian campus ministry in the world. It is on more campuses than the next three largest campus ministries combined. In the past year, FCA reached more than 356,250 people on 7,125 campuses and worked with more than 46,000 coaches and athletes at camps across the globe.

The numbers for this 54-year-old ministry are staggering. Still, though, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes is a mystery to many. Even the late Tom Landry, legendary Dallas Cowboys' coach and lifetime trustee of FCA, used to call FCA "America's best-kept secret."

Most people have at least heard of it, but some of them can't really say for sure what FCA is all about. That was me two weeks ago, in my first days as an intern for Sharing the Victory magazine. Assigned to write a "Beginner's Guide to FCA," the task seemed fairly overwhelming. How do you sum up such a huge and influential organization in just one story?

Well, as it turns out, the answer is quite simple. FCA's purpose, at its absolute core, is to combine people's passion for sports with their passion for Christ, and teach them that those two worlds don't have to be separate. FCA wants to give meaning to the athletic nature that all of us are born with and use it for something that stretches beyond sports.

"We, as a ministry, get to reach people in a competitive mindset -- coaches and athletes -- and minister to their hearts," said Dan Britton, FCA's senior vice president of Ministry Programs. "We can speak

your language. And we're going to share something even greater than sports. We're actually going to give sports their proper perspective. We're going to give a foundation to the sports, so now, when you play, it makes sense."

We live in a sports-crazed nation. It doesn't take much research or analysis to figure that out. Sports, in some capacity, are a part of almost everyone's life, whether it's playing, watching, coaching or cheering. Even those who aren't directly involved in athletics probably have a close friend or family member who is. Sports are a part of our culture, neatly woven into our lives almost as much as home cooking or afternoon naps.

They can dominate conversations at home or work. They cause us to get up early and stay up late. But what if there's something more to it all? Competing for yourself and your own glory shouldn't be what it's about.

That's where the Fellowship of Christian Athletes comes in. FCA is the heart and soul in sports. It's working in the sporting community to impact the world for Jesus Christ, and it's doing this by ministering to those on the inside, the coaches and athletes. FCA's "The Four C's" represent the four branches of the ministry – Coaches, Camp, Campus and Community – all of which you can read about in more detail on this Web site.

So, how is FCA ministering to coaches and athletes all over the world? Again, it starts on the inside, with FCA's four Core Values: Integrity, Serving, Teamwork and Excellence. FCA is focused on meeting coaches and athletes where they're at and working to serve them, whether it's through camps, campus meetings called "Huddles," conferences or Bible studies. And by serving them, FCA can teach them to do the same by ministering to their peers or teammates.

Britton agrees: "I believe this whole concept of combining sports and Christ provides a platform for the athletes and coaches now to have an opportunity to do ministry. Great ministry happens not when the FCA paid staff shows up, but it's when coaches reach coaches and athletes reach athletes. And they have an opportunity to now take what they understand about competing for Christ, competing for God's glory, and take it to the next level."

Britton wanted to make one point clear, however. Just because FCA encourages athletes to

compete for Christ's glory doesn't mean Christian athletes should be labeled as "soft." In fact, it's quite the opposite.

The last of the FCA's four core values could be the most telling: Excellence. Throughout Scripture, God requires not what is good, but what is excellent.

"There's a level of excellence, there's a level of intensity, there's a level of enthusiasm, there's a level of commitment that goes beyond what any man has seen," Britton said. "That's what we expect in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Why? Because that's what God expects, so we want to provide a standard."

This level of excellence applies the same to athletes and coaches. Donna Noonan, FCA's coaches' ministry director and a former NCAA coach, said the difference is evident almost immediately when coaches get involved with FCA.

"All of the sudden they look at their players as kids they want to develop rather than just looking at the scoreboard," Noonan said. "That's not to say you quit looking at the scoreboard because we understand you need to win as a coach, but you also know that if it doesn't work, you've got your hope in another place. That's really what we're trying to help our coaches understand."

At FCA, there's a place for everyone to get involved. It is a goal to provide opportunities for every athlete and every coach in every sport. FCA even has national sports ministries, known as FCA Sports, for those who want to have fellowship and community within a particular sport. Right now, there are ministries established for Golf, Lacrosse, Baseball, Health and Fitness, Motocross, Endurance, Skateboarding, Cheer and Surf, with plans to add more sports in the near future. These specialized ministry opportunities fit right in with the core purpose of FCA – to meet coaches and athletes where they're at and minister to their hearts – helping to see the world impacted for Jesus Christ.

Whether Landry was right or not in calling FCA "America's best-kept secret," what's more important is FCA is ministering and making an impact in the hearts of coaches and athletes across the globe. Lives are being changed.

And those who may not know much about FCA are seeing a clear difference in the way coaches and athletes are competing.

## 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/>

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## FEEDBACK

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

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## HELP WANTED

The MOC is 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](mailto: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	<a href="mailto:hhipal@gmail.com">hhipal@gmail.com</a>
Men' Discipleship	6:30pm - Monday	Providence - Hilton Head	<a href="mailto:hhipal@gmail.com">hhipal@gmail.com</a>
Bible Study	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).