



PRESBYTERIAN MEN OF THE CHURCH
FIRST, PROVIDENCE AND LOWCOUNTRY CHURCHES

IRON WILL

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

May, 2008

**MEN OF THE CHURCH
BREAKFAST
Thursday, May 8, 2008
@ 7:45am
Man of the Year Award
First Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall
Hilton Head Island**

The purpose of the Man of the Year Award is to recognize a Christian layman for the selfless service to others. In a symbolic way, this award also emphasizes the need for all laymen to provide their unique and valuable services to their fellow man.

The Men of the Church recognizes that today there are many laymen actively engaged in carrying out the mission of the Church. Through the presentation of the Man of the Year Award to one individual, the organization 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. An impressive Band of Brothers has been heretofore recognized by the Presbyterian Men of the Church.

This year we proudly add Jim Collett, Hilton Head Island resident since 2000, with a lifetime of servant leadership. Jim is an active member of First Presbyterian Church. He is a trained Stephen Minister and a Stephen Leader. Jim has served as a Deacon as well as Vice Moderator and Moderator of the Diaconate. He currently serves on Session as an Elder and Chair of the Planning and Research Committee. Jim has organized and led three Annual Church Officer Retreats since 2006. He has been a facilitator for the Ethics Symposium since 2004 and he and his wife, Marcia, teach Sunday School. Jim also participates in Small Groups, Men's Fellowship Lunch and Men's Bible Study.

He was appointed to serve on the Town of Hilton Head Island's Board of Zoning Appeals and has served as Chair each year since 2002. Jim is a member of the Greater Island Council, Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island, and Hilton Head Island Council of Navy League and does volunteer instruction at Community College of the Low Country. He is also very involved with the Hilton Head Plantation Board of Directors, the World Affairs Council and a member of the Bear Creek Golf Club. Congratulations 2008 Man of the Year, Jim Collett. "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

**Mark your calendar and bring a guest. Our \$8 breakfasts are open to men, women and young adults.
Call 681-3696 for reservations.**

Stu Rodman: My Journey, Your Journey and Our Journey

Stu Rodman is our guest speaker for the May 8th Man of the Year Program. He is also a candidate for At Large member to the Men of the Church Council for next term beginning June 1, 2008. Stu has served as an Elder, a Deacon and on three Pastor Nominating Committees.

Stu's career has included positions of increasing responsibility in manufacturing, finance and general management with Ford Motor, Fruehauf and United Technologies. Later he was a founder and principal in an investment company specializing in turning around manufacturing companies. Stu is an Eagle Scout and served as a Lieutenant in the US Army. He received a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering from Cornell and his MBA from Harvard. He currently splits his time between private interests, public service and several Christian ministries.

Current ministry leadership includes serving as Chairman of Christ Central, an international ministry to the homeless and inner city based in Columbia, and as Chairman of the Silver Ring Thing, an international high tech sexual abstinence ministry based in Pittsburgh. Stu serves as State Chairman of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes as well as serving on the National Board of Advisors and as Chair of the local board. Stu serves as Vice-Chairman of Palmetto Family Council, the South Carolina affiliate of Focus on the Family.

Stu currently serves on the Beaufort County Council having previously served on the Beaufort County Board of Education. He is running for the State House to Representatives for the District representing Hilton Head Island in the June 10th Republican Primary, which will decide the election as no Democrat is running in the November General Election

Stu and Nina have been married for 41 years; have two grown children and four grandchildren. Nina is Minister of Music at St. Luke's Episcopal Church and Competition Director of the Hilton Head International Piano Competition presented by the Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra. They make their home in Sea Pines; have been full time residents for ten years and property owners for twenty.



Stewart (Stu) Rodman

**Presbyterian Man of the Year
Previous Recipients
2007 Chuck Duvall**

2006	Bob Sulek	1995	Jack McConnell
2005	Fred Hoaglin	1994	Robert Little
2004	David Lauderdale	1993	Walter Graver
2003	Tom Gaffney	1992	Orion Hack
2002	Philip Martino	1991	Norman Racusin
2001	John Scott	1990	Vance Fowler
2000	Glen Scharfenberg	1989	Angus Cotton
1999	Wade Cloyd	1988	Joseph Fraser
1998	Donald Havlish	1987	Powell Fraser
1997	Charles Perry	1986	Robert Killingsworth
1996	Walter Schymic	1985	Ben Racusin



**Brooke Pernice surrounded by her parents,
Sydney and Tom Pernice, and talking to Jim Nance
at the 2008 Christian Heritage Breakfast**

Hindsight is 20/20...Seeing God is Perfect Vision

by Mike Brock

Looking back, it's easy to see why this year's Christian Heritage Breakfast was clearly such a success. We filled the Crowne Plaza Resort to capacity with over 730 reserved seats; our largest crowd ever. Fred Funk was a fantastic speaker with a clever sense of humor, a strong faith and deep love of God. He's a regular guy with a special ability to put his audience at ease, be it on the golf course or in a conference center ballroom. Even if you don't like golf, you like Fred Funk.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes had a very strong presence in the room. After all, the driving force behind the Christian Heritage Breakfast is to support the FCA and their programs of helping coaches and players of all ages deepen their faith in Jesus Christ. We had Jim Esary, Director of Golf Ministries. We had Larry Moody, PGA Chaplain. We had Hal Seward, FCA Senior Director of Golf Ministries. We had Stu Rodman, Chair of the Hilton Head Island/Lowcountry FCA Board of Directors. We had Brett Weatherington, Local FCA Director of Ministry. And we had two full FCA tables of local supporters.

We even had Jim Nance of CBS Sports as part of our record crowd. If you've ever watched The Masters, you know the warmth of his "Hello Friends" greeting. And also, thanks to our generous sponsors, we had ten full tables of high school and college athletes and coaches. John Scott started something special 12 years ago that has grown into an annual event and, looking back, it's clear to see why.

Hindsight may be 20/20 but we learned eyesight is not necessary to see God. For those that have attended one of the previous Christian Heritage Breakfasts, you've been inspired by the testimonies of our previous PGA guest speakers. For those lucky enough to be there this year, you also heard the voice of 13 year old Brooke Pernice, daughter of PGA golfer Tom Pernice, Jr., in attendance with his wife Sydney. Although blinded by a genetic disease called Leber's Amorosis, Brooke clearly sees God and hears God speak through her music. She has the voice of an angel and she stunned the crowd performing three songs she herself wrote! Brooke sees the world differently, through song, from the inside. She touched a spot deep inside each and every one of the over 700 people in the room, not only with her music and lyrics, but with her testimony during our breakfast. She also performed Sunday morning at the Verizon Heritage Sunrise Service on the 18th Green of Harbour Town Golf Links then again in front of the 11 O'clock Worship Service at Providence Presbyterian Church with her accompanist, Peter Lehr.

Having missed the cut, her father, Tom Pernice, was at her side all morning long Sunday. Her country/Christian CD, "Help From Above", is available online at Brooke's Web site: www.brookepernice.com. See Brooke's picture on the previous page.

Hindsight may be 20/20 but clearly, little Brooke Pernice showed everyone that neither hindsight nor eyesight is necessary to enable any of us to see God.

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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Terms run from June 1, 2007 to May 31, 2008

On May 8, 2008 the Nominating Committee will present this slate of Officers and At-Large Members to the Board of Directors of the Men of the Church (MOC) for the term June 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009:

President: Mike Brock
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Stu Rodman
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Bob Wallhaus

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