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A Weekly Florida Church of God Newsletter

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## Around the State.....

The Church of God's informal approach to membership is one of our strengths. But, like any strength, it has a weak side. Church of God congregations potentially vulnerable to persons or groups taking over the church for the purpose of gaining assets of the local congregation. While this vulnerability could be utilized by less than honorable people, a far greater fear is another group to manipulate the vulnerability and gain control of property that has been dedicated to ministry for Christ. This is done by persons or a group attending the church until the membership requirements are met (usually 6 months), having a majority business meeting, and then taking control of the church and its assets in a hostile takeover.

Safety deeding assures a Church of God congregation that their property assets will remain part of the Church of God and will not be taken over by persons not affiliated with the Church of God. [Click here to read more of the article.](#)

## Send Us Your News

Do you have news or information you'd like to share? Send your article and pictures (jpg format please) to [rebecca@flcog.org](mailto:rebecca@flcog.org). Articles may be subject to

## Invitation to All Pastor's Wives

The 2008 Pastor's Wives Retreat will be held on October 10th - 12th at the WordSpring Discovery Center located in southeast Orlando. The Center is an excellent facility for Wycliffe Bible Translators. The weekend will provide a variety of ways to strengthen your relationships with God and others as well as offering lots of fun activities.

We will be spending some time with Beth Moore, via DVD, learning how to love the people in our lives - even those who are humanly impossible to love. For Pastor's Wives, these kinds of lessons are vital for healthy, effective ministry.

Mark your calendar and join us for a weekend that you won't soon forget!

Register before September 1st for the early bird fee of \$90. [Click here for the registration form and more information.](#)

## Great FREE Resource

For a great FREE resource for your church, go to <http://open.lifechurch.tv/>. Life Church is so passionate about helping local churches make disciples for Christ that they offer their sermons, videos, and children's and youth curricula online at NO CHARGE to pastors and local churches. You can sign up for their newsletter and get links to resources. This is a fantastic resource of which you will want to take advantage. Check it out!

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### **New Way Worship Band**

New Way, a worship band made up of 19 students from 8 different Church of God congregations in Florida, led worship services in Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, and attended the International Youth Convention of the Church of God in San Antonio during their 16-day tour in July. They also performed an outdoor service for the San Antonio branch of "Boys Town." "The kids just loved the concert," said Janet Pedrotti, Boys Town Texas Volunteer Coordinator. "It was a great opportunity to see our youth gather inspiration from their peers." During IYC, they were charged to "Reflect: Truth, Faith, Hope, Love." Several students felt a call to mission during the journey. Pastor Dana and Terri Hofstrom, of Daytona Beach, led New Way on its 41st tour. Auditions for New Way are held during the State Youth Conference in the fall. Students must be between 14 and 18, recommended by a pastor and be part of any Church of God congregation in Florida. Contact Dana Hofstrom at [DPHofstrom@aol.com](mailto:DPHofstrom@aol.com) for more information.

Photo:

Back row: Mike Linsky, Dylan Zyrowski, Josh Powell, Ben Triana, Joel Watkins, Mark Hofstrom

Middle row: Lauren McClain, Michelle Bentley, Chelsea Fahey, Kaley Van Zile, Tabitha Luongo, Casey Waugh, Tessa Cunningham, Mike Sweat

Front row: Terri Hofstrom, Victoria Prince, Aleesa Heinz, Jody Jackson, Allie van Zyl, Jacob Powell

## 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 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](mailto:prayer@flcog.org).

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

Westside Community Church - Apopka  
Trinity Church of God - Boca Raton  
First Church - Bradenton

## Calendar of Events

Check out the FLCOG website at [www.flcog.org](http://www.flcog.org) for upcoming events....

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**Have a wonderful God-filled week!**

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