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Around the State.....

New Church Vision for First Church of God in Orlando

First Church of God, Orlando, had been plateaued or declining for over a decade. The leadership was frustrated and uncertain what to do. The church did a consultation with the Florida Ministries Coaching Team in February 2007. One month later they

committed to a three year covenant with us in order to become an outward focused church that was transforming the spiritual landscape of their community. Pastor Howard Harrison was brought in as the transition pastor and, as a covenant pastor, is being coached in developing a healthy, growing church. The following is an update on their story from the Governing Board Chairman, Jim Matthews.

"First Church of God in Orlando has been changing. You might not want change, you might be relishing it, or just be one of the people that knows change is going to happen and 'go with the flow'. It really doesn't matter which category you fit in because resistance to change is a dead-end street. 'Resistance is futile,' as the Borg from Star Trek put it.

We have changed in major ways. We have a new vision. I am not saying we haven't had a vision before, but now we have an ACTIVE vision. Over 40 new people have started attending the church during the past 6 months and are now saved. I see members that are active in the church excited about what is happening. Several years ago we opened our doors to a group of Spanish speaking believers to start a church. Today we are one church that is growing and thriving together.

I thank the pastors, church leaders, and workers that brought First Church to where it was 6 months ago. There are over 80 years of labor and God's grace and blessing with us. But I want to thank God for where the church is now and where it will be in the next few months and years. Pastor Howard Harrison has helped us open our eyes and to see things that aren't as if they were."

Send us your news! We want to share the joy with others...send your article and pictures (jpg format please) to rebecca@flcoq.org . Articles may be subject to editing.

John Kaiser Seminar is February 23, 10:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Florida Church of God Ministries is sponsoring a day with John Kaiser, author of "Winning on Purpose".

This seminar is designed for church staffs, church boards and other church leaders. John has served as a church planter, church consultant and coach, and he has helped churches become more outward focused. He also has enabled churches to implement a governance model of leadership.

The only cost is \$10 for lunch. The seminar will be held at:
Solid Rock Church of God

1904 N. Michigan Avenue
Kissimmee, FL 34744

Please register by contacting Barbara at barbara@flcog.org or (407) 737-7633.

Happenings at Bible Fellowship Clearwater

Bible Fellowship Clearwater will be holding revival from February 7-10 (7:00 p.m. evenings and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday morning) with Jerry and Jewel Lusher of the Truckstop Ministries Group. The group sings, plays the guitar and preaches. Pray for this event and join in the services.

February 24th Bible Fellowship Clearwater will host a group from Warner Southern Collegiate Chorale for Worship Celebration at 11:00 a.m. They would love to have anyone join them for this special concert. A Basket Dinner will follow in the fellowship hall. Call 727-408-0768 or e-mail revlegg@yahoo.com for directions to Bible Fellowship Clearwater. And again, be praying for them in these ministries.

Maximum Impact Pastors To Meet With John Kaiser

Maximum Impact pastors will be meeting with John Kaiser for a **special workshop on February 22 from noon (including lunch) to 4:00 at the Ministry Resource Center.** John will be talking about governance from the standpoint of helping the pastor implement it in the local church. All Maximum Impact pastors need to be present. Please register by emailing barbara@flcog.org.

Florida Youth Leadership Institute Cancelled

Florida Youth Leadership Institute (FYLI) has been cancelled for February. Plans are being made for an alternative event. Any questions, please contact Dr. Michael Sanders at Warner Southern College.

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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 @ 9AM and go until 10AM. If you have specific prayer requests for your church or pastor, please email those to prayer@flcog.org.

Join us this week wherever you are as we pray for the following "churches of the week":

**Faith Chapel Church of God- Jacksonville
Greater Jacksonville Church of God- Jacksonville
Mandarin First Church of God- Jacksonville**

Calendar of Events

Check out the FLCOG website at www.flcog.org for upcoming events....

Have a wonderful God-filled week!

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