

Derek Maul ~ Author & Speaker

Derek writes regular columns for a number of news outlets, journals, and magazines. His commentary and features have appeared in *Newsweek*, *USA Today*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *Presbyterians Today*, *Guideposts*, *Chicken Soup for the Soul* and many other print and online publications.



Before becoming a full-time writer, Derek taught public school in Florida for eighteen years, including cutting-edge work with autistic children. He holds bachelor's degrees in psychology and education from Stetson University and the University of West Florida.

Derek is active in teaching at his Presbyterian church: adult Sunday school, small-group ministry, and men's Bible study. He enjoys the outdoors, traveling, photography, reading, cooking, playing guitar, and golf.

Derek's most recent book is also his first novel. *Suddenly the Light Was Gone: a novel of WW2* which is now available at Amazon.com.

Also *Pilgrim in Progress: notes from the journey*, was released in 2015. Other titles include: "10 Life-Charged Words: real faith for men" (2012), "Reaching Toward Easter: devotions for Lent", "GET REAL: a spiritual journey for men" (2007); *In My Heart I Carry A Star: stories for Advent*" (new edition, 2015); and "The Unmaking of a Part Time Christian" (2009). See also his author page at *Upper Room Books* or at *Amazon*.

On Saturday, June 9 Derek Maul will be giving the message in the 10AM worship time on "Living Like we Mean It" then leading a seminar at 11AM on how to develop a Men's Ministry.

**Please pre-register & reserve a lunch online by June 5**  
<http://presbycc.org/calendar/packets/>

**Saturday, June 9, you are invited** to come to the West Community Gathering of Presbytery at **Camp Monroe**. A business meeting is at 9AM followed by **Worship at 10AM & Seminars at 11:00AM**. Worship and seminars are open to all who wish to come.

**"It's Not a Fundraiser: Ways to Meet, Invite & Welcome at that annual event"** - How can we rethink our plate sales, ingatherings, yard sales, car washes, or whatever you call your church's fundraiser... What if our focus was to leverage the event for building relationships and extending our welcome. - CRE Jim Smith of Antioch Presbyterian Church

**"Visitors 101: Welcoming guests on Sunday Morning"**  
Let's talk about the ways we can be purposeful and gracious in our words and actions as visitor check out our church. What gentle questions can spark a relaxed conversation? What do we do if we think we know someone but can't place them? This seminar is interactive with some role-playing. - Rev. David Dudley, Pocket Presbyterian

**"The Silent Message: What are Your Buildings & Grounds Communicating"** --In what ways does your physical plant invite people and make entrance easy? In what ways does your building turn people away or present challenges? What makes a church space inviting, warm, welcoming, and comfortable as well as a place of blessing? - Rev. Laura Lupton, Mission Coordinator

**"Leveraging Social Media"** - How is social media expanding the reach of your church? How is Facebook, twitter, Instagram, and the next new thing affecting your church for good or for ill? - Rev. Howard Dudley, First Presbyterian, Dunn

**"Why men's ministry is still important and how to make it work regardless of church size"** - The value and impact of Men's Ministry. Men's Ministry is my passion as I partner with my wife who is the pastor. Men are spiritually hungry, how can we offer fulfilling ministry to them. - Elder Derek Maul, Raleigh

**Assembly of Emergency Clean-Up Buckets**

**Noon Lunch** will be served in Hafer Hall for all who pre-ordered