

# Florida Church of God Ministries, Inc.

## Constant Comment Newsletter

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### Running to Win *Mentoring Makes the Difference*

by Dr. Gregory Wiens

My first real coaching moment stands out in my memory as if it happened yesterday. The Athletic Director of the school district had called me. I was running in the first heat and after the run he briskly rushed over to me. I did rather well and expected him to congratulate me. Where did I learn to run? Then, without letting me say a word, he replied "A rubber chicken factory!" My coach said my head was flailing and I was trying to come off. Right then and there he taught me how to correct my form. He had me run up and down the track.

Until that point, "coaching," meant telling me how far and fast I had to run in practice or maybe laying out some strategy to win a race. He was really watching me and trying to help my performance. He was trying to help me succeed at what I was doing. He didn't hold anything back. I would not be running today if he had not been so brutally honest with me.

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### *Message from Church of God Ministries Anderson, IN*

*Help! I'm a Youth Leader!* is now available online as a FREE download.  
*Help! I'm a Youth Leader!* is a resource book for those who minister to teens.

*Help! I'm a Youth Leader!* is designed to help youth leaders by providing a hands-on, experienced-oriented manual based on more than 20 years of ministry experience. It is divided into the following sections:

*First Things First: You and the importance of your leadership*

*Our Adult Team of Leaders: How do I get them and what do I look for?*

*Our Student Team: Developing a team of student leaders*

*Our Vision and Purpose: Knowing where you are going*

*Our Students: How do I get them and how do I help them become Christ-centered leaders?*

*Logistics: Raising funds, getting church support, permission forms, budgets, and other helpful things to know*

*Resources: Where do I find them? How do I stay current?*

Forms are included as well, so they don't have to be recreated. This gives your leaders more time to spend with our students and less time with paperwork. Originally designed for the youth leader-often volunteer and bivocational-in churches unhelpful to main youth leaders in churches of all sizes.

Please go to [www.chog.org](http://www.chog.org) for more information.

**Church of God Ministries: Always Committed to raising up a new generation of Christ-centered leaders.**

Registration for The Exponential Conference is \$159 and one of the best investments you can make in your ministry. Don't miss out in joining over 3,000 other leaders and over 75 national speakers in 15 pre-conference sessions, 7 main tracks and 5 main sessions. As an added benefit of our partnership with Exponential, Florida Church of God attendees get 10% off the already low price. Simply use discount code **19flcog** in the main conference discount code box at the bottom of the registration page.

For more information, please click on the image above.

## Florida Student Leadership Institute (FSLI)

Florida Student Leadership Institute (FSLI) scheduled for February 27-28, 2009 has been canceled. If you have any questions or concerns, please email [michael.sanders@warner.edu](mailto:michael.sanders@warner.edu)

## Intercessory Prayer

Our group gathers weekly on **Mondays** @ the FLCOG Ministries Resource Center for a time of prayer for our pastors and churches. If you are unable to attend for this time, we will begin @ **9:30 AM** and go until **10:30 AM**. If you have specific prayer requests for your church or pastor, please email [prayer@flcog.org](mailto:prayer@flcog.org).

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

Perry FCOG, Perry  
Bealsville COG, Plant City  
FCOG, Plant City

## Send Us Your News

Do you have news or information you'd like to share? Send your article and pictures (jpg format please) to [office@flcog.org](mailto:office@flcog.org). Articles may be published in the Florida Church of God Ministries, Inc. newsletter.

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