

HighPoint Church Celebrates New Facility



HighPoint Church in Lake Wales, Florida realized a five year dream this past September 14 when they held the first worship service in their new multi-purpose building. The growth of the church over the last decade had maximized the facility, and building was about the only way to continue to reach people for Christ. The project included a complete overhaul and remodel of the current building to create a large foyer; new restrooms; and exciting new youth and children's ministry areas. Along with this HPC contracted to build a new 11,000 sq. ft. multi-purpose worship center that connected to the old building.

The new building was the most unique part of the project because it is a Sprung Building. Sprung structures have been utilized by large congregations across the USA like Saddleback Community Church and New Life Church in Colorado. Sprung buildings are a stretched membrane over metal frame. They have a dome appearance to them and are very unique. However, they are surprisingly sturdy, the construction time and expense as compared to conventional construction are both incredible low, and the maintenance expenses are also pennies on the dollar compared to conventional. HPC was able to build their building at 60% the cost of conventional and with the savings was able to install a state of the art sound and light system, as well as do the complete remodel of the old building. The multi-purpose worship center also serves as a gymnasium, and HPC is already hosting basketball and volleyball leagues.

As the building went up, so did curiosity in the community of Lake Wales. The new building on Burns Ave. was the talk of the town. HPC held its first service on September 14, 2008 and had 949 people in attendance - the highest one day attendance in their history. The next week attendance was 637 - the average prior to the opening was 500. The church had made it clear that they wanted the community of Lake Wales to see the new building as a blessing and that seems to have taken place. HPC has already agreed to host a community

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Intercessory Prayer Time

A group of us gather weekly on Fridays @ the FLCOG Ministries Resource Center for a time of prayer for our pastors and churches. If you are interested in joining us for

children's choir that will perform for over 1400 people in two shows, a Karate tournament, a benefit dinner for the local hospital, and a graduation dinner for the Lake Wales Literacy Council. HPC is working with the local middle school to host basketball practices and games as well.

If anyone is interested in learning more about the construction and receiving recommendations about it they are free to contact Pastor Jack Hilligoss at HPC.



Church Metrics is a **new FREE tool** from LifeChurchTV.com. It's a web app to help churches track attendance, giving, salvations, and baptisms. [Click here](#) to watch a demo video and sign up to be in the loop with future updates.

Youth Convention Deadline Changes

Because this is the first year that we are moving State Youth Convention off of Thanksgiving Weekend to an earlier date - Oct. 31 - Nov. 2, we are extending the registration deadlines and eliminating registration late fees for this year in order to give youth groups and teens every opportunity to get registered, etc. for SYC '08. I don't want anyone to miss this awesome convention that is developing because of early registration deadlines!! This gives each group almost two weeks from today to identify their group participants (10 days past the original deadline) and over two extra weeks to pull all the funds together. Please pay close attention to the deadline schedule below so that the appropriate forms get to us on time!!!!

The new deadlines: -by October 10 - a) A convention registration form and a housing form for your group must be faxed (561-575-4091) or scanned and emailed to Tiffini Brown - tiffinib@gmail.com** b) A deposit check (\$75.00 per participant) must be mailed and postmarked by Oct. 10, with any other convention forms (FSLI, 3-on-3 bball, New Way, SYC Ambassador recommendations) -by October 31 - a) The balance (\$60.00) due at convention registration table, Oct. 31 upon arrival. b) There will be no late fees for this year's convention if balances are paid on Oct. 31; after convention there is a \$15.00 per person late fee.

**I must have registration forms and the housing list by Oct. 10, because I have a block of rooms reserved with our convention hotel at a rate that is half the normal rate for the time. I must know who will be needing rooms by this date, because the hotel will release our rooms (that are not reserved) by then to the public at twice the cost. I will have to pass this increase on to those who don't identify their participation with us by then.

I need your help: Please help me get this info. out to other youth ministry leaders in the state - forward this email to your colleagues. I greatly appreciate your help.

This information will also be going up on our website (www.floridayouth.net), our state youth ministry facebook group page

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":

Hispanic Church of God - Fort Meade

Caring Ministries Fellowship - Fort Myers

Church in the Palms - Greenacres

and our state ministry website.

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OCTOBER 16



ANNUAL STATE MEETING - ORLANDO,
FLORIDA

SPEAKER: Jim Griffith; Denver, Colorado
Author, Consultant, Congregational/Pastor
Coach

Subject for our meeting:
"Common Mistakes that Pastor's Make and
How to Avoid Them!"

For additional information, check the website: GriffithCoaching.com

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