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

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**MEN OF THE CHURCH BREAKFAST
Thursday, October 11, 2007
@7:45 AM
First Presbyterian Church
Hilton Head Island**

Ed Pulkinen, our October breakfast speaker, is the Area Director of the Coastal Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). Since 1954, FCA has been challenging coaches and athletes on the professional, college, high school, middle school, and youth levels to use the powerful medium of athletics to impact the world for Jesus Christ. FCA is the largest Christian sports organization in the United States. By focusing on serving local communities like Hilton Head Island, FCA equips, empowers, and encourages people to make a difference for Christ. Based out of Savannah, Ed has responsibility for the Georgia and South Carolina Coastal Area of FCA.

A Charleston native, Ed is a USC graduate. His father, Carl Pulkinen, is a Clemson Hall of Fame member. Ed is an avid ultimate Frisbee participant and a three year captain of the USC Ultimate Frisbee Team! He was a 1995 member of Team USA at the World Flying Disc Federation Championships (Bronze Medalist) and a member of the 1999 National Runner-up Ultimate Players Association Championships. Ask him about these awards at breakfast. Ed co-designed the Tom Triplett Disc Golf Course and is a director of the High Tide Ultimate Frisbee Tournament.

Ed is a founding member of the Savannah Men of Integrity. He and his wife have been married for 12 years and are parents of three children. His presentation is entitled "What's In Your Hand?" Come join us for another inspiring talk and delicious breakfast.

Contact: Blaine Lotz, MOC Newsletter Editor, for questions about this announcement
(843) 363-5204.

Cost of breakfast is \$8, payable at the door.

For reservations, call: Nancy Putnam, at First Presbyterian (843) 681-3696



Photo taken at last Spring's Christian Heritage Breakfast at the Crowne Plaza Hotel --- left to right: Aaron Baddeley, Jim Esary, Ed Pulkinen, and Stu Rodman.

Aaron Baddeley, a PGA Tour Pro, was the 2006 Verizon Heritage Champion and our 2007 Christian Heritage Breakfast guest speaker. His Christian testimony was a highlight of our Breakfast. Jim Esary is the National Director of the Fellowship of Christian Athlete's (FCA) Golf Ministry. Ed Pulkinen, is FCA's Coastal Area Director and our MOC Breakfast guest speaker on October 11th at 7:45 AM at First Presbyterian Church. (See the article in this newsletter.) Stu Rodman is Chairman of the Coastal Area FCA Board and a member of the Beaufort County Council.



Eric Campbell pictured at left following his presentation at our Men of the Church breakfast on Young Life back on September 13th.

SAVE THE DATES --- CALENDAR OF EVENTS

You won't want to miss a single program that Mike Brock has put together for the Fall.

-November 1-3, 2007 – 30th Annual MOC-sponsored Ethics Symposium at First Presbyterian Church. Details appeared in the [September Newsletter](#) and final information will appear in the November issue of IRON WILL.

November 8, 2007 MOC Breakfast – Dr. Ward Scovel, Chaplain of Hospice Care of the Low-country, and Jenny Brasington, Hospice's Director of Patient Services. Note date change from September newsletter.

December 13, 2007 MOC Breakfast – Lee Ozley, Personal and Interpersonal Ethics Consultant. Note date change from September newsletter.

Review of "Body Life," by Ray Stedman.

We have asked our MOC members to submit reviews of books they have read which they have enjoyed and wish to share with fellow MOC members. From time to time we will publish these reviews. Following is a submission from Walt Schymik.

While in Memphis a few months ago visiting my family, I attended a large evangelical church with a good Christian bookstore. The pastor's recommended reading list had a revised edition of "Body Life" by Ray Stedman, a former Peninsula Bible Church pastor who died in 1992. He started this church much like Rick Warren started Saddleback several decades later. I purchased the last copy left thinking it must be good given the recommendation and only copy remaining.

As Billy Graham wrote in the foreword, "Ray uses the leverage of the WORD itself to bring us back to the church's real meaning and mission." In the revised edition which has been updated to be more applicable to the world today, the book emphasizes that: "... we must learn again to practice deep koinonia-fellowship, carrying one another's burdens, sharing one another's hurts, confessing to one another, rejoicing with one another, encouraging one another, celebrating the diversity of our gifts while maintaining the unity of the Spirit and rediscovering the amazing energy and empowerment that God gives to His people when they live in close, loving, caring community with Him and one another".

Here are a few excerpts from Chapter 2: The Church's First Priority"

- * Christ came to transform society-but he didn't come to do it through political action.
- * His plan was to change people in society by giving them a new heart, a new spirit, a new direction, a new orientation, a new birth, a resurrection life and the death of self and selfishness.
- * The church should not become just another worldly social or political organization.

*** The church calls us to live as a koinonia-community to spread the radical, revolutionary, life-transforming good news throughout society.**

*** The church must invade commercial and industrial life, education and learning, the arts and family life, government and social institutions with its unequalled message of love and hope in a fearful, hostile, sorrowing and despairing world.**

*** The church's calling is to reveal God's holiness and glory, to love one another and to demonstrate Christlike love to the world.**

I guarantee that if you start this book you will finish it because it is written so well and makes such wonderful use of the Word. I think it will help you think about the priorities in your church and your life following Christ in a somewhat different but complementary way than Rick Warren's, "The Purpose Driven Church" and "The Purpose Driven Life".

After I read this revised classic, I ordered three more copies to loan and give to my friends and family. I have had a very positive response from those who have read it. I consider it to be the best Christian book on the church and discipleship that I have read in the last few years.

Walt Schymik, 09-25-07

The Presbyterian Men of the Church (MOC) has a website on the internet with current information about your organization. Visit the homepage of the MOC Website at:

<http://www.presbyterianmoc.org>

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