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**Around the State.....**

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**1 Million Dollar Gift!**

**Crossings Community Church** in Lake Mary received an unimaginable blessing on Sunday, May 20th when a family in the church gave a 1 million dollar gift toward the construction of the new Worship Center. Two years ago, the church kicked off their "Journey of Faith" campaign with members committing to give over one million dollars over a three year period toward a new building. That original amount included a special \$250,000 gift from professional golfer Jim Thorpe, a member of the Crossings. Over the first two years of the campaign, nearly \$700,000 of the one million committed has been received. May 20th was the second anniversary of the campaign. The church spent three weeks emphasizing the "Journey" to build excitement among those who had committed to give, as well as to enlist new families at Crossings to support the campaign in its third and final year. The church also asked members to bring a significant offering on that day toward their commitment. The Journey of Faith cash offering received that day was over \$121,000.00. New one year commitments received the same day for the final year of the campaign (including the one million dollar gift) was \$1,031,643.00.

For the past two years, the church has been extensively involved in the design and civil engineering phase preparing for construction. That work is now complete, a builder has been selected and the church is planning to begin construction this summer on a new 15,000 sq ft Worship Center. The building will include a 500 seat worship and multi-purpose room and will connect to the existing building. It will also include a new office complex, nursery rooms, rest rooms and a large concourse for fellowship and ministry display areas. Pastor Keith Wilkins reports that church is very excited about their plan to expand and they are praising God for His abundant provisions and blessings. They are confident their new Worship Center will greatly enhance their ability to carry out their mission "Guiding everyone they meet to live out their potential in Christ."

**Intercessory Prayer Time**

A group of us gather weekly on Thursdays@ the FLCOG Ministries Resource Center for a time of prayer for our pastors and churches. If you are interested in joining us for this time, we will begin @ 8AM and go until 9AM. If you have specific prayer requests for your church or pastor, please email those to [prayer@flcog.org](mailto:prayer@flcog.org).

\*\*\*\*My apologies for this week's edition being a little late....I am currently in Washington DC and needed to find a better WIFI connection in order to send it. Bill\*\*\*\*

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## Hit the Bullseye!

The "Hit the Bullseye" conference was a valuable experience for the pastors and lay staff who attended from Coral Springs Community Church. It re-inforced and expanded on the principles that had been shared by the state consultation committee after their visit and assessment of our church. Visiting two very different churches in very different circumstances who had used these principles in successful ministries also helped to see how these principles work in very practical ways. Being able to interact and ask questions of these two pastors and other pastors

leading seminars and panels during the conference was also very helpful and insightful.

It was inspiring to see how these churches had greatly impacted their communities for Christ, yet did it in very different ways, despite their difficult situations, and leaving no excuse for not growing other than just ignoring God's call to reach the lost. We came away with a renewed vision and purpose that God wants and expects his church to have an outward focus, and He is not pleased with our feeble excuses as to why we can't grow where we are. We realized that no excuse is acceptable and they are just that... excuses.

Having our lay staff there to hear all of this was invaluable as well. After hearing how these pastors endured much pain at the hands of their own church members in this process of moving to an outward focus inspired them to say, "We've got your back, Pastor. We won't let that happen to you. You just let us know if anyone starts anything like that." That was worth the cost of the plane ticket in itself. They now see the vision more clearly, as do we as a pastoral staff, and I believe it will be much easier to make the necessary moves to become even more outward focused. This conference really "Hit the Bullseye" with us. I want to thank the state office for informing us about the conference and for being willing to pay our conference fee to allow all of us to attend. Thank you.

## Hispanic Ministries

The calendar of our seminars is as follows:

How to develop the Financial Potential:  
07/28/2007

Evangelism for Today 08/25/2007 and  
09/29/2007

We ask you for your prayers and your support for these conferences which are being of great impact to our Hispanic communities in Florida and outside of our state.

Any questions, contact [alejandro@flcog.org](mailto:alejandro@flcog.org) .



## 2007 Pastor's Wives Retreat - August 10-12, 2007, Orlando.

All Church of God pastor's wives in the state are invited and encouraged to attend A weekend especially for them. This year we will have a CHOCOLATE BOUTIQUE - WHERE WOMEN TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD. The retreat will take place at Wordspring Discovery Center (Wycliffe Bible Translators facility) in southeast Orlando. Opening session begins on Friday, August 10th at 6:30 pm and we'll be pack up and head for home on Sunday, August 12th around noon. A printable registration form can be accessed at [www.flcog.org](http://www.flcog.org). Please contact Cindy Talley at [ctalley77@earthlink.net](mailto:ctalley77@earthlink.net) for more information.

## Willow Creek Association Arts Conference June 13-15, 2007

Willow Creek Community Church, South Barrington, IL See [www.willowcreek.com](http://www.willowcreek.com) for a full description of over 120 brand new breakout options for multiple level, skill based training in music, worship, dance, drama, teaching, tech arts: audio, lighting, graphics, video/editing, stage design and more.

### **Audio/Visual Presentation Solutions**

You are invited to attend (or send someone!) a **COMPLEMENTARY WORKSHOP** (that means free), hosted by Jordan Kanter of CCS Presentation Systems on June 28, 2007 at Holy Trinity Convention Center in Maitland, Florida from 10a-2p. More info can be found at [ccshouseworship.com](http://ccshouseworship.com). RSVP with Stephanie at [stephanie@flcog.org](mailto:stephanie@flcog.org) and we'll get a group going!



### **MAXIMUM Impact Dates to Remember**

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Oct 5 12:00-5:00 Dr.  
Gary McIntosh - Topic  
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