



**PRESBYTERIAN MEN OF THE CHURCH**

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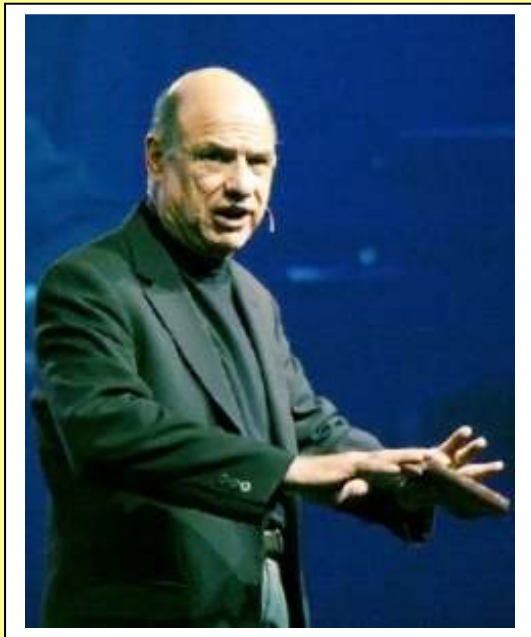
**"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17**

**January, 2010 Issue**

**Editor: Jaime Palatucci**

## **PRESBYTERIAN MEN OF THE CHURCH (MOC)**

**For January, the MOC is joining with Island Chaplain & Friends in support of the 10th Lowcountry Spiritual Emphasis Event.**



**Featuring**

**Tony Campolo**

**"Let Me Tell You a Story"**

**January 17 & 18, 2010**

**7:00 p.m.**

**First Presbyterian Church**

**540 William Hilton Parkway**

**Hilton Head Island, SC 29928**

**For more information, please contact the church office at (843)681-3696**

## **MOC JANUARY PROGRAMMING**

For January, 2010 the MOC is proud to come alongside our brothers in Christ as we welcome Tony Campolo to Hilton Head Island. Opportunities to hear a speaker of

Tony's caliber in our own community is rare. The Island Chaplain and Friends group has been putting on these events over the years.

This will be their 10th event they have put together. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Likewise, the MOC is also supporting the 2010 Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. There are many activities available for you to enjoy. In particular, look for your MOC brothers at the MLK Service Day and Free Breakfast on Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church. Here is an overview of all the scheduled MLK Celebration Activities.

**Thursday, January 14 - 7:30 p.m.**

Community Ecumenical Worship Service

Queen Chapel AME Church, 14 Beach City Road  
**Speaker:** Rev. Ben Williams, pastor of Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church.

**Friday, January 15 - 7:30 p.m.**

"The Court Martial of Jackie Robinson"

This civil rights video will be shown at All Saints Episcopal Church, 3001 Meeting Street.

**Saturday, January 16 - 8:00 a.m.**

MLK Community Service Day

All Saints Episcopal Church  
Free breakfast at 8:00 a.m.

Service projects 9:00 a.m. – noon

*Note: This is a 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Event. It is being held on 1/16 to coordinate with MLK Celebration.*

**Sunday, January 17 at FPC**

Rev. Ben Williams, pastor of Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, will preach at the 11:00 worship service at First Presbyterian Church.

**Monday, January 18 - 10:00 a.m.**

MLK Community March, Program and Community Cook-out at Hilton Head High School.

A program and free community cook-out follow the march.

## MOC – WHO IS TONY CAMPOLO?

Dr. Tony Campolo is Professor Emeritus of Sociology at Eastern University in St. Davids, PA. He previously served for ten years on the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of Eastern College and earned a PhD from Temple University.

Founder and president of the Evangelical Association for the Promotion of Education (EAPE), Dr. Campolo has worked to create, nurture and support programs for "at-risk" children in cities across North America and has helped establish schools and universities in several developing countries. Tony also has traveled the world preaching a gospel that combines personal discipleship and social justice and has seen countless believers, both young and old, dedicate their lives to building the Kingdom of God.

Dr. Campolo is a media commentator on religious, social and political matters and sought-after guest on television and radio across the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand.

He is the author of 36 books, with the latest release in December 2009 of Choose Love Not Power (Regal). His other recent titles are Red Letter Christians, A Citizen's Guide to Faith and Politics (Regal), The God of Intimacy and Action (Jossey-Bass), Letters to a Young Evangelical (Basic Books),

Speaking My Mind, Which Jesus (W Publishing Group), Everybody Wants to Change the World, Practical Ideas for Social Justice (Co-authored by Gordon Aeschliman, Regal), Adventures in Missing the Point (co-authored by Brian McLaren, Zondervan), The Church Enslaved (co-authored by Michael Battle, Fortress Press), Let Me Tell You a Story: Life Lessons From Unexpected Places and Unlikely People (W Publishing Group), The Survival Guide for Christians on Campus (co-authored by Will Willimon, Howard), Revolutions and Renewal (Westminster John Knox Press), and Following Jesus Without Embarrassing God (W Publishing Group).

Dr. Campolo is an ordained minister, has served American Baptist churches in New Jersey and Pennsylvania and is presently recognized as an associate pastor of the Mount Carmel Baptist Church in West Philadelphia.

Dr. Campolo and his wife, Peggy, live in the Philadelphia area and have two grown children and four grandchildren.

### **MOC – JANUARY'S FIRST PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCH**

Each month, Men's Ministries of First Presbyterian Church host's a fellowship luncheon.

For January, the speaker will be Joe Cavallaro from the Kairos Prison Ministry.

Kairos is an international organization which is active in 11 correctional facilities in South Carolina. Joe is a member of the Parish Church of St. Helens which is an Episcopal Church here in Beaufort County. He is involved in work at the Ridgeland State Correctional Institute.

The mission of Kairos Prison Ministry is to bring Christ's love and forgiveness to all incarcerated individuals, their families and those who work with them, and to assist in the transition of becoming a productive citizen.

More information about the Kairos Prison Ministry, can be found at their web-site - <http://www.kairosprisonministry.org/>

The lunch is at 12 Noon on Wednesday, January 27. The cost is \$7 in cash at the door. Please call the church office at (843)681-3696 for reservations.

*From Wikipedia - Kairos (καιρός) is an ancient Greek word meaning the right or opportune moment (the supreme moment). The ancient Greeks had two words for time, chronos and kairos. While the former refers to chronological or sequential time, the latter signifies a time in between, a moment of undetermined period of time in which something special happens. What the special something is depends on who is using the word. While chronos is quantitative, kairos has a qualitative nature.*

## MOC – DECEMBER PROGRAM RECAP

On Thursday morning, December 10, 2009 at First Presbyterian

Church the Men of the Church (MOC) gathered for breakfast and to hear Terry Truax reflect on his life experiences.



As the 30 or so men finished their buffet breakfast, Glenn Neff offered a devotion and prayer on the importance of being joyful during the Advent season. Despite the hardships people are experiencing, it is essential that we focus on our true joy, the birth of our Savior. Thereafter Bob Heidrich and Joe Liedtke led us in praise while singing "Joy to the World".



Walt Schymik introduced the quest speaker. Terry is a recent retiree in our community after spending his working life as a basketball coach.

As Terry took to the podium he recognized all those that served or are serving in our military.

He told of his biggest influences starting with his grandmother. She was undeniably the family leader. She ensured that the entire family not only went to

Church each Sunday, but sat directly behind the younger family members and made sure they paid attention. They lived outside of town, but despite the Pastor being invited for a fried chicken dinner each Sunday, he never came. Lo and behold, after many years of not showing up, he appeared at the door and was welcomed in for dinner. Unfortunately, his grandmother had not prepared enough chicken as the Pastor's visit was not expected. The sage old grandmother privately told the grandchildren to pass on the chicken and fill their plates with potatoes, vegetables, and other side dishes. Everyone ate their fill and the grandmother brought to the table two large apples pies that she freshly baked that morning. The children sat there with their mouths watering when they heard their grandmother proclaim "anyone who did not eat chicken gets no pie".

As a coach, Terry only had two rules for his student athletes. First, go to class. Second, play as hard as you can. He had learned from legendary coaches Dean Smith of UNC and John Wooden of UCLA that when talking to their players, they never mentioned winning. They always focused their players on doing their best. He carried that over to his own coaching philosophy. He also told his players to "expect a miracle". However, the players should not focus on the gift of miracles, but focus on the giver of the gift.



He shared a story about "giving is living and living is giving". While coaching at Dematha High school in Washington, DC he had a player that was on the

perimeter of the social structure of the team. Once while driving the team home, at the last stop this particular player wanted to give him a gift. The player ran into the house and came out with a picture he had painted. Terry did not want to accept such a sentimental gift, but the player insisted. Some time later, another teammate called Terry and told him that his artist teammate's house was on fire. Terry went over only to find the home was a total loss. The player was in great despair because all of his artwork had been destroyed. There was not a single piece of artwork that survived. Terry told the player that this was not the case. Terry gave back to the player the painting that he originally gave him as a gift. If the player had not made the gift, and had Terry not accepted it, there would not be the original painting that could be offered back.

He also talked about the importance of second chances. He had a talented player that transferred in from St. Bonaventure. Unfortunately, the player thought his talent would carry him and he did not work very hard. Terry had to make a decision to cut him or not. Terry had decided that in either case, he was going to allow the player to keep his scholarship so he could continue his education. Because he decided to allow that student-athlete to keep his scholarship, that player was able to continue his education and finish his studies. From there, he went on to start a professional career in New York City.

Terry said that nothing happens by accident. On that fateful day of September 11, that former player rose to the occasion. While working nearby the twin towers, he put his own life on the line to rescue 50 folks trapped in one of the towers.

He then said that he had not become a good coach until 1987 when he focused on 1 Corinthians 13:4-6 and inserted his own name. He concluded by telling a story about a young gal named Sarah who had touched his heart. Fighting back tears, he shared a bit about Sarah's background. She had no arms and only one leg. She had a brother that took her around in a wagon. She went to a special school, but did not like it. She did not want to go to that school. She wanted to go to a regular school. Terry met her while she was in the 6th grade. She never received a grade below an "A". When he asked her how she did it, she

replied "I just do my very best". Terry asked her if she had any hobbies. She said that she liked to swim. He then asked if she had any goals. She answered that she wanted to be able to swim across the width of the pool. She then added that she wanted to do it in the deep end, because "that is where the actions is".



Terry concluded his talk by giving everyone a copy of John Wooden's "Pyramid of Success". This was an image which Coach Wooden had begun to develop in the 1930's and finished after WWII. Coach Wooden wrote "Success is peace of mind which is a direct result of self-satisfaction in knowing you did your best to become the best that you are capable of becoming". He pointed to the two corner stones of the pyramid. The first is Industriousness where there is no substitute for work. Worthwhile results come from hard work and careful planning. The Second corner stone is Enthusiasm. Enthusiasm brushes off upon this with whom you come in contact. You must truly enjoy what you are doing.

## **MEN OF THE CHURCH – 2009 – 2010**

What is the Men of the Church? What do they do?

There are only two requirements to be a member of the Men of the Church. If you are reading this, you are most likely a member. By default, if you are a Christian and a male, you are a member of the Men of the Church. First Presbyterian and Providence Presbyterian are the two anchor churches.

The MOC events and activities are primarily scheduled from September through May.

The MOC Council is prayerfully working to identify new events and activities with a broader appeal. This will include partnering with other church or community events. These events will be in alignment with the stated purpose of the MOC. The Men of the Church by-laws, state our 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.

The MOC Council is made up of your elected officers and any and all MOC members. The next MOC Council meeting is scheduled for **Monday, February 1, 2009** at 8:30 a.m. at Providence Presbyterian Church. We invite you to attend.

Your officers for 2009-2010 are:

President -	Stu Rodman
1st Vice President -	To be named
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	

**MOC – COMING ATTRACTIONS**

At the MOC Council meeting held on January 11<sup>th</sup>, decisions were made about the programming and events to be held for the next couple of months.

We have decided on an experimental basis to have a regularly scheduled breakfast or lunch. These fellowship events will sometimes include speakers and/or special recognitions. The highlights are as follows:

**February, 2010 -**

February 4<sup>th</sup> - **Fellowship Breakfast.** This breakfast will be fellowship only. The big change here will be the time. We are trying a 9:00 a.m. start time. It will be held in fellowship hall at First Presbyterian Church. To make a reservation, please contact the church office at (843)681-3696.

February 11<sup>th</sup> - **Valentines Day Dinner Dance.** Planning is underway for this years dinner dance. This year we are planning on having live music to serenade your sweetheart. We are also exploring different venues. We will alert you as the details become finalized.

Please start making your plans to attend this popular event.

**March, 2010 -**

March 18<sup>th</sup> - **Fellowship Luncheon.** On March 18<sup>th</sup> at noon the Men of the Church will gather at First Presbyterian Church for lunch. We are inviting all those generous people who supported the 2009 Ethics Symposium. We want to recognize them for their contribution and support of the Ethics Decision Making and Moral

Values Annual Symposium. We thank all those who have supported the Symposium over the years. We are confident that we are making a real difference in young people's lives.

#### April, 2010 -

April 13<sup>th</sup> - **Christian Heritage Breakfast.** The Men of the Church is looking forward to hosting the annual Christian Heritage Breakfast. The MOC works hand and (golf) glove with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) to put on this popular event. Each year we expect about 500 people from across the community to come for breakfast. We are pleased to be able to welcome young students from across our community for breakfast and to hear a successful professional athlete express his faith.

The breakfast will be at 7:00 a.m. and will be held at the Crowne Plaza Resort in Shipyard Plantation.

It gives us great pleasure to announce that this year's speaker will be 2 time U.S. Open Champion - **Lee Janzen.**



All together Lee has 8 PGA TOUR Victories - 1992 Northern Telecom Open. 1993 Phoenix Open, U.S. Open Championship, 1994 Buick Classic. 1995 THE PLAYERS Championship, Kemper Open, and Sprint International, 1998 U.S. Open Championship.

In 2009 his best PGA TOUR Finish was when he tied for 4th place at our own Verizon Heritage. He opened with a 6-under 65. The highlight came in the second round with a hole-in-one on the par-3 17th hole with an 8-iron from 176 yards.

For the 2009 season he entered 23 tournaments, and finished in the top 10 twice.

In Appendix A I have reprinted Lee's testimonial that is published on his website. I encourage you to read it.

#### May, 2010 - Man of the Year (MOTY)

### MOC ETHICS SYMPOSIUM

#### **ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM ON ETHICAL DECISION MAKING AND MORAL VALUES**

Each November the Symposium on 'Ethical Decision Making and Moral Values' is held for upper class students and faculty from Southeastern colleges and Universities. Altogether about 100 students and faculty participate in the symposium.,

The symposium's main feature is eight hours of reviewing and discussing actual case studies from business and industry concerning ethical and moral situations. The



discussions are facilitated by experienced leaders from Hilton Head. Students are given the opportunity to experience and compare their

conclusions with decisions made by managers who actually handled the case.

It is not all hard work. One afternoon the participants take part in various recreational activities to give these students a taste of Hilton Head and to recognize their academic excellence.



The Symposium is organized each year by the MOC and funded by gifts from 'The Men of the Church', Hilton Head businesses, and individuals who recognize the importance of introducing our future business leaders to the principals of Christian Morals and Ethics.

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 or to volunteer for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ethics Symposium, please contact Bob Wallhaus at [Wallhaus@hargray.com](mailto:Wallhaus@hargray.com). To see a brief video or learn more about the Ethics Symposium, on the internet please go to the Men of the Church website at <http://presbyterianmoc.org/Symposium.htm>

## JANUARY'S BIBLE VERSE

As we are celebrating the life of Martin Luther King Jr., I am reminded of an excerpt from his famous "I Have a Dream" Speech.

"Let us not wallow in the valley of despair. I say to you today, my friends, that in spite of the difficulties and frustrations of the moment, I still have a **dream**. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American **dream**."

I thought that his was a fine dream indeed. I believe that dream comes from God as was written in:

### Acts 2:17 (NIV) -

In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Our sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will **dream** dreams. "Then, indeed, you could lift up your face without moral defect, and you would be steadfast and not fear".

## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

[A group from Providence will be traveling to Israel in early February. With them in mind, I offer the following joke I found at http://www.annieshomepage.com/octoberbibleverses.html](http://www.annieshomepage.com/octoberbibleverses.html)

A Jewish businessman in Chicago sent his son to Israel for a year to absorb the culture. When the son returned, he said, "Papa, I had a great time in Israel. By the way, I converted to Christianity."

"Oy vey," said the father, "What have I done!"

He took his problem to his best friend. "Ike," he said, "I sent my son to Israel, and he came home a Christian. What can I do?"

"Funny you should ask," said Ike. "I, too, sent my son to Israel, and he also came home a Christian. Perhaps we should go see the Rabbi."

They explained their problem to the Rabbi.

"Funny you should ask," said the rabbi. "I, too sent my son to Israel, and he also came home a Christian. What is happening to our young people?"

They prayed, telling the Lord about their sons.

As they finished their prayer, a voice came from the heavens: "Funny you should ask," said the voice, "I, too, sent my son to Israel..."

## **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](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.

## **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
Christian Men's Luncheon	12:15 - Tuesday	First Presbyterian	Bob Nelson: 682-2514
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).

## Appendix A

### "MY Story"

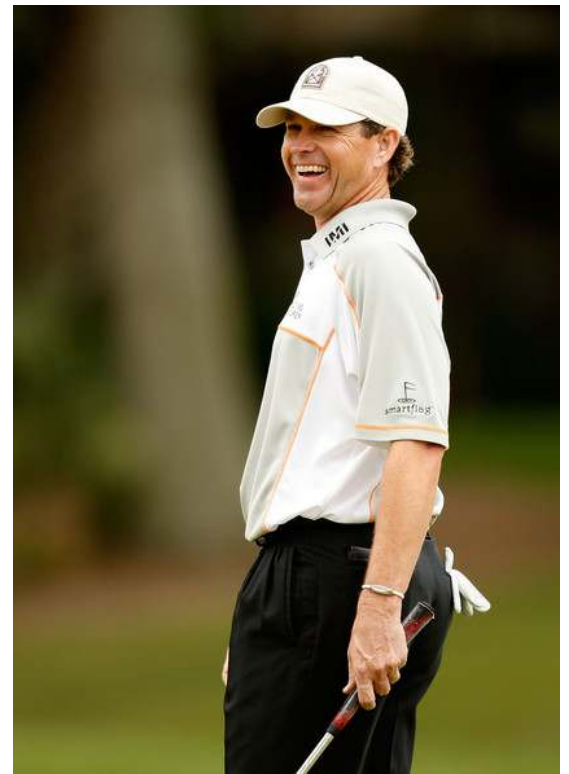


I was born in Austin, Minnesota on August 28th, 1964. I moved to New Jersey in 1967, then to Westminster, Maryland in 1970. It was there that I started playing baseball.

My family and I then moved to Lakeland, Florida in December of 1976. The summer of 1976, I played All Stars in baseball until mid-summer. Then I started playing golf by going to a junior clinic at the country club that my parents had joined. I played with friends quite a bit that summer and tried out for the junior high team the next spring.

One of my brothers was a youth minister at our church and I became involved with the church. I attended church services every Sunday morning and evening for a while. You could also find me at the church during the week from time to time. I also went to the camps that were sponsored by the church. I enjoyed all the time I spent around the church and made a profession of faith in Jesus. Looking back, I realize that I was making a decision based on my head, not on my heart. As I became hooked on golf, I pushed everything else aside. Church and baseball included.

My golf game improved rapidly. I was shooting scores in the 100's at the age of 13, 80's at the age of 14 and under par at the age of 15. At the age of 16, I was really starting to become one of the top juniors in the central part of Florida. Then I was injured in a car accident. The artery in my right arm was severed. Many hours passed before the doctors finally made a move. After 3 1/2 hours of surgery, the doctors successfully grafted a 1 1/2" vein from my right ankle and used it to replace the artery in my right arm. My first thought, as I was lying on the table in the ER was, "am I ever going to play golf again?" I spent a week in the hospital wondering how this could happen to me. I was very fortunate to be alive, much less not lose my arm. I can look back now and understand that God protected me. If I would have died that day, I cannot say that I would have gone to heaven. I had prayed the prayer of acceptance, but my heart had not changed and I had not fully understood how much God sacrificed by sending Jesus to the cross on my behalf as well as all of mankind.



After a number of weeks, I eventually recovered and started practicing golf again. I wasn't the same for quite a while. I missed out on special junior events and by the time my game returned, which was during my senior year, I did not get recruited much. My plan was to attend a junior college for 2 years and then transfer to a major college. Just before college was to start, due to some good showings during the summer, I received a partial scholarship to Florida Southern. College was not easy. All new people, new classes and competition to make the golf team was difficult. I lived at home for the first year and did not do well. Bad grades forced me to attend summer school so I could be eligible again and I had to work hard to earn a spot on the team. My desire to play gave me the motivation to raise my grades and be a better student. I played in every tournament that I could the rest of my college career. I won a few tournaments, including the National Championship in 1986 and I was named 1st Team All-America 1985 & 1986 and I qualified for the U.S. Open on 1985 as an amateur. Once my eligibility was up, I turned pro and started playing in every pro event I could get in. These are called mini-tours. I graduated in the fall and tried PGA qualifying school for the first time. After paying my own expenses for 3 years, I finally made it through qualifying school to earn a card on the PGA Tour. To me, I made it through the hardest part. During my third year, 1992, I won my first event in Tucson, AZ. In 1993, I won in Phoenix and then the life changing U.S. Open that same year.

Up until this point, I had acknowledged God as being the one in charge, but I had it wrong. I read the bible and took what Jesus said as instruction to look for the faults of others. I figured I was good enough and I was glad that I wasn't messed up enough to need Jesus like others. Believe in God and be as good as possible was my motto.

Later in 1993, my son was born. We were thankful for a healthy baby, and we knew God would not give us a challenge we could not handle. We thought we were ready for anything. As my son grew older, I made a conscious effort to be a good example, but the question started coming to me, "How good do I have to be to get to heaven?"



Lee Janzen is one of the people who has stepped in to help guide Aaron Stewart (Payne's son). The two played in the father-son tournament in December 2004.

My wife Beverly gave the answer I could finally accept. Jesus is the way. After 1996, my faith began to grow and I was baptized in May of 1999. Later that year, Payne Stewart left this world to be with our Lord in heaven. These two events lead to significant growth in my life. I was blown away by the impact Payne's change in his life had on many people. Many people wanted to change, but how long would it last. I vowed to live my life to make a difference. **I can thank Jesus for all changes in my life.**